

# Clearwater NF/Nez Perce Tribe Restoration Partnership: Propagating Native Plants for Burned Area Revegetation

## 2008 Accomplishments

In 2008, the Nez Perce Tribe, within its Watershed Restoration Partnership with the Clearwater National Forest, completed the native plant revegetation associated with the 2003 Cayuse Lakes Fire Complex.

In 2005, the Nez Perce Tribe provided the logistics and labor to collect native seed and cuttings which were propagated by the Forest Service Nursery in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. The majority of the native plant materials were planted in burned areas in late fall of 2006. The remainder, 280 mountain heather (*Phyllodoce empetriformis*) and 160 mountain boxwood (*Pachistima myrsinites*) were not large enough to be planted in 2006 and were instead planted in fall 2007.

In the original proposal, we sought to plant native species along the Lolo Motorway (500 Road) within the burned area of the 2003 Cayuse Lakes Complex. Our intent was to boost native plant recruitment in areas adjacent to the road and in dispersed camp areas as a deterrent to invasive plant encroachment.

In the intervening years, even in areas that initially appeared to have burned hot, the natural native plant recruitment was high. Therefore, we only planted mountain heather along the road and near the dispersed recreation sites. We planted the boxwood in lower elevation projects including two culvert replacement sites on Indian Graves Creek and a third culvert replacement site at Cabin Creek.

**Clearwater National Forest**  
12730 Hwy 12  
Orofino, ID 83540



Year awarded: 2005

Project completion: 2008

Report number: 3 of 3

Expenditures:

- FY07/08 funding: \$6850.00
- Expend: \$6,850.00
- Remaining: \$0

Partners/Contractors/Coop: Nez Perce Tribe Watershed Restoration Partnership/ Powell Ranger Station

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