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Colorado State Forest Service Now Accepting Seedling Tree Orders

FORT COLLINS, Colo. – The Colorado State Forest Service is now accepting orders on a first-come, first-serve basis for low-cost seedling trees, shrubs and perennials grown at its Fort Collins nursery. More than 100 species/size options are available, with seedlings ordered now to be distributed statewide next spring.

Coloradans interested in conservation goals such as creating natural windbreaks, improving wildlife habitat or reforesting properties impacted by wildfire or floods are eligible to purchase the seedlings. CSFS Nursery Manager Josh Stolz says Colorado-grown species are adaptable and ideal for a variety of conservation uses.

“We’ve really increased our selection over the past few years and now offer perennials, such as those favored by honeybees, in addition to larger trees and shrubs,” Stolz said.

The CSFS seedling tree program is designed to encourage Colorado landowners to plant seedling trees and shrubs for conservation purposes. Through a cooperative effort with Colorado State University Extension offices and county conservation districts throughout the state, approximately 5,000 Coloradans obtain CSFS seedling trees each year.

Conservation seedlings have many uses and benefits, including:

- Wind/snow control to protect roadways and livestock
- Enhanced wildlife habitat and reforestation
- Increased property values
- Energy conservation through reduced utility bills
- Carbon sequestration
- Reduced soil erosion
- Creating habitat for honeybees and other pollinators

To purchase seedling trees from the CSFS, landowners must agree to use them for conservation purposes only. There is no minimum acreage requirement.

For more information about the CSFS seedling tree program, contact a local CSFS district office (locations can be found at <http://csfs.colostate.edu/districts>), or call the nursery directly at 970-491-8429.