

# Native Plant Pollinator Garden

## Idaho Panhandle National Forest, St. Joe Ranger District, Avery Field Office 2011 Accomplishments

A native plant pollinator garden was started at the Avery Field Office on the St. Joe Ranger District. The site will contain native wildflower species to provide food and habitat for native insects and birds. The garden is being completed in collaboration with the Avery Elementary School teachers and students.

Seeds from eight native species were wildland collected in 2011. These seeds will be germinated and grown out by Avery Elementary School students during the 2011/2012 school year. The students will plant the material in the spring of 2012. The seeds were cleaned and stored by the USFS Coeur d'Alene Nursery in preparation for grow out by the elementary school students.

Additional native flowering shrubs will be transplanted in the spring of 2012 along with additional native forb and grass seed.

The plants in the pollinator garden provide a variety of color throughout the growing season. Species include golden pea, scarlet gilia, penstemon, lupine, and many others. Metal tags will be placed in the garden to identify the Latin botanical and common names

Interpretive posters and signs will be installed to interpret the importance of native plants and pollinators and invite visitors to further explore the wildflowers of the forest.



Locating seed sources for the garden. August 2011

**Year awarded:** FY11 NFN3 funding

**Project completion:** in process

**Report number:** 1 of 1

**Expenditures:** NFN3 funding \$5,500, expended \$500, \$5,000 remaining

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