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Greetings friends and colleagues,
Happy Fall. Here is a quick update from the Native Plant Initiative for you.

Web presence

Over the last several months, we have begun establishing a web presence anchored around our SDState page (sdstate.edu/mpi). We are starting to build some good content and I am happy for any advice to keep improving.

I would like to highlight the 'Our Publications' link which goes to a collection of our native plant focused publications on OpenPrairie. Since we created this collection this summer, we have had **161 downloads (77 of which were in this last month)**. My hope for this collection is that it will further highlight the native plant research at SDSU and increase the accessibility of our work.

**If you have publications that are not already in the collection but should be, let me know.*

New propagation season starting soon!

After the herbicide tragedy of Spring 2019, we are excited to get started again with propagation of native plants in the greenhouse. We are anticipating producing several thousand plants of 10-12 native species. If all goes well, our plants will be in landscaping, demonstration plots, and out in restoration projects next spring. Better signage and a shiny new lock will help keep unwanted herbicide out of our greenhouse this year.

**Special thanks to Dr. Dudash, Dr. Wright, Chris Schlenker, and Tanner Aiken for support.*



Interns

The first NPI interns have moved on.

Blake Roetman has graduated with a degree in Range Ecology & Management and has a great job with the US Forest Service.

Bryanna Chipley is working hard to graduate this semester and is finishing up a terrific undergraduate research project funded by a Griffith Undergraduate Research Award.

I am thankful for all the hard work and dedication both Blake and Bryanna gave to the NPI and am excited to see what wonderful things they do in the future. New interns for the 2019-2020 season will be starting soon.



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