

# TIPS FOR ROCKY SLOPES

It's absolutely critical that your priceless topsoil is protected from washing. Reseeding is best used in combination with other erosion control methods. On extremely rocky areas, success with two different methods are shown below using Wood Fiber NetFree Erosion Control Blankets.



**Method #1** Before rolling out blankets, clear large rocks to one side. Seed area with a diverse native mix. Unroll blanket over area. Use rocks to secure border tossing a few into center (above photo).

Native seed will lie dormant until rains come, at such time the blankets will help capture topsoil that might try to wash over top. Seedlings germinate up through blanket. Over time, blankets compost into organic matter as seedlings create deep roots stabilizing soil.



**Method #2** On larger slopes covered in stumps, large rocks or other obstructions - erosion blanket "burritos" are effective.

Unroll desired length of blanket on flat surface. Then roll blanket lengthwise into a long "burrito" as shown. Carry roll and put into place across the slope using care to follow a level contour line. Using 8" Spikes & Caps, secure "burrito" every 2-3 feet onto slope. Walk the slope with a Hand Operated Seed Slinger - All Seed Types (see p 27) filled with a diverse native seed mix.

As shown, topsoil will build up behind each "burrito" enhancing establishment of vegetation. When deep, fibrous roots of diverse native plants are in place, they will help slow erosion encouraging additional vegetation to establish upslope and so on. Install "burritos" as required to protect exposed, barren slopes such as in these post-wildfire photos. These techniques are also useful with cedar clearing operations.

