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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME;

NexGen Turf Research, LLC

Whereas, there has been presented to the

Secretary of Agriculture

An application requesting a certificate of protection for an alleged distinct variety of sexually reproduced, or tuber propagated plant, the name and description of which are contained in the application and exhibits, a copy of which is hereunto annexed and made a part hereof, and the various requirements of LAW in such cases made and provided have been complied with, and the title thereto is, from the records of the PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE, in the applicant(s) indicated in the said copy, and Whereas, upon due examination made, the said applicant(s) is (are) adjudged to be entitled to a certificate of plant variety protection under the LAW.

Now, therefore, this certificate of plant variety protection is to grant unto the said applicant(s) and the successors, heirs or assigns of the said applicant(s) for the term of TWENTY years from the date of this grant, subject to the payment of the required fees and periodic replenishment of viable basic seed of the variety in a public repository as provided by LAW, the right to exclude others from selling the variety, r offering it for sale, or reproducing it, or importing it, or exporting it, or conditioning it for pagation, or stocking it for any of the above purposes, or using it in producing a hybrid or different therefrom, to the extent provided by the PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION ACT. (84 STAT. 1542, AS ED, 7 U.S.C. 2321 ET SEQ.)

FESCUE, RED

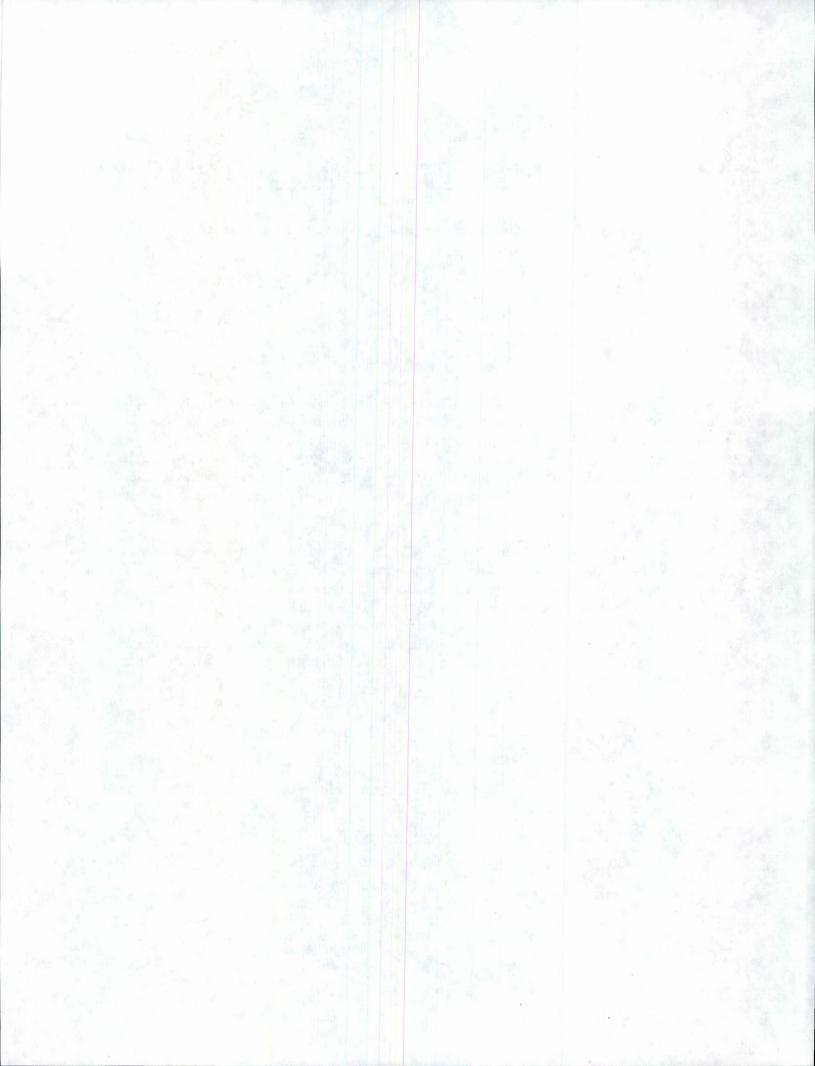
'Tiara'

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the Plant Variety Protection Office to be affixed at the City of Washington, D.C. this twelve day of July, in the year two thousand and ten.

Attest.

Commissioner

Plant Variety Protection Office Agricultural Marketing Service of Agriculture



d to protection under the provisions of Section 42 of the Plant Variety Protection Act.

Owner(s) is (are) informed that false representation herein can jeopardize protection and result in penalties.

SIGNATURE OF OWNER		SIGNATURE OF OWNER	
NAME (Please print or type)		NAME (Please print or type)	
Kenneth Hignight			
CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE	CAPACITY OR TITLE	DATE
Director of Research	2-15-2010	Director of Research	

(See reverse for instructions and information collection burden statement)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS: To be effectively filed with the Plant Variety Protection Office (PVPO), ALL of the following items must be received in the PVPO: (1) Completed application form signed by the owner; (2) completed exhibits A, B, C, E, F; (3) for a tuber reproduced variety, verification that a viable (in the sense that it will reproduce an entire plant) tissue culture will be deposited and maintained in an approved public repository; and (4) payment by credit card or check drawn on a U.S. bank for \$4,382 (\$518 filing fee and \$3,864 examination fee), payable to "Treasurer of the United States" (See Section 97.6 of the Regulations and Rules of Practice). NEW: With the application for a seed reproduced variety or by direct deposit soon after filing, the applicant must provide at least 3,000 viable untreated seeds of the variety per se, and for a hybrid variety at least 3,000 untreated seeds of each line necessary to reproduce the variety. Partial applications will be held in the PVPO for not more than 90 days; then returned to the applicant as un-filed. Mail application and other requirements to Plant Variety Protection Office, AMS, USDA, Room 401, NAL Building, 10301 Baltimore Avenue, Beltsville, MD 20705-2351. Retain one copy for your files. All items on the face of the application are self explanatory unless noted below. Corrections on the application form and exhibits must be initialed and dated. DO NOT use masking materials to make corrections. If a certificate is allowed, you will be requested to send a payment by credit card or check payable to "Treasurer of the United States" in the amount of \$768 for issuance of the certificate. Certificates will be issued to owner, not licensee or agent.

