

ALAMOSA DISTRICT

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Can I cut firewood wherever I want?

A: Unfortunately you cannot. The CSFS has a designated firewood cutting area at La Jara Reservoir. If you have a specific area in mind on State Trust Land, we can issue a personal use permit for that area upon a Forester's approval, but a 10-cord minimum will be required.

Q: Where could I camp on state land?

A: The CSFS does not manage recreational opportunities on State Trust Land. Our primary objective is increasing forest health, while creating revenue for the state. Colorado Parks and Wildlife may be able to assist you in locating a suitable place to camp. They can be reached at 719-587-6900.

Q: How do I purchase seedlings from the CSFS?

A: The CSFS conservation seedling program starts to take orders around October and delivers the seedlings near the end of April. If you live in a county the Alamosa District serves, you may place your order with our district office or the CSFS nursery within the allotted timeframe. If you are unable to place an order, the Alamosa District typically has a stock of seedlings for sale on distribution day.

Q: What makes the CSFS different from the US Forest Service?

A: The CSFS primarily assists private forest landowners with their forest management goals and also manages state trust lands. The USFS concentrates mostly on federal land.

Q: I want to do wildfire mitigation work on my property, who should I contact?

A: Contact your local CSFS district. We are more than happy to do a defensible space consultation. During the consultation we will look over your property, address your concerns, and give recommendations or design a project.

Q: How do I know if I have spruce beetle in my trees?

A: If you look in the furrows of the bark you will see a reddish frass or sawdust if beetles are present. You will not always see an exit hole. If beetles are present in the tree you could also see the bark flaking off as woodpeckers attempt to eat the beetle larva under the bark.