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### **Low-Cost Seedlings Available Until April 4**

**WOODLAND PARK, Colo. – Jan. 8, 2016** – The deadline to order low-cost seedling trees and shrubs from the Colorado State Forest Service Woodland Park District, which serves Teller, El Paso and Park counties, is April 4.

The CSFS Trees for Conservation program allows landowners to obtain seedlings for conservation and land rehabilitation purposes for a nominal fee. The program seeks to inspire landowners to improve the ecological health and overall aesthetics of their property by planting seedlings. The seedlings can be used for purposes that may include reforestation, establishing windbreaks or snow fences, erosion control and enhancing wildlife habitat, among many other possibilities.

“The CSFS hopes to help landowners make a personal commitment to their properties by planting seedling trees. Planting seedlings is an excellent way to improve species diversity and become a better steward of the land,” said Mike Till, forester with the CSFS Woodland Park District.

Till says the species offered by the district have been selected specifically for the soil types and climatic factors present in the Pikes Peak region. Due to the varying micro-climates, topography and elevational differences throughout the district, proper species selection is important to improve establishment success.

Examples of tree and shrub species well-suited for El Paso, Teller and Park counties are native plum, lilac, aspen, lodgepole pine, piñon pine and ponderosa pine. The Woodland Park District also sells an assortment of seedling survival accessories, to help aid in tree and shrub establishment.

Seedling orders made by April 4 will be available for pickup at the Woodland Park District office on April 29-30. For more information or to obtain an order form, go to [csfs.colostate.edu](http://csfs.colostate.edu), click on “Districts & Field Offices” and select the Woodland Park District, or call (719) 687-2921.

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