COLORADO STATE FOREST SERVICE

Next Steps for Master Volunteer Forest Steward

Outreach Division
Conservation Education
Public & Media Relations
Policy & Legislative Affairs
Volunteer Program
Extension Forestry
Challenges

- A large state with set budgets and resources
- Many different stakeholders
- Increased threats to forest health
- Wildfire threats to private property and lives increase
The Role for CMVFS

- Engage skilled volunteers with a unified message
- Promote stewardship locally
- Network and reach out with CSFS resources and info
- Help inform your district
- Collaborate to make a greater impact
What goals do you have going forward to help accomplish the CSFS mission? How do you plan to use what you have learned?

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

Bounce your ideas off neighbors to further brainstorm…
Planning...

• What concerns do you have?
Planning...

- How can we help you plan?
• Tree planting project in your community, with 20 people from a variety of ages, experiences and abilities.
• The argumentative citizen at your informational booth
• Others?
• Well-trained ambassador for CSFS and stewardship

• Represent CSFS, our Master Volunteer Forest Stewards, and your community well

• Good attitudes, mutual respect and tolerance

• Encourage questions and lifelong learning
By entering into this commitment (signing below) with the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), the above named individual agrees to the following:

As a Colorado State Forest Service Volunteer:

1. I am physically able to perform the duties/responsibilities outlined above.
2. My volunteer activities are conducted at the sole direction of and under the supervision of the CSFS supervisor.
3. If I become ill or injured, I will immediately inform my CSFS supervisor. I will follow the instructions of my CSFS supervisor(s), keeping safety in mind at all times.
4. I represent the Colorado State Forest Service, a department within Colorado State University and will conduct myself in a manner that respects these institutions and their policies and the clients they serve at any and all authorized CSFS events/projects or activities.

5. I will not represent myself as a CSFS Volunteer in any unauthorized activities nor in conjunction with personal/private business transactions.

6. I may not derive business, (personal-financial gain) from any CSFS Volunteer activities.

7. I will not contact CSFS clients I have interacted with during authorized volunteer activities for personal/private business interests.

8. I will not recommend myself or businesses for which I have personal involvement to clients of the Colorado State Forest Service.

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Other considerations...

• SAFETY

• Liability, protect yourself

• Help your neighbors help themselves

• Beware of politically charged issues

• Some social topics are better left alone
• Tell us how we have done

• What suggestions you have? What we did well? What needs improved?

• How do we attract larger and more diverse audiences?
• What are you interested in learning more about?

• Please keep us informed

• Help be our eyes and ears…so we know what needs are out there!
- We hope to expand this program and hold more trainings

- Share your stories and progress with us

- We can highlight some in *The Twig*

- Share your stories in your community outlets too
Commitments

• We have invested in you😊 and you have already invested your valuable time

• Please help pay it forward. Many hands make light and merry the work!

• Track your hours so we can see the ripple effect!
Commitments

- We will touch base in the fall and check-in on you
- Keep in touch
- We can help you with ideas, resources and contacts
- 36 hours is a good goal for year 1
- If & when you complete 36 hours we will order you a CSFS, Master Volunteer name tag
THANK YOU!

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