

RMNP Recommendations: Seeding after Wildfire

Replanting and reseeding after wildfire may be necessary after wildfire depending on the intensity of the fire. While plants in some areas like grassy meadows will easily come back on their own after a wildfire, other areas may have been completely depleted of a seed bank.

Establish native vegetation quickly in bare areas to:

Prevent soil loss to erosion!

Slow the invasion of noxious weeds!

Provide quality habitat for wildlife!

Join the
fight against
noxious
weeds!

AVOID using non-native invasive species such as those found on the Colorado Department of Agriculture Noxious Weed Lists and Watch Lists:
<https://ag.colorado.gov/conservation/noxious-weeds/species-id>

Recommended Species

Grasses

Elymus trachycaulus (slender wheatgrass - top pick!)
Elymus elymoides (squirreltail - top pick!)
Muhlenbergia montana (mountain muhley)
Koeleria macrantha (prairie junegrass)
Bromus lanatipes (woolly brome)
Agrostis scabra (rough bent grass)
Elymus glaucus (blue wild rye)
Achnatherum lettermanii (Letterman's needlegrass)

Forbs/Wildflowers

Anaphalis margaritacea (pearly everlasting)
Achillea millefolium (common yarrow)
Solidago sp. (goldenrod - any CO native species)
Gaillardia aristata (blanketflower)
Artemisia frigida (fringe sage)
Rudbeckia hirta (black eyed susan)
Heterotheca villosa (hairy goldenaster)
Erysimum capitatum (wallflower)
Penstemon strictus (Rocky Mountain penstemon)

Shrubs

Shepherdia canadensis (buffaloberry)
Purshia tridentata (antelope bitterbrush)
Ericameria nauseosa (rubber rabbitbrush)
Artemisia tridentata (sagebrush)