

Native Plant Pollinator Garden

Kelly Creek Work Center, Clearwater National Forest

2011 Accomplishments

The North Fork Ranger District started work on a native plant pollinator garden in front of the Kelly Creek Work Center, located at the confluence of the North Fork of the Clearwater River and Kelly Creek on Clearwater National Forest. Plans for the 1500 square foot site include planting over 30 native species from locally collected seed as well as installation of a dry creek bed, a garden bench, and signage addressing pollinator specific information along with a new area information bulletin board.

Garden planning started in February and the garden began to take shape in July. Garden layout and hardscaping were the focus for the first year of the project. Materials for the project were hauled to the site and boulders were placed for the dry creek bed that runs through the garden. Plant identification signs and a pollinator interpretive panel were purchased and delivered. These will be installed next field season.

By October, district personnel, garden club members, local nurseries, and a local contractor had contributed over 100 hours toward the garden's development. Plant propagation and out-planting for 2012 will involve collaboration with the local garden club as well as teachers and students from the Timberline school.



Work begins on the dry creek bed, July 2010



October, 2010



Swallowtails gather en masse at garden site in June & July of 2011!

Year awarded: FY11 NFN3 funding

Project completion Date: 2013

Report number: 1 of 1

Expenditures: \$4,400 of \$4,500 NFN305 spent

Partners to date: Big Cedar Extension Club; Natives West Nursery and Eco Service; Timberline School District; USFS Coeur d'Alene Nursery, R1 Native Plant Program

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