NOTES: It is the responsibility of the applicant/owner to keep the PVPO informed of any changes of address or change of ownership or assignment or owner's representative during the life of the application/certificate. The fees for filing a change of address; owner's representative; ownership or assignment; or any modification of owner's name is specified in Section 97.175 of the regulations. (See Section 101 of the Act, and Sections 97.130, 97.131, 97.175(h) of the Regulations and Rules of Practice.)

Plant Variety Protection Office

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SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:

To avoid conflict with other variety names in use, the applicant must check the appropriate recognized authority and **provide evidence** that the permanent name of the application variety (even if it is a parental, inbred line) has been cleared by the appropriate recognized authority before the Certificate of Protection is issued. For example, for agricultural and vegetable crops, contact: U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Marketing Service, Livestock and Seed Programs, **Seed Regulatory and Testing Branch**, 801 Summit Crossing Place, Suite C, Gastonia, North Carolina 28054-2193 Telephone: (704) 810-8870. http://www.ams.usda.gov/lsg/seed.htm.

ITEM

- 19a. Give: (1) the genealogy, including public and commercial varieties, lines, or clones used, and the breeding method;
 - (2) the details of subsequent stages of selection and multiplication;
 - (3) evidence of uniformity and stability; and
 - (4) the type and frequency of variants during reproduction and multiplication and state how these variants may be identified
- 19b. Give a summary of the variety's distinctness. Clearly state how this application variety may be distinguished from all other varieties in the same crop. If the new variety is most similar to one variety or a group of related varieties:
 - (1) identify these varieties and state all differences objectively;
 - (2) attach replicated statistical data for characters expressed numerically and demonstrate that these are clear differences; and
 - (3) submit, if helpful, seed and plant specimens or photographs (prints) of seed and plant comparisons which clearly indicate distinctness.

19c. Exhibit C forms are available from the PVPO Office for most crops; specify crop kind. Fill in Exhibit C (Objective Description of Variety) form as completely as possible to describe your variety.

- 19d. Optional additional characteristics and/or photographs. Describe any additional characteristics that cannot be accurately conveyed in Exhibit C. Use comparative varieties as is necessary to reveal more accurately the characteristics that are difficult to describe, such as plant habit, plant color, disease resistance, etc.
- 19e. Section 52(5) of the Act requires applicants to furnish a statement of the basis of the applicant's ownership. An Exhibit E form is available from the PVPO.
- 20. If "Yes" is specified (seed of this variety be sold by variety name only, as a class of certified seed), the applicant MAY NOT reverse this affirmative decision after the variety has been sold and so labeled, the decision published, or the certificate issued. However, if "No" has been specified, the applicant may change the choice. (See Regulations and Rules of Practice, Section 97.103).
- 23. See Sections 41, 42, and 43 of the Act and Section 97.5 of the regulations for eligibility requirements.
- 24. See Section 55 of the Act for instructions on claiming the benefit of an earlier filing date.
- 22. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide a statement as to the limitation and sequence of generations that may be certified.)
- 23. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please provide the date of first sale, disposition, transfer, or use for each country and the circumstances, if the variety (including any harvested material) or a hybrid produced from this variety has been sold, disposed of, transferred, or used in the U.S. or other countries.)
- 24. CONTINUED FROM FRONT (Please give the country, date of filing or issuance, and assigned reference number, if the variety or any component of the variety is protected by intellectual property right (Plant Breeder's Right or Patent).)

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Exhibit A:

Origin and Breeding History Tiara Strong Creeping Red Fescue

1. Tiara Strong creeping red fescue (*Festuca rubra rubra*.) was developed from various cycles of recurrent phenotypic and genotypic selection. Each cycle was used to improve the genetic color, yield potential, and freedom from disease.

Ninety four percent of the parental germplasm of Tiara traces its origin to plants selected from old turfs of the United States during the period from 1962 through 1980 by turfgrass scientists at the New Jersey Agricultural Experiment Station. Six percent of the plants trace their origin to a plant found in the Rose City Cemetery, Portland, Oregon. This plant contained an *Epichloe* endophyte currently referred to as the Rose City endophyte. These collections were subjected to evaluation in spaced-plant nurseries, frequently mowed turf trials, and greenhouse tests for resistance to powdery mildew (caused by *Erysiphe gramminis* DC). Progenies from intercrossing the best performing selections were than subjected to many cycles of recurrent phenotypic selection with each cycle followed by single-plot progeny tests in closely mowed turf trials. Tillers were subsequently selected from the best performing turf plots to initiate additional cycles of selection. Greenhouse facilities were also used to select disease resistant, lower-growing plants with abundant tillers, and a rich, bright, dark green color.

