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**Objectives:**

- To provide a location for a variety of groups to conduct forage seed & forage research in the BC Peace over the next three years.
- To provide for proper care and management of the site.
- To establish a long term working arrangement with the owner of the field.

**Accomplishments:**

- Hired Connor Murphy as a contractor for the 2004 season to coordinate all activities at the site.
- Organized seeding of new fine fescue trials (fee for service basis by BCGPA Research crew) and applied Roundup and Prestige.
- Compiled management data from previous years to serve a dual purpose as a site history and to enhance the self-guided tour.
- Labeled plots, put up signs, and supplied self-guided tour for the convenience of visitors to site.
- Controlled weeds in areas that were not in production with Roundup, mowing, and manual pulling.
- Applied heavy applications of Roundup to out-of-production trials.
- Sprayed Prestige and Assure II as part of a weed control program.
- Wrote a manual for operating and maintaining the bicycle sprayer.
- Supervised the BCGPA Research staff to rotovate the out-of-production sod areas for weed control and to augment the efficacy of the Roundup application.
- Mowed headlands and pathways between reps regularly throughout the season to maintain tidy appearance and prevent plants from going to seed.
- Checked seed for ripeness daily and harvested each variety of fine fescue, tall fescue and timothy that were seeded in 2001 and 2003, as they ripened.
- Hung samples in carport as they were harvested over the summer to keep them aerated.
- Transported harvest samples to a local producer's grain bin for further drying and then on to Beaverlodge Research Station.
- Threshed samples (fee for service basis by Beaverlodge Research Station).
- Prepared site for seeding trials in 2005.
- Organized fall fertilizing (fee for service basis by BCGPA Research crew).
- Collected soil samples, mowed plots and collected signs and labels in preparation for winter.
- Sorted supplies in field lab, maintained equipment and organized winter storage.
- Compiled harvest data, harvest dates and cutting lengths and emailed to Art Kruger for compiling with other sites in Western Canada.
- Documented contributions in kind over the last year.
- Set up the agreements necessary for AAFC to be paid by PRFSA.

**Tasks in progress:**

- None.

**Extension and demonstration:**

- Compiled self-guided tours and maps for Baldonnel site, and toured smaller groups at the site.
- Compiled a summary of this project for 2 pamphlets distributed in Jan and Mar 2005.
- Compiled a summary for website [www.peaceforageseed.ca](http://www.peaceforageseed.ca) with a link to the trial results.

**Summary comments, conclusions:** none at this time.

**Attachments:** Summary of detailed budget & expenditures from bookkeeper attached.