

Compendium of Garry Oak Ecosystems Restoration

Project Description

PROJECT TITLE: A compendium of Garry oak ecosystems restoration in British Columbia.

PROJECT GOAL: To provide a resource for restoration practitioners, both professional and lay individuals, that enables them to undertake restoration of Garry oak ecosystems with the best possible chance of success.

RATIONALE: Notwithstanding the very high level of interest in restoring Garry oak ecosystems, comparatively little information is readily available for individuals interested in conducting restoration in the field. Some information is in the scientific literature, some is in “grey” literature, but much of it is in the minds of individuals who have gained their knowledge through trial and error (local ecological knowledge). The aim of the compendium is to gather information from these various sources and make it readily available.

AUDIENCE: Staff of government agencies at all levels of government, private businesses, not-for-profit organizations and conservation-minded individuals.

PRODUCT: Initially, the compendium will be an on-line version posted on the GOERT website. The option for a printed version will be evaluated subsequently, depending on demand and costs.

SPONSORING AGENCY: The Restoration and Management Recovery Implementation Group (RAM-RIG) of the Garry Oak Ecosystems Recovery Team (GOERT).

COMPENDIUM DESCRIPTION: The compendium consists of ten chapters, each covering an aspect of restoration. Each chapter will be written by a team consisting of a lead author and contributing authors. Overall coordination among the authors will be provided by the project coordinator. Chapter headings are: Introduction, Distribution and Description, Natural Disturbance Regimes, Species and Ecosystems At Risk, Restoration Strategies, Species Propagation and Supply, Alien Invasive Species, Public Involvement, Inventory and Monitoring, and Conclusion and Further Information.

COLLABORATORS: A variety of individuals drawn from the Garry oak ecosystems restoration community.

TIMELINES: Production of an on-line version is anticipated by spring 2010.

FUNDING: Most funding will be in-kind from various agencies and members of the RAM-RIG and the broader restoration community on a volunteer basis. Other sources of funding will be explored by GOERT.