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Colorado's Fire Ecology Institute Receives Environmental Ed Award

DENVER– The Fire Ecology Institute for Educators, offered each year by the Colorado State Forest Service, will be honored next week at the Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education's 2013 Awards for Excellence in Environmental Education. The award was created to celebrate exceptional and inclusive environmental education programs in Colorado.

Since 2001, the Fire Ecology Institute for Educators has provided a weeklong, rigorous training workshop for teachers and natural resource educators that explores wildland fire and forest ecology. Since its inception, the program has trained more than 300 educators and reached over 9,000 students.

"There are no programs similar to the Fire Ecology Institute in Colorado, in terms of content, student reach, length or program depth. It is an honor to have this unique program recognized through an Award for Excellence in Environmental Education," said Shawna Crocker, Project Learning Tree coordinator for the CSFS.

The institute is one of only 10 awardees statewide. All recipients will be showcased at CAEE's 16th Annual Awards Celebration at 6 p.m. March 21 at the University of Denver. For more information, contact CAEE at 303-273-9527 or visit www.caee.org.

For additional information about the Fire Ecology Institute for Educators, visit <http://coloradoplt.org/> and click on "Our Programs."

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