

Fort Missoula Native Plant Pollinator Garden Lolo National Forest

2011 Accomplishments

We've expanded the Fort Missoula Native Plant Pollinator Garden onto the south side of the Lolo NF building. Previously the landscaping was exposed soil and Kentucky bluegrass lawn. This site now highlights native plants that attract pollinators such as hummingbirds and native insects. We used xeric native plants to demonstrate how we can reduce lawn maintenance and watering over time.

The Lolo NF Missoula Ranger District and Supervisor's Office receives thousands of visitors each year. The pollinator garden has great teaching potential for forest visitors. The pollinator garden contains three picnic tables and a half-dozen shade trees which makes it ideal for school groups and public programs. We planted more than 30 species of native plants which attract pollinators such as Calliope, Rufous, and Black-chinned hummingbirds, dozens of species of butterflies, moths, bumble bees, and many other native pollinators.

We will soon install a beautifully illustrated interpretive sign that we created last year explaining the importance of native plants and pollinators.



Fort Missoula landscaping before installation of the native plant pollinator garden.
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Fort Missoula Native Plant & Pollinator Garden, July 2011
USFS-Sue Reel



Year awarded: Initial award in 2011

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