Single-plot progenies of 707 clones selected form the Rutgers turfgrass breeding program were seeded in individual turf plots at North Brunswick and Adelphia New Jersey during the late summers of 1992. A total of 420 plants were selected from the best performing progenies following a period of summer stress in August, 1994. Selection was based on turf performance and appearance of the plots at the time of selection. The selected plants were established in greenhouse flats prior to their transfer to an isolated spaced-plant nursery in September, 1994. The spaced plant nursery was evaluated for low growth habit, fine leaf texture and dark green color. One hundred and five plants were selected before anthesis and moved to an isolated block. Seed harvested from these plants was germinated and screened for dark-green color, low growth habit and high shoot density, 27 of the plants were discarded. The remaining 78 plants were used to establish a mowed spaced-plant evaluation trial. Fifty-two plants named 'FLT' were cycled again for low growth habit, fine leaf texture and dark green color prior to the establishment of a spaced-plant nursery in the spring of 1998 containing 2,040 plants from those fifty-two progenies. Thirty-seven progenies were selected from this nursery prior to anthesis for bright dark green color, high shoot density, prostrate-low growth habit, early uniform maturity and freedom from disease. These plants were moved to an isolated crossing block in the spring of 1999. Thirty progeny lines were harvested from

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In the fall of 1999, a single spaced plant nursery was established at Albany, OR. The nursery contained 60 plants of 30 progeny lines for a total of 1,800 plants. The nursery was evaluated in the spring and fall of 2000 for plant type, heading date, uniformity, genetic color, crown density, yield potential, and freedom from disease. Ten clones were selected from the spaced plant nursery and moved to an isolated crossing block in the fall of 2000 and designated ASC245. In 2001, ASC245 was harvested in bulk and established in a turf trial near Salem, NJ. Based on turf performance, ASC245 was established by seed in an increase block (1,560 plants) in 2002. The increase block was harvested in bulk and designated Tiara, breeder seed. The breeder seed was used to establish a morphological nursery for Plant Variety Protection (PVP) measurements.

2. Breeder Seed Maintenance:

A breeder seed multiplication was planted in isolation in 2002 in Albany, Oregon. Seed was harvested in bulk in 2003 and is maintained in cold storage. Seed propagation is limited to three generations; one each of foundation, registered, and certified.

3. Stability and Uniformity:

Tiara has been a stable uniform cultivar over 2 generations. No off-type or variant plants have been observed during the multiplication or reproduction. Turf plots and production fields of Tiara have been uniform.

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Novelty Statement of Tiara Strong Creeping Red Fescue

The following summary outlines the distinctive characteristics of Tiara. The novelty of Tiara is based on the unique combination of these characteristics. Tiara is most similar to Boreal, but may be differentiated by using the following criteria:

- 1) Tiara has an earlier heading and anthesis date compared to Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- 2) Tiara exhibits a darker genetic color compared to Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- 3) The mature plant height of Tiara is shorter than Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- 4) Tiara has a reduced panicle length compared to Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- 5) The morphological characteristics of flag leaf length, width, height, internode length and sheath length are shorter for Tiara compared to Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- Tiara has shorter leaf blade characteristics such as length, width, height, and sheath length compared to Boreal (tables 1A, 1B).
- 7) Tiara has a shorter lemma and glume length than Boreal (tables 2A, 2B).
- 8) Tiara expresses a lower frequency of red pigmentation of the panicle compared to Boreal (tables 3A, 3B).
- 9) Tiara produces more plants with an erect plant type than Boreal (tables 5A, 5B).

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EXHIBIT C

U.S. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AGRICULTURE MARKETING SERVICE PLANT VARIETY PROTECTION OFFICE BELTSVILLE, MARYLAND 20705

(Fine Leaved Fescues)

OBJECTIVE DESCRIPTION OF VARIETY FINE LEAVED FESCUES

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		(Festuc	a spp.)		
NAME OF API	PLICANT(S)		Y DESIGNATION	VARIETY NAME.	
	Gen Turf Research, LLC	ASC245		Tiara	
	reet and No. or R.F.D. No., City, State, Zip Code)			FOR OFFICIAL US	CONLY
	25 Columbus St _* SE			DVDO MHADED	
9732				#200600	1 6 6
	ropriate number that describes the varietal ch				
	ading zeroes when necessary: (e.g., <u>08</u> or <u>09</u>				
including nun	nerical measurements, should represent those	that are typical for the	e variety. Measured	data should	
	ED PLANTS. Royal Horticulture Society or a			letermine plant colors; designate s	ystem used.
Describe loca	tion of test area, conditions and number of p	iants used. See sec	tion 10, page 4.		
1. SPE	CCIES: (With comparison varieties for use be	low - use varieties withi	in species of applicat	ion variety)	
	1 = F. rubra ssp. commutata (Chewings)		12 = Highlight 15 = Barfalla	13 = Jamestown	
	2 = F. rubra ssp. litoralis (Creeping Red)			23 = Merlin	
_31	3 = F. rubra ssp rubra (Spreading Red)	31 = Boreal			
	4 = F. ovina (Sheep)	34 = Ensylva 41 = Covar			
	_ 4-F. Ovina (Sheep)				
	5 = F. longifolia (Hard)	51 = Durar	52 = Biljart (C-26)	53 = Scaldis	
	6 = F. tenuifolia (Fine-Leaved Sheep)	61 = Panda	62 = Barok		
· ·	7 = Other (Specify) F				_
2. CY	TOLOGY:				
5	6 Chromosome Number 4	Ploidy 4 = octoplo		2 = tetraploid $3 = hexaploid$	
	APTATION: $(0 = \text{Not Tested}; 1 = \text{Not Adapted}]$ Northeast	; 2 = Adapted) rth Central 2 Pacif	ic N.WOther	r (Specify)	
	TURITY: Date First Headed (panicle emergen	ce) Location(s) of Trial	(s)		
_2	Maturity Class: 1 = Very Early (Covar) 4 = Medium Late (Cascade, Ruby)	2 = Early (Highlight) 5 = Late (Jamestown,		m Early (Boreal, Dawson) ate	
	Date Headed 38. 75 days after March 1,				
_11	.50 Days earlier than	31			
	Maturity same as	└ }	Comparison Variety		
	Days later than	_ J			
5. Pla	nt Height: (At maturity; to top of panicle; Aver	rage of 10 culms)			
_57	6. 10 mm height				
_10	2.00 mm shorter than	31	Comparison Variety		
	Height same as		comparison variety		
	mm taller than	<i></i>			
6. GR	OWTH HABIT: (Mature) 1 = Erect (Ruby) 2 = Semi	-erect (Highlight)	3 = Prostra	ate (Silvana)	
7. RH	IZOMES:				
3	mm Length mm Wid 1 = Absent (Highlight) 4 = Very Strongly Creeping (Fortress)	th 2 = Weakly Creeping	mm Interne	ode length 3 = Strongly Creeping (Boreal)	

