



## ***Western Forbs: Biology, Ecology, and Use in Restoration***

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Federal directives including the National Seed Strategy, the President's Memorandum on Pollinators, and Greater Sage-grouse conservation plans emphasize the use of native species to recover ecosystems damaged by fire, mineral extraction, energy development, recreation, road construction, or other disturbances. Forbs or wildflowers are essential components of resilient, biologically and functionally diverse communities. However, restoration and rehabilitation use of native forbs in the Intermountain West remains limited. Because of this, *Western Forbs: Biology, Ecology, and Use in Restoration* is being developed to synthesize native forb research, particularly the many studies conducted over the last two decades, and knowledge gained from practical experience. This document will aid seed collectors, seed growers, nurserymen, landowners, restoration contractors, and public land managers as they increase the supply and use of native forbs in the Intermountain West. Each chapter focuses on an individual forb species and reviews current knowledge of its biology, ecology, seed technology, and use in restoration. Eventually the manual will include at least 98 forb species. Chapters are being developed in order of priority set by USDI Bureau of Land Management personnel, based on the projected importance of each species for Great Basin sites in the greatest need of restoration.

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