

The Salmon Valley Stewardship Native Plants Program is seeking additional local partners

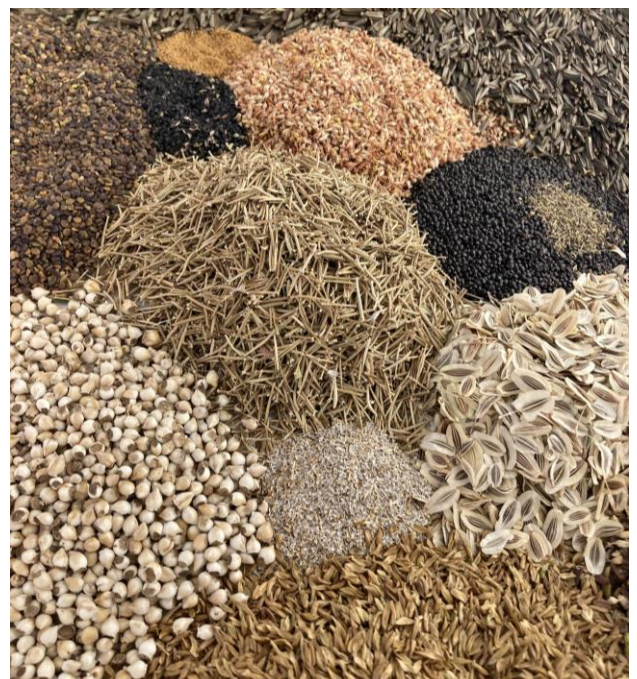
The Salmon Valley Stewardship Native Plants Program (NPP) in Salmon, Idaho wants to hear from anyone in the region who regularly engages in native plant restoration. The NPP was initiated by an agreement between SVS and the Salmon Challis National Forest, but is seeking partnerships with additional agencies or organizations interested in improving the quality and scale of restoration in the East-Central Idaho region. We can meet a variety of restoration needs from custom and bulk seed sourcing, cleaning and mixing to restoration consulting or implementation.

Why engagement with additional regional partners is critical:

Our goal is to help develop increased restoration capacity in this region at any stage of the restoration supply chain, and we can't do it without working closely with many of the other dedicated entities working toward similar goals. Native plants and weeds pay no attention to jurisdictional lines on a map, but the various land management agencies and landowners each bring their own strengths and limitations when it comes to their strategies to improve vegetation communities. By working together and increasing coordination, we can improve ecosystem resilience by getting more of the right seeds into the right places at the right times.

How to get involved:

Reach out to our Program Manager, owenbaughman@salmonvalley.org, if you are interested in discussing and exploring how you or your entity might be able to work with the Native Plants Program. Also, please spread the word to others who might be interested across East-Central Idaho. We are also soliciting researchers and local growers to get involved in other ways. See our website for more details: <https://www.salmonvalley.org/nativeplants>



More about our program

Salmon Valley Stewardship and The Salmon-Challis National Forest have partnered together since 2022 to build a Native Plants Program to improve the plant diversity and methods used in regional restoration efforts. We currently work to serve the SCNF's restoration needs in specific areas, with our collections encompassing mostly non-riparian species in semi-arid sagebrush cold deserts, dry forest river canyons, and montane bunchgrass communities.



With multi-year base funding and cross-boundary regional support, we collect a large diversity of native species seeds from public and private land. We follow a regional admixture provenance approach to collecting but can follow other protocols as needed. We employ a growing array of professional seed cleaning and storage equipment to process our collections. Most of our seed is used same-year in restoration projects but we maintain inventory for many of these species in low-humidity cold storage. We are also interested in facilitating more seed increase contracts with local and regional growers to further improve quantities of appropriate plant materials for the area. We wish to increase the quality, frequency, and scale of regional restoration efforts, and increasing our engagement with other agencies and organizations doing similar work will help us toward these goals.

