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| Subject: | Invasive, Non-Native Species Restricted for Use during Revegetation and Restoration | | | |
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In 2008, the USDA Forest Service implemented national policy for use of native plant materials for restoration on NFS lands. The policy emphasized use of locally adapted native plant materials as a first choice in restoration while also recognizing the role of non-natives under certain conditions. However the policy restricted the use of non-native species with invasive and persistent qualities recognizing the adverse effects these species have upon native plant communities.

During revegetation and restoration of National Forest System (NFS) lands in Region One, we often purchase “off the shelf” plant material from commercial seed vendors. Under some circumstances, this material may contain a mix of native and non-native seed material. Some of the non-native material may have undesirable characteristics such as being invasive and persistent in habitats found on NFS lands in Region One.

Our native plant program specialists have identified non-native species with the potential to be invasive and persistent when used for revegetation purposes under ecological conditions found in our region. The attached list of restricted grasses and forbs should be referenced when purchasing plant materials for revegetation or restoration purposes in Region One. Any species appearing on this list should not be included in revegetation seed mixes. Commercial seed mixes containing these species should not be purchased or utilized for revegetation.

Please contact Susan Rinehart, Native Plant Program Manager, if you have questions (406) 329-3669 or [srinehart@fs.fed.us](mailto:srinehart@fs.fed.us).

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