FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2015

Mission: To achieve stewardship of Colorado’s diverse forest environments for the benefit of present and future generations.

Organization:
Structure: The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is a center of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.
Facilities: Services are provided through the State Office in Fort Collins and 19 offices throughout Colorado.
Leadership: Mike Lester, State Forester and Director
Employees: 175 (93 full-time; 9 part-time; 73 seasonals)
Volunteers: 163 individuals for 1,708 hours, plus 75 youth volunteers for 727 youth hours

Focus:
Forest health, sustainability and stewardship through programs and services, such as:
- Technical assistance for landowners
- Forestry and fire mitigation outreach and information
- Urban and community forestry
- Forest health assessment, inventory and analysis
- Insect and disease surveying and monitoring
- Forest product marketing and utilization
- Forest management on state lands
- Watershed protection
- Wildfire mitigation and fuels treatment planning and implementation
- Seedling trees and shrubs grown for reforestation and conservation
- Other programs, such as:
  - Forest Agriculture Classification
  - Forest Legacy
  - Forest Stewardship

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Financials:
- Federal & state grants* $5.7 million (44%)
- State general fund & service-based revenues $3.8 million (30%)
- Self-funded operations & other revenues $2.0 million (16%)
- Severance tax $1.3 million (10%)

Total $12.8 million

*This does not include a $5.0 million Forest Legacy Grant to purchase a land conservation easement.

EXPENDITURES
- Personnel services $6.4 million (50%)
- Operating expenses $3.0 million (24%)
- Grants to others $2.1 million (16%)
- Payments to other agencies* $.8 million (6%)
- Capital improvements/equipment $.5 million (4%)
## 2015 Accomplishments:

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<th>Private, state and local government acres treated: 17,821, to reduce wildfire hazards, produce wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</th>
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<td>Forested properties managed: 678, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</td>
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<td>Firewise Communities/USA® in Colorado: 128 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from the CSFS. Colorado is the third state to have 100+ communities receiving this designation.</td>
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<td>New, updated or reviewed forest stewardship plans: 75, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives. Acres covered: 13,868</td>
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<td>Educational programs: 379+, reaching more than 21,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, forest marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</td>
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<td>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 228, to protect lives and property in Colorado</td>
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<td>Seedling trees: 520,087 (FY 15), grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</td>
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<td>Landowners served by CSFS: 1,950, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</td>
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<td>Tree City USA® communities in Colorado: 95, and 5 Tree Campus USA® recognitions</td>
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<td>Informational publications distributed: 37,327</td>
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### Partners and Cooperators:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Other State Agencies
  - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
  - Colorado State Land Board
  - Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
- Colorado State University
- Colorado Timber Industry Association
- Colorado Tree Coalition
- Colorado Tree Farmers
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Consulting Foresters
- Educators
- Forestry and Natural Resource Organizations
- Governments: State, County and Local
- Homeowners Associations
- Legislators: Federal and State Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Non-governmental Conservation Organizations
- Private Landowners
- USDA Forest Service and Other Federal Agencies
- Water Providers
- ... and many others

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