

2016 Earth Day
Whittier Elementary School
Salt Lake City, Utah
April 21, 2016

On April 21, Dr. Doug Johnson (Plant Physiologist at FRRL) gave a 90-minute presentation about Earth Day and FRRL research to 21 first-graders in the Extended Learning Program at Whittier Elementary School in the Salt Lake City School District. Doug highlighted ongoing plant materials research related to the development of grasses and broad-leafed species (forbs) for rangelands in the western U.S. His presentation covered various aspects of seed collection, evaluation, selection, and release of important plant materials for use in revegetating degraded rangelands. He discussed the importance of being good stewards of our expansive rangelands and emphasized the importance of providing improved plant materials for combating wildfires and invasive weeds. Doug gave a grass, forb, and tree to each student to plant on Earth Day.



Dr. Doug Johnson with a group of first grade Whittier Elementary School students after instruction in science subjects related to their Earth Day Celebration.