

# Interagency Visitor Center Alkali Meadow Restoration and Native Plant Demonstration Project

## 2010 Accomplishments

The Inyo National Forest (INF), California, participated in an interagency efforts to develop a native plant interpretive garden at the IAVC. Three ecosystem areas are highlighted: Owens Valley, Sierra Foothills, and Mojave Desert. Each ecosystem contains numerous species of native plants representative of that area. Many of these plants were grown at the Deepest Valley Cooperative Native Plant Propagation Center (DVNPPC). Additional plants were supplied via contract. INF botanists assisted with contract preparation, and were onsite to oversee project implementation. The alkali meadow portion of the project will be implemented in 2011.

In addition, the INF worked to maintain the DVNPPC. Plants propagated in previous years were cared for in the shadehouse facilities, while native seed supplies were held over in the cold storage facility. The INF assisted in providing funds for propagation materials and pest control at the seed storage facility.

The IAVC is an eight agency partnership and all partners participated in the effort to construct the new IAVC facility and develop interior exhibits. In addition to IAVC partners, partnerships specific to the multi-year implementation of exterior exhibits and landscaping include: Interregional Improvement Program Transportation Enhancement grant; California Department of Transportation (contributed labor, landscape architect); California Native Plant Society, and Lone Pine Unified School District.



*Interagency Temperature Controlled Seed Storage*

Year Awarded: 2010

Project completion: 2011

Expenditures: FY2010: \$6,000

Partners: California Dept. of Transportation, Bishop Resource Area Bureau of Land Management, Los Angeles Dept. Water & Power,



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