

# LITTLE BIGHORN

## AMERICAN SHEEP FESCUE

(BLUE HARD FESCUE)

### DESCRIPTION

Little Bighorn American Sheep Fescue is less dense and better suited for naturalized –low maintenance sites. The American Sheep fescues, often referred to as a Blue Hard Fescues, are different than their “turf type” cousins, many of which have parentage tracked to European turf type breeding programs. Little Bighorn is a bunch type grass suitable for naturalized sites, often found in golf course outer roughs and other meadow type areas. Little Bighorn will not form a dense sod turf, but will provide attractive fine textured compact plants with blue-gray upright foliage during periods of vegetative growth, and produces purple-green seed heads.

### APPLICATIONS

Low fertilizer and water input sites. Manage for seed head extension with late fall or early spring mowing. To manage and suppress seed heads, a mowing towards the end of the seed head extension period (Mid-May – Mid-June) is often the only mowing required. Little Bighorn is also excellent for use in mixtures with wildflowers and native grasses. Use low seeding rates as compared to turf rates.

#### Note

1. Traffic must be restricted from fine fescue during periods of heat & drought stress.
2. Attention should be given to weed control, especially during establishment with low seeding rates.

### GEOGRAPHICAL ADAPTATION

Adapted to the cool season zone and transition zone including higher elevations of the south-east, and arid regions with a minimum of 16" of annual rainfall per year.

### SEEDS PER POUND

~550,000

### FEATURES & BENEFITS

- **Blue-Gray foliage**
- **Reduced fertility requirements**
- **Reduced water usage**
- **Reduced mowing frequency**
- **Excellent for environmentally sensitive sites**
- **Excellent Shade Tolerance**
- **Proven, Dependable & Adaptive**

### PRODUCTION AREAS

Pacific Northwest

### SEEDING RATE\*

0.5-4 lbs./1,000 ft<sup>2</sup>. Alone or in fine fescue mixtures.

\*local conditions vary and dictate rates



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