

# Native Plant Pollinator Garden

## Kelly Creek Work Center, Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests

### 2013 Accomplishments

Located at the confluence on the North Fork Ranger District of the Nez Perce-Clearwater National Forests, the Kelly Creek Pollinator Garden drew interest from a **variety** of two, four, six and eight legged visitors in 2013!

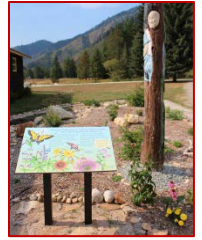


While the garden was successful at attracting pollinators of the winged variety, it also received attention from a few voracious herbivores. Keeping the deer and ground squirrels at bay required a bit of creative ingenuity this year! But the human visitors seemed to enjoy watching all of the developments as the garden matured throughout the season.



Installing the Irrigation System

Thanks to Valley Garden Club members, who supplied both plants and people power, additional flowers and shrubs were carefully transplanted and a drip irrigation system was successfully installed this year! The 70 volunteer hours contributed by this wonderful group of gardening aficionados, doubled the number of plants in the garden and cut back on water usage, allowing the garden to flourish even during the dog days of summer!



Lupine (a ground squirrel favorite!), Volunteer Fireweed by the KWC Bench & the Pollinator Interpretive Sign

Additional plants and labor were also donated by an assortment of Forest employees. Agency folks helped with planting and weeding and installed a temporary winter deer fence to mitigate critter damage until the office is reopened next May. Two employees also made and donated a custom cedar bench that became a popular gathering place for visitors to watch all the activity in the garden.

The sight of busy bees and butterflies working in the garden throughout the summer and fall was just one of the rewards this project produced. Another resulting benefit was the enthusiastic investment in a common goal that fostered new friendships and increased interest in stewardship of public lands. Who knows what this garden will grow next!



Kelly Creek Work Center Entryway



The Garden's Bounty of Rewards!



**Year awarded:** FY11 NFN305 funding

**Project completion Date:** 2013

**Report number:** 3 of 3

**Expenditures:** All funding was spent in 2011

**Partners:** Valley Garden Club; Natives West Nursery & Eco Service; Timberline School District; Coeur d'Alene Nursery; North Fork District personnel; Stone Ridge Construction

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