

Caribou-Targhee NF Curlew National Grassland Off-Center Plant Testing Site 2010 Accomplishments

The Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS), Aberdeen Plant Material Center (PMC) is establishing a multi-species plant test site on the Curlew National Grassland (see Fy2009 report for additional information). The project will provide an on-site opportunity to test and demonstrate the grasses, forbs and shrub species adapted to the conditions found on the Curlew NG and many other areas throughout the sagebrush steppe with similar ecological site conditions (i.e. 12 – 16" annual precipitation).

Plants important to pollinators and wildlife are included (i.e. firecracker penstemon and locally-collected big sagebrush) as well as many different grasses.

The 200' x 180' area was disked in the fall of 2009 and subsequently sprayed in the spring and summer of 2010 with roundup®/2,4-d mix. There will be enough room for almost 200 plots of 63 different accessions replicated 3 times. The planting is planned to be done on Nov. 9th, 2010.



Figure 1. Spring Herbicide Spraying



Figure 2. Site Ready to be Planted

Please visit the USDA Aberdeen PMC website for additional information:

<http://plant-materials.nrcs.usda.gov/idpmc/>

Year Awarded: 2009

Project completion: The planting will be completed in the fall of 2010; evaluations of the planting will be annually for two to three years after or longer depending on funding and support.

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Expenditures: FY2009 funding of \$46,500.

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