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This summer I was lucky enough to receive the SKC scholarship to work for the Native Plant Nursery in Glacier National Park for the second time. This time I was able to work for almost five months with the nursery crew. This opportunity was very rewarding. I was able to see a National Park in action. I also realized that it would be a great job for me to introduce me to working for the government. I also met valuable connections in the restoration ecology community. I was happy when I received this opportunity, and I am even happier now that I have completed it.

Working with Amy Lijewski and the rest of the staff at the nursery in the park was a great educational and life experience. I learned many new things about the native flora of the park. I enjoyed learning more about the plants that I had worked with previously. I also enjoyed learning about the new plants that I had not already worked with. Helping collect seeds and cuttings for the park was great. We went all over the park collecting seeds. We collected many different species of plant seeds and cuttings for vegetative propagation. I loved the days in the field. We were lucky enough to eat lunch in areas that other people go to on vacation. I got to see some of the most beautiful places in the world. The nursery is a beautiful place as well. Working there with the volunteers was a lot of fun. It was cool to see people volunteering to help the park. It is amazing to see so many people wanting to help this program in the park. I know that without their help the nursery or the park wouldn't be the same.

While in Glacier National Park I saw a many different wildlife species, it was amazing. While working, I saw as much as I saw in my free time. The park is an

amazing place. I am glad that there were people with the insight to understand that these places needed to be preserved for everyone's enjoyment for ever. It seems that those ideas have lived on in the park employees who help keep it working. The employees at the park are very helpful and respectful people. It is great to get to work with such nice interesting people.

Getting to live and work in Glacier was a great experience. At Glacier National Park I felt like I was a part of a something larger than me or anyone else there. There was a connection between everyone and every part of the park. I am glad that I had this opportunity again, and I would recommend it to anyone. I feel lucky to have gotten such a wonderful opportunity.