Reubens grass indicated for revegetation

Some of the toughest territories for revegetation in the cool season areas of the states and Canada are mining areas.

The Jacklin Seed Co, has researched a substantial number of grasses that have good revegetation characteristics. One of these, Reubens Canada bluegrass, was tested in metal mining and coal stripping areas. Results were significantly encouraging to both mining people as well as professionals who specialize in contracting for reseeding freeway cuts, county road projects, pipeline rights-of-way and other construction.

Reubens Canada bluegrass has an excellent tolerance factor that permits it to germinate faster and to establish a better density under low fertility conditions because of its aggressive rhizome growth and tiller development. It also persists in extremely dry, barren soils and regrows quickly after a fire.

Reubens is best suited for all cool season areas of Canada and the United States as well as portions of the warmer transition zones. Following establishment, Reubens survives severe extremes of cold and dry conditions.

Additional tests in progress indicate it could be included in most plans for revegetating subsoils exposed by telephone, power line and pipeline right-of-ways, ski slopes, sanitary landfills, backfilled quarries, stripmines, roadway cuts, mine tailing, earthen dams, dikes and burned areas.

Reubens appears to be a significant find in the continuing search for vegetation that can withstand poverty soils, lashing winds, and gully-washed rains, droughts and the challenge of erosion control. \Box

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