



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



Volunteer!



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



Warm-up questions?



- 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?

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- Tree planting project in your community, with 20 people from a variety of ages, experiences and abilities.



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- The argumentative citizen at your informational booth



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- Others?

Professionalism



- 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



Professionalism



- ***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.



Professionalism



- 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.
- (OVER)



Other considerations...



- SAFETY
- Liability, protect yourself
- Help your neighbors help themselves
- Beware of politically charged issues
- Some social topics are better left alone

EVALUATIONS



- 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?



Continuing Education



- 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!



CMVFS Networking



- 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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