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3.	LEAF BL	ADE:											
	7	Color: 1 = Light Green	(Jamestown, Manoir)	2 = Medium Light Gro 5 = Bluegreen (Saphir		3 = Mediu 6 = Grayg				y, Agr	am)		
	1	Glaucosity (Sowing Year):	1 = Absent	(Koket)	2 = Present (Vendrome)	#2	0	1	0 0	0	4	6	6
	1	Anthocyanin:	1 = Absent		2 = Present	" -	V	* :	0 0	V	I	O	0
	2	Hairs (Basal)	1 = Absent		2 = Present								
	1	Margins:	1 = Smooth	ı	2 = Semi-rough		3 = Rc	ough	,				
	1_	Margin folding (closure):	1 = Rolled inward (clos	sed-Highlight)	2 = Flat (ope	en-Jameste	own, Er	ngina)				
	2	Width class: 1 = Very Fine (A 3 = Medium Fine	Agram, Frida) te (Fortress, Ruby, Scaldis)		2 = Fine (Jamestown, H 4 = Medium Coarse (Er		Banner,	Dav	vson)				
	189.50	mm Length (flag leaf)	_										
	106. 35	mm Shorter than	<u>31</u>	Comparison Variety									
		Blade length same as	}	Comparison variety									
		mm Longer than	1										
	3. 40	mm Width (flag leaf)	_										
	0.33	mm Narrower than	<u>31</u>										
		mm Narrower than Blade width same as	}	Comparison Variety									
		mm Wider than											
9.	LEAF SH	EATH:											
	1_	Anthocyanin (seedling):	1 = Absent (Highlight)	2 = Presen	t (Jamestown, Fortress, M	Marga)							
	2	Auricle Hairiness:	1 = Absent	2 = Presen	ıt								
	2	Margins:	1 = Open (Highlight)	2 = Closed	d (Jamestown)								
10.	PANICLI	E (Mature plant):											
	3	Shape: 1 = 1	Narrow-tapering	2 = Ovate	3 = Oblong	4 = Other	(Specif	ý) _					
	1_	Type: 1 = 0	Open	2 = Intermediate	3 = Compact								
	1	Orientation: 1 = 1	Erect	2 = Nodding									
		Branch Pubescence: 1 = 0	Glabrous	2 = Pubescent (6%)									
	_4	Anther Color:											
	_2	Glume Color (At 50% flowering):	Yellowish Green Reddish	2 = Green 6 = Other (Specify)	3 = Bluish Green	4 = Purpli	sh						
	488. 48	mm Length											
	45.12	mm Shorter than	<u>31</u>										
		mm Shorter than Panicle length same as		Comparison Variety									
		mm Longer than		Comparison Variety									
11.	PALEA:												
	_2	Hairs (On keels or margins)		(Banner) Ranier, Fortress, Jame	2 = (Agram, Scaldis, O stown)	Olds)							

12.	LEMMA ((Mature):					#2(1	0 (0 0	1	6 6
	2	Hairs:	1 = Absent (Jamestown)	2 = Severa	al	3 = Many (1	Highlight)					
	5. 98	mm Lemma Length		_								
	0.55	mm Shorter than .										
		Lemma length same	as <u>_</u>	~	Comparison Variety							
		mm Longer than .		•								
	1. 03	mm Lemma Width		`								
	\bot	mm Narrower than		1								
		Lemma width same	as <u>31</u>	C C	omparison Variety							
	\bot	mm Wider than		•								
	_2	Awns:	1 = Absent	2 = Preser	nt							
	1.45	mm Awn Length		`								
	\perp	mm Shorter than .										
		Awn length same as	<u>31</u>		Comparison Variety							
	\perp	mm Longer than .	· · · · · · · <u> </u>	<i>)</i>								
13.	SEED (W	ith lemma & palea):										
	4	Size Class (g/1000 s 1 = <.9g (Biljart, Da 3 = 1.1 - 1.3 g (Fort	awson) $2 = .91 - <$	1.1g (Jame g (Boreal, C	stown, Highlight) Golfrood)							
	1,450.00	mg per 1000 seed										
	30.00	mg per 1000 seed le	ss than31	. (
		Seed Weight same a	s	\	Comparison Variety							
	$\bot \bot \bot$	mg per 1000 more th	han	•								
14.	DISEASE	E, INSECT, AND NE	EMATODE REACTION (0 = No	t Tested, 1	= Susceptible, 2 = Re	esistant):						
	0	Melting-out Drechs (Helmin	lera poae thosporium vagans)	0	Stripe rust P. striiforn	mis						
	0	Leaf spot D. siccans	s	0	Leaf rust P. poae-ner	moralis						
	0	Net blotch D. dictye	oides	0	P. crandalli							
	0	Leaf spot Bipolaris	sorkiniana	_0	Pythium Blight Pythi	ium ultimum						
	0	Brown patch Rhizod	ctonia solani	_0	Red thread Corticum	fusciforme						
	0	Powdery Mildew En	rysiphe graminis	_0	Dollar spot Sclerotin	ia homoeoca	rpa					
	0	Stripe smut Ustilage	o striiformis	_0	Insect							_
	0	F. Patch, Pink snow	-mold Fusarium nivale	0	Nematode							_
	0	Fusarium blight F. t	tricinctum, F. roseum	0	Other							_
	0	Gray snow mold Ty	phula iotana	0	Other							_
	0	Stem rust Puccinia	graminis	_0	Other							_

