

# Idaho Firewise 2017

## Week 5:

Tuesday, May 23rd, 8:45 to 4:15, 30 minute lunch, 7 hrs

- Irrigation evaluation for the season - manually ran stations to look for any issues/leaks. Two entire stations were not operating due to solenoid valves needing to be replaced.
- Applied Natria® to the *Lonicera* over the archway leading to Phase 3, significant aphid population
- General walk-through for weed removal
- Watered in the plants in the shade nursery before leaving for the day

Thursday, May 25th, 9:25 to 2:25, 5 hrs

- Removed debris from *Vitex* and *Rosa* plants on the slope
- Removed suckers and weeds from the swale and the garden bed in Phase 4, west side
- Dug up the unwanted *Coreopsis* plants from around the saltbush next to the back gate
- Garden maintenance with Brett

Friday, May 26th, 9:50 to 4:05, 30 minute lunch, 5.75 hrs

- Shrub rejuvenation, removal of winter die back, *Ceanothus*
- Training on the turf plots - mowing techniques, heights, etc.
- Line trimming around the turf plots - precision! not as easy as it looks
- Watered in the nursery plants + all recent transplants before leaving



Chocolate flower, *Berlandiera lyrata* - smells like cocoa butter!

Total Hours: 17.75

## Week 6:

Tuesday, May 30th, 9 to 3:30, 30 minute lunch, 6 hrs

- Watered in the transplants - the newly planted *Monardella* are blooming
- Garden maintenance in Phase 1 - much of the *Dianthus* around the base of the *Chilopsis* will need to be removed. The grouping is several years old and there is some die back. Brett and I discussed adding some new 'Firewitch' in this area in the fall.
- Removed the dead leaf material from the *Yucca* in this same area
- Pruned off the excess growth and removed the flowers from the plants in the shade nursery area -

also watered in everything deeply since it was high of 93°

- Raked pathways before leaving for the day

Thursday, June 1st, 9 to 4:15, 30 minute lunch, 6.75 hrs

- Removed a few *Prunus besseyi* 'Pawnee Buttes' starts from Phase 4 - potted up 5 plants with Sunshine #4 growing mix, watered in, and placed them with the other plants in the nursery shade area
- Removed a vigorous quince start that was growing in front of one of the *Salix* shrubs, Phase 2
- Removed the winter die-back from the 'Marie Simon' *Ceanothus*
- Removed the *Rosa* starts coming up through the pathway, Phase 3
- Discovered an Ebony bug (*Corimelaena*) population on some *Penstemon*, Phase 3

Friday, June 2nd, 9:30 to 3:45, 30 minute lunch, 5.75 hrs

- Maintenance on turf plots with Penny - push mower + line trim
- Lined trimmed the swale behind the greenhouses
- Used the Toro riding mower to mow the flat section of sheep fescue
- Watered in transplants and shade nursery plants
- Spoke with a couple from the Avimor community at some length about plant choices for their home



Total Hours: 18.5