Nurseries need reliable source information for their planting stock to aid in matching the area of seed collection to the planting site.

**Numbering system for seed zones:**

Zone number: XYZ  
X = Physiographic and climatic region  
Y = Physiographic and climatic sub-region  
   - If Z = 0 = unique zone, considered a sub-region  
   - If Z = 1 through 9 = arbitrary division of sub-region to keep zones about 50 miles in latitude

**Six Physiographic and Climatic Regions:**

- **090 Series North Coast Redwood:** Fog belt, 5-30 miles wide, extreme southwest Oregon to Monterey Bay
- **100 Series Central Coast:** Coast range from Sacramento-San Joaquin Rivers south to southern California Mountains; coastal strip from Monterey Bay to Santa Barbara; all of Channel Islands
- **300 Series North Coast Interior:** from summit of Siskiyous south to San Francisco Bay, between coastal fog belt and Sacramento valley; isolated zone (390) on coast at Cape Mendocino
- **500 Series West Slope Cascades – Sierra:** west slope Cascades-Sierra from Oregon south to Tehachapi Mountains – bounded by Central Valley to the west and by the crest of the Cascades and Sierra Nevada to the east
- **700 Series East Slope Cascades – Sierra:** east slope of the Cascades-Sierra from Oregon south to Walker Pass in Kern County
- **900 Series Four Separate Areas:** a “catchall” series  
  - 950 – Great Basin, northeastern California  
  - 960 – Central Valley  
  - 980 – Southern California desert  
  - 990 – Southern California mountains (contains most of natural conifer stands found in southern California)
Select seedlings from a seed source within the zone where ple is to be done. Use caution in introducing seed from outside planting zone. Use material within 500-foot elevation of planting location. If the local seed source and elevation is available, please contact your Forest Advisor for help in determ if any other sources might be suitable for your site.