

Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Plant Materials Center 2010 Accomplishments

In 2010 the Chippewa National Forest entered into a participating agreement with the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe Division of Resource Management to develop a plant materials center to harvest and increase seeds and propagules of native plants for use in revegetation and restoration activities on the Chippewa National Forest using plants that are effective for restoration as well as providing increased access to traditionally gathered plants and habitat for native pollinator species.

The project will also act as a learning center for elder to youth ethnobotanical teaching, plant ecology learning and skills development for green jobs in revegetation and restoration.

To date we have:

- Begun development of a list of workhorse species for use in revegetation projects.
- Identified approximately 12 sites for collection of native seed.
- Consulted with native elders on ethnobotanical knowledge.
- Planned controlled burns for sites preparation.
- Begun seed collection.

Unspent funding has been obligated over to continue the project in FY 2011.



Fig. 1 Purple prairie clover (Prairie Moon Nurseries)



Figure 2. Bee Balm

Year Awarded: initial award in 2010

Project completion: 2015
Report number: 5 of 5

Expenditures (through 10/2010): \$3,641
FY10 funding \$28,000 expend. \$3,641
FY10 Funding: \$823.00

• **Total funding \$ \$28,000, total expend \$ 3,641;**

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