

# Establishment of a Pollinator Garden on the Hebgen Lake Ranger District, Gallatin National Forest, Montana

## 2010 Accomplishments

This project prepared and planted 26 species of plants native to southwest Montana at the Hebgen Lake Ranger Station in West Yellowstone. The species list included: 13 forb, 5 grass, 4 shrub, and 1 tree species for a total of 127 individual plants in a 900 sq ft garden. The garden was prepared using permanent, seasonal, and volunteer employees to remove turfgrass and non-native junipers around the front walkway to the office. A temporary drip irrigation system was installed to aid establishment of the plants. Native rock materials were collected from the forest to border the garden. Plant materials were purchased and delivery from Blake Nursery in Big Timber, Montana, which also donated several plants. Additional seed has been collected from 4 native plant species and 2 additional species (1 forb, 1 shrub) to be added to the garden prior to winter.

Additional species will be collected and incorporated to the garden in FY11. Informational signage will be established explaining the purpose of the garden and identifying species.



**Turfgrass and junipers removed. Irrigation and rock materials placed.**



**Native plant materials laid out and ready for planting.**

Year awarded: FY10 NFN3 funding  
Project completion: ongoing  
Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures (through 10/2010):  
**FY10 NFN3 funding \$4,500, expended \$4,500, \$0 remaining**

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