

Madison Ranger District Pollinator Garden / Native Plant Xeriscaping Project on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest

2009 Accomplishments

2009 was the first year of the Madison Ranger District Pollinator Garden / Native Plant Xeriscaping Project on the Beaverhead-Deerlodge National Forest. The District is committed to resource/energy conservation. Our future plans to “get greener” include plans to landscape the office using xeriscaping methods to reduce water consumption and the need for lawn maintenance.

The overall plan for the pollinator garden and office xeriscaping will focus on multiple aspects of our Montana native plants. These areas will include pollinators, native species identification, interpretation of local plant communities, water-wise landscaping, and invasive species identification. Other resource areas may avail themselves for interpretive efforts such as geology and fire.

Native plant materials for the project were obtained from local Montana growers.



Figure 1. The beginning of project involved removal of the existing lawn.



Figure 2. The initial workday involved planting native plants and landscaping. Pollinator interpretation will follow.

Year awarded: Initial award in 2009

Project completion: 2011

Report number: 1 of 3

Expenditures (through 10/2009):
FY09 funding \$2,500. Expenses \$2,500.
Remaining \$0.

Partners/Contractors/Coop: **Ennis Garden Club, Wild Thyme Greenhouse & Garden, Blackfoot Native Plants, Southwest Native Landscapes**

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