

# Flathead National Forest

## FY2010 Native Plant Material Accomplishments

### Using FY10 NFN3, NFVW, and NFWF funds we accomplished the following:

- Reconnaissance, assessment and mapping of multiple sites across the forest from a wide range of drainages, habitats, and elevations for native seed and shrub collection.
- Collected native grass seed from elk winter range habitat for grow out and increase, and in cooperation with the weed program, deposited biological control at the site for spotted knapweed.
- Collected 46 collections of 27 different species. Returned in October/November 2010 for shrub cuttings.
- Purchased 2,000 upland shrub species from the Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribes Nursery for revegetation on two districts.
- Received 10,700 lowland shrub species from the Coeur d'Alene Nursery for \$16,000 for revegetation on two districts.
- Obligated \$27,200 to Coeur d'Alene Nursery for seed processing and grow out over the next three years.
- Signed an agreement with Montana Conservation Corps for \$35,200 over the next three years to assist in wildland seed collection. Three weeks of MCC time was used in FY10 for \$11,500.

### Using other appropriated dollars or federal funds, the forest accomplished the following:

- Spread approximately 600 pounds of native or native-variety grass seed on roadsides, landings, culvert removals, and other ground-disturbing activity areas requiring erosion and weed-control ground cover. The species list was specified by the Forest's Native Plant Coordinator and distributed through Westland Seed Inc. in Ronan, MT under the name Flathead Seed Mix. Various forest contractors used the same seed mix on other forest projects.



Figure 1. Site reconnaissance on Spotted Bear RD.

**Year awarded:** 2010

**Project completion:** Ongoing

**FY10 expenditures:**

\$85,500 (NFN3)  
\$19,000 (NFVW)  
\$3,000 (NFWF)

**Partners/contractors/coop:**

Confederated Salish Kootenai Tribe Nursery, Montana Conservation Crew, USFS Coeur d'Alene Nursery

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Figure 2. Knapweed beetle drop point (blue flag).



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