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NATIVE SEED MIX ESTABLISHMENT

After a native hydroseed seed mix has been applied, we strongly recommend no disturbance of the site. Do not allow traffic (vehicle or foot) and do not apply water. Most native plant material does better if left to natural rainfall and seasonal conditions. "Mother Nature" knows best!

Growth of native seed / plant material will depend entirely upon the conditions after the seed has been applied. The seed will germinate and grow subject to rainfall, ground temperature, daylight hours and time of year. This type of seeding is usually performed during the fall to take advantage of the normal rain season, although it is commonly performed year-round. Growth may occur during the first season if conditions are right, or may take additional seasons to occur.

Most often native seed is damaged by improper watering (especially hand watering by hose or by water truck) or by trying to force germination during the wrong time of year, such as mid-summer. Additionally, improper watering degrades the fiber and soil stabilizers generally used in the hydroseeding slurry which provides dust and erosion control until the plants establish.

IRRIGATED SITES:

If the site has irrigation (permanent, automated system), use the system to supplement natural rainfall.

Germination:

Only water during the fall and winter months in between rain events to encourage germination. Ideally, wait to start irrigation until after the first post-seeding rain event. Water several times per day during daylight hours, keeping the surface area wet for three (3) days, then off for one (1) day. Do not water with irrigation during subsequent rain events. Continue this watering program until plants have germinated.

Maintenance:

After germination or for plants that are established, only water occasionally as needed to maintain healthy plants. Deep water to make sure moisture reaches the root zone then do not water again until dry.