

Cooperative Extension Forestry Information Series

Forest Road Seeding

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...ed the benefits of clear,
...ads as the primary source
...ams, especially during the first
...es. Seeding grass and legumes
...ed roads and beds of limited-use
...rosion, creates forage for live-
...and helps control weeds. Success-
...is vegetation involves more than
...the seed, however.

...study specific areas in which the grass
...How deep are the soils? How steep is
...direction does the surface? This helps you
...effective precipitation the site receives. A
...20" of rain per year, but on steep, thin
...facing exposure(s) much of this will
...leaving less for grass.

...ying the site, choose the grass species
...a mix of taller grasses shorter grasses and
...is used. A typical seed mix for a wet site
...5" effective precipitation) might include one or
...varieties from each of the following categories:

- Taller (>50% of mix)
- Crested wheatgrass
- Intermediate wheatgrass
- Pubescent wheatgrass
- Smooth brome
- Meadow brome
- Tall wheatgrass
- Orchard grass

- Shorter (<50% of mix)
- Timothy
- Hard fescue
- Creeping red fescue
- Canada bluegrass

- Kentucky bluegrass
- Tall fescue

- Legumes
- Birdsfoot Trefoil
- White Dutch clover

A typical seed mix for a dry site (Under 25" effective precipitation) might include one or two varieties from each of the following categories:

- Taller (>50% of mix)
- Crested wheatgrass
- Intermediate wheatgrass
- Pubescent wheatgrass
- Bluebunch wheatgrass
- Tall wheatgrass
- Tall fescue

- Shorter (<50% of mix)
- Streambank wheatgrass
- Hard fescue
- Big bluegrass
- Sheep fescue
- Orchard grass

- Legumes
- Lewis flax
- Alfalfa
- Yellow sweet clover
- Small burnet

Seeding rates vary according to seed size, dryness of site, and method of dispersal. Large seeds, dry sites and broadcasting by hand or machine require more seed than small seeds, wet sites, and drilling. Grass seed usually contains small percentages of crop seed, weed seed and inert materials and not all that remains

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