15. GIVE VARIETY OR VARIETIES THAT MOST CLOSELY RESEMBLE THE APPLICATION VARIETY. For the following characteristics indicate Degree of Resemblance by placing the column marked, D. R., 1 of the following numbers:

1 = Application variety is less than comparison variety.

2 = Same As

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3 = More than, bett	er, greater, darker, more diseas	e resistant, etc.			
CHARACTER	VARIETY	D. R.	CHARACTER	VARIETY	D.R.
Rhizome Length	Boreal	2	Growth Habit	Boreal	3
Leaf Width	Boreal	1	Leaf Color	Boreal	3
Panicle Color	Boreal	3	Panicle Shape	Boreal	2
Winter Color	Boreal	3	Cold Injury	Boreal	2
Shade Tolerance	Boreal	2	Heat	Boreal	2
Drought	Boreal	2	Disease*	Boreal	2

^{*} Specify each disease evaluated.

16. ADDITIONAL DESCRIPTION: (Use additional sheets as required)

Describe all characteristics that cannot be adequately described in the form above in Exhibit D. Comparative varieties should be used as may be appropriate, such as for disease. Append all comparative trial and evaluation data, including measured characters, environmental, and disease test.

A morphological nursery designated 03PVPFRR was established in September 2003, in Albany, Oregon. Experimental design consisted of 6 entries; 4 replications per entry; 20 plants per replication; for a total of 80 plants per entry. Shademaster, Flyer, and Boreal were used as standards. Plants were established on 2.5 foot centers with a skip row between replications and between entries.

The nursery received 30 pounds of nitrogen per acre rate following establishment and 50 pounds of nitrogen per acre per year in 2004 and 2005. The fertilizer source was 15 - 15 - 15 and was applied as a split application with ½ applied in the spring and ½ in the autumn. The nursery was sprayed twice each spring, 3 weeks between applications, with Quilt (20z/acre rate), to prevent stem rust. One pound of Karmex per acre rate was applied during the late summer to prevent emergence of volunteer seedlines.

Data was analyzed using analysis of variance for a randomized complete block design. Means were calculated for each replication and then analyzed for tables 1A, 1B, 2A, and 2B.

Tables 3A, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5A, and 5B data were analyzed using binary data confidence intervals. The confidence intervals are given for the characteristics which expressed significant differences.

Exhibit D:

Additional Description

Tiara Strong Creeping Red Fescue

Tiara has improved characteristics over current cultivars, such as Shademaster, Flyer, Fortitude, ASC266 and Boreal. The mature plant height of Tiara is shorter than ASC266, Boreal, Flyer, and Shademaster (tables 1A, 1B). Tiara exhibits a reduced panicle length compared to Flyer, Boreal, and Shademaster (tables 1A, 1B). The flag leaf characteristics length, height, internode length, and sheath length of Tiara are shorter compared to ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer and Boreal (tables 1A, 1B). The flag leaf sheath length of Tiara is shorter than Fortitude (tables 1A, 1B). The leaf blade characteristics; length, height and sheath length of Tiara are shorter compared to ASC266, Flyer and Boreal (tables 1A, 1B). The length of the lemma is shorter for Tiara compared to Fortitude, Flyer and Boreal, but longer than Fortitude (tables 2A, 2B). The glume length of Tiara is shorter compared to ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer, and Boreal (tables 2A, 2B). The number of florets per spikelet is greater for Tiara than Fortitude (tables 2A, 2B). Tiara differs from the other Strong creeping red fescues in many whorl characteristics. The length of longest branch of the lower most whorl is shorter for Tiara than ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer and Boreal (tables 2A, 2B, illus. 1). The distance between the lower most whorls of Tiara is shorter than ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer, and Boreal (tables 2A, 2B, illus. 1). The number of spikelets on the longest branch of the lower most whorl of Tiara is reduced compared to Fortitude, ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer and Boreal (tables 2A, 2B, illlus. 1). The number of spikelets per panicle is also reduced for Tiara compared to Fortitude, ASC266, Shademaster, Flyer, and Boreal (tables 2A, 2B, illus. 1). The length of the panicle from the lower most whorl to panicle tip of Tiara is shorter than Flyer, Boreal, and Shademaster, and ASC266 (tables 2A, 2B, illus. 1).

