‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue
Festuca arizonica Vasey

Conservation Uses
‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue has an extensive, tough, fibrous root system which makes it a valuable plant for soil stabilization. It also is a good source of forage for all classes of livestock.

Area of Adaptation and Use
Natural range of adaptation is from Colorado south to Texas and west to Nevada at elevations from 6,000 to 10,000 feet (1,800 to 3,000 m). It is found mainly in association with ponderosa pine on shallow clay-loam, sandy-loam, and gravelly soils. ‘Redondo’ has the ability to tolerate extended dry periods.

Establishment and Management for Conservation Plantings
‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue is recommended for planting wherever Arizona fescue is adapted.

Ecological Considerations
There are no known threats from insects or diseases to ‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue.

Seed and Plant Production
Propagation is by seed. The recommended seeding rate is 3 lbs/acre (3.3 kg/ha) of pure live seed (PLS). Cultural practices for seed production are the same as for other cool-season grasses. Increased seed yields may be obtained by manipulating the applied amounts of supplemental water and fertilizer.

Availability
Breeder and foundation seed of ‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue can be purchased from commercial growers.

Source
The original seed of ‘Redondo’ Arizona fescue was collected from the ponderosa pine vegetation zone west of Los Alamos, New Mexico.
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