

VESTAL K-8 FIELD TRIP & SERVICE PROJECT AT BONNEVILLE DAM



Bonneville Lock and Dam hosted a field trip and service project for 30 students of the Vestal K-8 School (Portland, OR) on Wednesday, April 18th. In conjunction with interpretive programs on history, electricity and the salmon life-cycle, these students planted native wildflower seeds in the bio-swales at the Bradford Island Visitor Center to help promote Earth Day, Pollinators, Kids to Parks, and other initiatives. Of the ten bio-

swales in the Bradford Island Visitor Center, seven (approx. 0.25 acre) were extensively over-seeded with native wildflowers. Teachers and students provided positive feedback and conveyed appreciation for this unique learning experience.

This service project promotes multiple initiatives for USACE including pollinators, improved water quality and reduce invasive species. Additionally, this project will fulfill a service requirement of the National Park Trust's Kids to Parks Day School Contest, which awarded funding to offset this group's transportation costs. Bonneville's natural resource management staff directed the teacher to this potential funding source and provided guidance with their application. Vestal K-8 is a Title 1 School (at least 40 percent of children from low-income families) located in Portland, OR. Plantings included Silky Lupine, Western Yarrow, Lewis Flax, Blanket flower, Oregon Sunshine, Camas, Fleabane Daisy.