Tiara may be differentiated on several visual characteristics. Tiara has a higher frequency of plants with an erect growth habit compared to Shademaster, Flyer and Boreal (tables 5A, 5B). Tiara has a lower frequency of plants with a narrow panicle compared to ASC266 (tables 3A, 3B). Tiara expresses fewer plants with a compact panicle compared to ASC266 (tables 3A, 3B). Tiara has a higher seed weight per 1,000 compared to ASC266 and Flyer, but lower than Fortitude (tables 5A, 5B).

Table 1A

2004 Morphological Data

	Cultivar	Heading	Anthesis	Genetic	Mature	Plant	Panicle	Flag	Flag	Flag	Flag Leaf	Flag Leaf	Lear	Lear		Lear
		Date	Date	Color	Plant	Width	Length	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Sheath	Internode			Printed State State State	Sheath
		days after	days after	scale:	Height	(mm)	(mm)	Length	Width	Height	Length	Length	Length	Width	_	Length
(81:2/16/10)		March 1	March 1	darkest)	(mm)			(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	(mm)	\ /		(mm)
(-1.410)	Tiara	38.75	48.50	6.55	576.10	205.08	488.48	189.50	3.40	213.45	116.35	68.28	140.45	3.15	95.60	62.43
	Fortitude	42.75	49.00	5.95	550.33	238.90	457.90	191.85	3.53	201.28		64.73	147.65	3.00	92.10	62.48
	ASC266	41.50	48.00	5.95	655.98	276.95	517.70	238.65	3.83	276.70	134.60	98.98	177.60	3.35	121.60	77.15
	Shademaster	34.50	45.00	5.30	762.28	265.58	617.80	276.65	3.48	306.90	162.15	105.85	196.53	3.13	129.15	87.08
	Flyer	36.25	45.25	5.40	760.08	244.63	600.78	276.93	3.60	326.00	163.65	118.03	209.93	3.13	145.08	95.08
	Boreal	50.25	55.00	5.00	678.10	244.45	533.60	295.85	3.73	306.78	166.83	98.40	226.15	3.98	139.53	98.60
	LSD 5%	2.28	1.51	0.25	42.29	40.00	44.52	15.83	0.24	20.80	6.79	9.53	12.82	0.34	14.87	5.90
	C.V.	4.52	2.52	3.59	5.14	13.12	6.70	5.21	5.29	6.17	3.88	8.32	5.65	8.38	9.96	5.92

Cultivar under evaluation

Measurements taken in Albany, Oregon

Table 1B

2005 Morphological Data

Cultivar	Heading	Anthesis	Genetic	Mature	Plant	Panicle	Flag	Flag	Flag	Flag Leaf	Flag Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf
Cuitivai	Date	Date	Color	150000000000000000000000000000000000000	Width	Length	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf	Sheath	Internode	Blade	Blade	Blade	Sheath
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Tiara	28.25	50.00	5.65	727.83	251.63	587.18	245.03	3.80	277.98	142.35	117.15	189.08	2.73	104.83	85.03
Fortitude	35.75	51.75	5.25	677.60	282.38	542.98	238.23	4.23	260.08	127.35	113.20	184.40	2.38	99.40	79.03
ASC266	28.25	48.00	5.35	844.45	289.38	677.95	289.55	4.30	332.20	167.60	144.50	215.85	2.95	126.40	
Shademaster	27.75	50.00	4.93	888.98	282.00	729.20	319.10	3.85	328.15	186.73	138.95	227.90	2.43	115.15	103.23
Flyer	25.75	49.00	5.13	929.03	286.50	751.78	325.03	4.10	377.15	191.60	156.88	237.03	2.65	138.48	
Boreal	38.50	53.50	5.03	907.15	284.08	723.15	388.90	4.18	385.90	207.73	154.28	291.40	3.40	145.15	
LSD 5%	3.38	1.66	0.23	32.26	20.47	33.78	16.08	0.32	26.06	7.39	12.97	13.60	0.26	13.89	6.34
C.V.	8.87	2.66	3.59	3.14	5.91	4.08	4.31	6.42	6.43	3.49	7.61	4.89	7.68	9.21	5.07

Cultivar under evaluation

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Table 2A

2004 Laboratory Morphological Data

Table 2A							aboratory morphists,				
Cultivar	Lemma	Lemma	Lemma	Glume	Florets per	Spikelet	Length of	Distance	Number of	Spikelets	Length of
	Length	Width	Awn	Length	Spikelet	Length	Longest Branch	Between	Spikelets on	per	Panicle from
	(mm)	(mm)	Length	(mm)		(mm)	Lowermost Whorl	Lower Most	the Longest Branch	Panicle	Lower Most
	(,	(,	(mm)			, ,	(mm)	Whorls (mm)	Lowermost Whorl		Whorl to Tip
			()				,	, ,			(mm)
Tiara	6.10	1.13	3.15	4.90	7.25	14.20	55.30	32.48	8.25	30.00	104.68
Fortitude	5.85	1.15	2.98	4.90	6.25	12.73	54.08	31.13	11.50	39.25	102.78
ASC266	6.25	1.15	3.53	5.45	6.75	14.25	65.63	34.60	11.75	40.00	123.93
Shademaster	6.35	1.10	3.45	5.45	6.75	15.25	75.05	40.80	14.00	46.00	145.63
Flyer	6.85	1.15	3.50	5.65	7.00	16.13	78.95	42.55	11.50	39.25	147.80
Boreal	6.78	1.13	3.78	6.03	7.00	16.18	86.68	44.00	14.75	47.75	159.18
LSD 5%	0.20	0.07	0.26	0.25	0.64	0.58	5.69	2.04	1.99	4.67	8.46
C.V.	2.53	4.65	6.23	3.73	7.56	3.15	6.62	4.38	13.45	9.34	5.22

