

Native Plant Pollinator Garden on the Bitterroot National Forest

2008 Accomplishments

The Stevensville Garden Club in partnership with the Bitterroot National Forest is creating a native plant pollinator garden at the historic Stevensville Ranger Station.

The site was originally a weed-invaded garden area located in front of the District's informational kiosk. It was the perfect location to transform into a beautiful native plant garden!!

In the summer of 2008 the Stevensville Ranger District fire crew removed the weeds and miscellaneous materials in the garden space. Topsoil was hauled into the area and we contracted out the development of a watering system for the garden to a local landscaping company. While this work was being completed seven women of the Stevensville Garden Club were busy researching and designing the garden space and selecting a wide variety of native plants for the site.

After selection of the plants we located a native plant nursery from the Bitterroot Valley which will provide us with the selected species. In October we visited the nursery to learn more about the plants we will be planting and nurturing in the garden.

This winter the Garden Club will develop the interpretive brochure which will describe the garden, its plants and the pollinators which are essential to native plant survival. When completed the brochure will be placed in a rack at the informational kiosk adjacent to the garden.

In the spring of 2009 we will mix in compost at the site and begin planting the native species with assistance from a local Boy Scout Troop. The Troop has also adopted the garden site for one year during which the boys will assist with the care and weeding of the native plant pollinator garden.



Figure 1. Julie Schreck of the Bitterroot National Forest, Mary Baughn and JoAnne Gibbons of the Stevensville Garden Club tour Great Bear Restoration Nursery. The nursery will be providing the wonderful array of native plants that were selected for the garden.

Year awarded: Initial award in 2008

Project completion: FY09

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures (through 9/30/08):

- FY08- Received \$3,000
- Expended \$2,324
- \$676.00 remaining

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Stevensville Garden Club, Great Bear Restoration, Earth and Wood Landscaping, Donaldson's Brothers, Stevensville RD Fire Crew, and the Stevensville Boy Scout Troop.

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