

Bitterroot National Forest Darby R.D. Pollinator Garden

2012 Accomplishments



The Darby Ranger District Pollinator Garden creates an attractive and educational entrance area to the district office. Development of the garden continued nicely this year. An interpretive sign explaining the relationship between pollinators and native plants was installed. Other new additions included a box to hold pamphlets with information about the garden, and butterfly and bee boxes that were hand made by Trapper Creek Job Corp students.

Routine maintenance, such as watering and weeding was carried out by members of the district fire crew. Forest botany staff purchased and planted many new native plants in the spring. Some were replacements for plants that had not survived the winter, and many were simply new additions.



Above: Newly installed interpretive sign at the Darby Pollinator garden.



Above: A box designed to hold garden brochures was added this year. Above right: a butterfly visits a native buckwheat *Eriogonum umbelliferum*.



Year Awarded: 2012 **Project completion:** 2012
Expenditures (through 10/2012):

Partners: Darby District Fire Crew, Trapper Creek Job Corp, Blackfoot Native Plants, Great Bear Restoration.

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