Cultivar under evaluation

Measurements taken in Albany, Oregon

Table 2B

2005 Laboratory Morphological Data

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Cultivar	Lemma	Lemma	Lemma	Glume	Florets per	Spikelet	Length of	Distance	Number of	Spikelets	Length of
	Length	Width	Awn	Length	Spikelet	Length	Longest Branch	Between	Spikelets on	per	Panicle from
	(mm)	(mm)	Length	(mm)		(mm)	Lowermost Whorl	Lower Most	the Longest Branch	Panicle	Lower Most
	(,	(,	(mm)	(/		, ,	(mm)	Whorls (mm)	Lowermost Whorl		Whorl to Tip
			()				,	, ,			(mm)
Tiara	5.98	1.03	1.45	4.58	6.75	13.18	61.03	34.83	6.00	32.00	118.35
Fortitude	5.58	0.98	1.38	4.38	5.50	10.98	58.30	34.20	7.25	41.00	112.60
ASC266	5.93	1.05	1.65	5.00	6.25	12.08	67.25	37.75	7.75	41.00	135.10
Shademaster	6.08	1.03	1.68	5.13	5.75	12.40	72.40	42.35	8.75	46.75	154.05
Flyer	6.53	1.03	1.58	5.35	6.50	13.88	82.38	45.38	8.00	40.00	160.33
Boreal	6.53	1.03	1.60	5.55	6.00	13.58	93.08	47.35	10.00	52.50	174.30
LSD 5%	0.22	0.05	0.21	0.25	0.75	1.05	5.63	2.55	0.87	2.78	7.28
C.V.	2.96	4.10	10.91	4.05	9.85	6.68	6.27	5.11	8.86	5.31	4.12

Cultivar under evaluation

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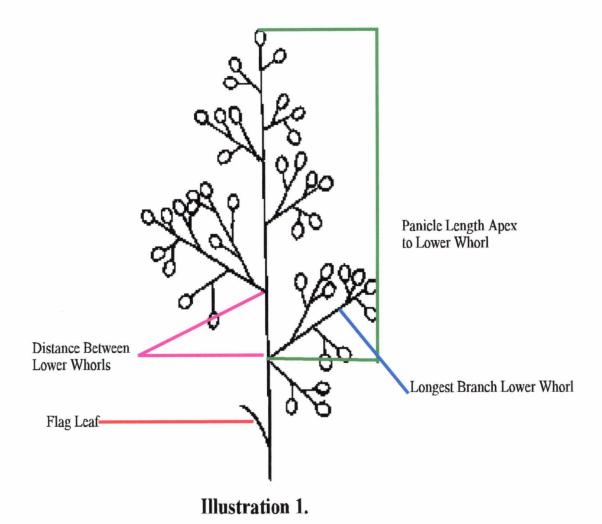
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Panicle Type Inflorescence



2004 Morphological Measurements of the Panicle

Table 3A							2004	Morbinolo	gical ivica	Surcificing	3 Of the Faile	710					
Cultivar	Anther	Anther	Panicle	Glume	Panicle	Pa	anicle Shap	e	Panicle	Panicle		Panicle Type		0.0000000000000000000000000000000000000	The Committee of the Park		Panicle
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		% Purple			% Nodding				Oblona	% Open				of Lower	of Lower	of Lower	Pubescence
	70 Tellow	70 T dipic	70 1100	70 T di pio	70 Hodding	%	Lower	Upper	0		%	Lower	Upper	Whorl	Whorl	Whorl	% Present
						Present	CI	CI			Present	CI	CI	=1	=2	>3	
Tiara	0	100	8	19	2	33	0.227	0.433	68	68	33	0.227	0.433	16	79	5	0
Fortitude	1	99	18	15	4	31	0.209	0.411	69	69	31	0.209	0.411	6	76	18	1
ASC266	1	99	19	16	2	59	0.482	0.698	40	40	59	0.482	0.698	15	74	11	13
Shademaster	1	99	20	24	14	59	0.482	0.698	41	41	59	0.482	0.698	24	65	11	11
	0	100	20	27	10	54	0.431	0.649	46	46	54	0.431	0.649	31	55	14	16
Flyer Boreal	3	97	69	40	9	43	0.322	0.538	58	58	43	0.322	0.538	19	75	6	15
LSD (0.05)	-	-															

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2005 Morphological Measurements of the Panicle

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	Anther	Anther	Panicle	Glume	Panicle	Pa	anicle Shap	oe	Panicle	Panicle		Panicle Type		Percent	Percent	Percent	Panicle
Cuitivai	Color	Color	Color		Orientation		Narrow		Shape	Туре		Compact		Branches	Branches	Branches	Branch
		% Purple		(Sec.) 10 (Sec.) 1	% Nodding					% Open				of Lower	of Lower	of Lower	Pubescence
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						Present	CI	CI			Present	CI	CI	=1	=2	>3	
Tiara	3	97	46	30	70	38	0.274	0.486	63	63	38	0.274	0.486	14	84	2	6
Fortitude	5	95	37	25	0	21	0.121	0.299	79	79	21	0.121	0.299	4	84	12	4
ASC266	3	97	55	27	79	61	0.503	0.717	39	39	61	0.503	0.717	11	83	6	15
Shademaster	5	95	65	49	100	45	0.341	0.559	55	55	45	0.341	0.559	12	80	8	16
Flyer	3	97	47	36	100	61	0.503	0.717	39	39	61	0.503	0.717	30	60	10	19
Boreal	1	99	69	41	94	54	0.431	0.649	46	46	54	0.431	0.649	6	89	5	24
LSD (0.05)																	

