

Bitterroot National Forest West Fork R.D. Pollinator Garden

2012 Accomplishments



The West Fork Ranger District Pollinator garden enjoyed a quiet season. Forest's botany personnel purchased and planted a couple of dozen more plants to add to the landscape. One bed was expanded to create a space for a new interpretive panel, however a busy fire season kept the district fire crew from installing it. It will be set up next year along with bee and butterfly boxes made by Trapper Creek Job Corp students.

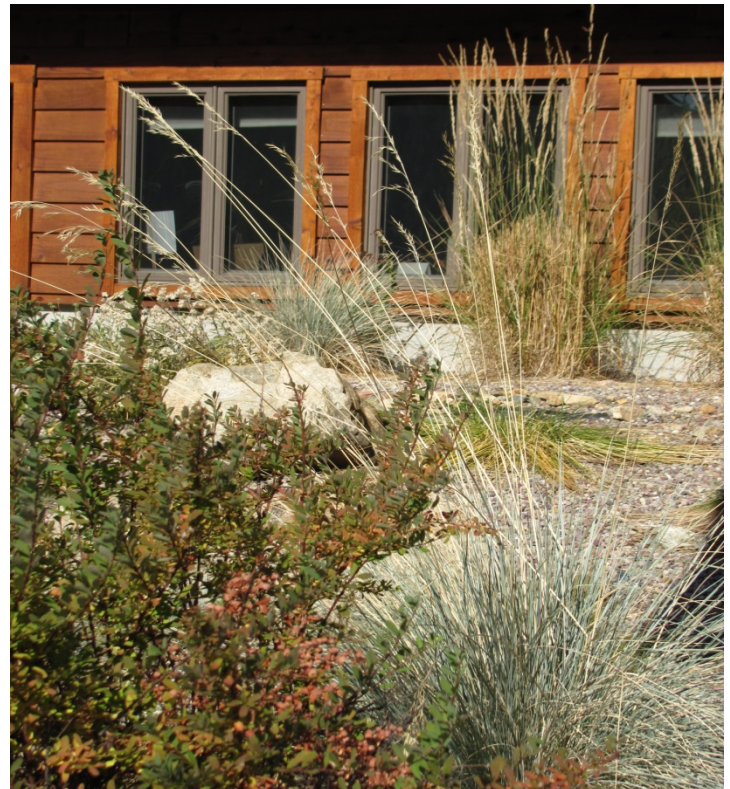
District employees continue to provide important support for the garden by overseeing maintenance and watering.

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

Partners: District employees, Trapper Creek Job Corp, Blackfoot Native Plants, Great Bear Restoration.

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Top: Native grasses provide year-round textural interest in the garden. **Bottom:** Late blooming Blazing Star extends the season that food is available for pollinators.



Above: Fall color in the garden.



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