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Measurements taken in Albany, Oregon 4 reps; 20 plants/rep = 80 data points CI= Confidence Interval

Table 4A

2004 Additional Measurements of the Leaf Blade and Seed

Table 4A	1													
Cultivar	Node	Lemma	Lemma	Lemma	Palea	Leaf Blade	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf Sheath	Leaf Sheath	Leaf Blade			
	Color	Hairs	Hairs	Awn	Hairs	Margin	Sheath	Sheath	Surface	Collar Hairs	Surface Hairs			
		% Several	% Many	% Present	% Present	Hairs	Auricle	Auricle	Hairs	% Glaborous	% Present			
						% Present	Hairs	Hairs	% Glaborous					
							% Short	% Long						
Tiara	36	95	4	100	100	48	33	20	3	100	100			
Fortitude	41	69	29	100	100	51	42	14	10	100	100			
ASC266	44	68	30	100	100	57	35	10	1	100	100			
Shademaster	31	71	8	100	100	49	15	4	13	100	100			
Flyer	63	79	8	100	100	75	27	11	8	100	100			
Boreal	65	88	5	100	100	71	25	9	16	100	100			

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Measurements taken in Albany, Oregon

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Table 4R

2005 Additional Measurements of the Leaf Blade and Seed

Table 4D			LOGO / talantie	THE THE			$\overline{}$				
Cultivar	Node	Lemma	Lemma	Lemma	Palea	Leaf Blade	Leaf	Leaf	Leaf Sheath		Leaf Blade
	Color	Hairs	Hairs	Awn	Hairs	Margin	Sheath	Sheath			Surface Hairs
	% Distinct	% Several	% Many	% Present	% Present	Hairs	Auricle	Auricle	Hairs	% Glaborous	% Present
			,			% Present	Hairs	Hairs	% Glaborous		
							% Short	% Long			
Tiara	24	95	5	100	100	49	23	19	12	100	100
Fortitude	44	68	33	100	100	41	30	28	28	100	100
ASC266	23	66	34	100	100	55	41	7	0	100	100
Shademaster	24	83	11	100	100	57	7	10	4	100	100
Flyer	34	88	11	100	100	61	8	16	12	100	100
Boreal	38	93	5	100	100	54	18	19	17	100	100

Cultivar under evaluation

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Measurements taken in Albany, Oregon

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2004 Additional Morphological Measurements

Table 5A						Measuremen					10	1 f	1	Loof	Seed Weight
Cultivar	G	rowth Hab	it	Growth	Growth	Leaf Blade	Leaf Blade	Leaf Sheath	Spring	Spring	Spring		Leaf		Seed Weight
		Erect		Habit at	Habit at	Anthocyanin	Margin	Margins	Growth	Growth	Growth	Blade	Blade	Blade	mg per
		Liout		Anthesis		,	0	% Open	Habit	Habit	Habit	Margin	Margin	Margin	1,000 seeds
	%	Lower	Upper	% Semi-	% Prostrate		% Closed		% Prostrate	% Semi-	% Erect	Roughness	Roughness	Roughness	
	Present	CI	CI	Erect						Erect		% Smooth	% Semi-	% Rough	
	1 1000												Rough		
Tiara	95	0.902	0.998	5	0	0	100	0	8	91	1	100	0	0	1329
Fortitude	91	0.847	0.973	9	0	0	100	0	11	88	1	100	0	0	1567
ASC266	99	0.968	1.012	1	0	0	100	0	9	90	1	100	0	0	1443
Shademaster	11	0.041	0.179	70	19	0	100	0	11	86	3	100	0	0	1300
Flyer	13	0.056	0.204	74	13	0	100	0	11	88	1	100	0	0	1355
Boreal	14	0.064	0.216	84	2	0	100	0	8	91	1	100	0	0	1418
LSD (0.05)															

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Table 5B

2005 Additional Morphological Measurements

Cultivar	Growth Habit		Growth	Growth	Leaf Blade	Leaf Blade	Leaf Sheath	Spring	Spring	Spring	Leaf		Leaf	Seed Weigh	
		Erect		Habit at	Habit at	Anthocyanin	Margin	Margins	Growth	Growth	Growth	Blade	Blade	Blade	mg per
		Liout		Anthesis	a comment of the control	% Purple	Folding	% Open	Habit	Habit	Habit	Margin	Margin	Margin	1,000 seeds
1	%	Lower	Upper		% Prostrate	Control of the Contro	% Closed		% Prostrate	% Semi-	% Erect	Roughness	Roughness	Roughness	
	Present	CI	CI	Erect						Erect		% Smooth	% Semi-	% Rough	
	1 1000111	0.	٠.										Rough		
Tiara	96	0.917	1.003	4	0	0	100	0	0	95	5	81	19	0	1450
Fortitude	99	0.968	1.012	1	0	0	100	0	1	99	0	89	11	0	1470
ASC266	93	0.874	0.986	7	0	0	100	0	0	100	0	90	10	0	1464
Shademaster	9	0.027	0.156	91	0	0	100	0	0	99	1	90	10	0	1316
Flyer	5	0.002	0.098	95	0	0	100	0	1	98	1	88	12	0	1326
Boreal	10	0.034	0.166	60	0	0	100	0	2	98	0	83	17	0	1420
LSD (0.05)															
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	Albany, OR 97322	VARIETY NAME Tiara		
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