

FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2014



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

Organization:

Structure: The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is a center of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

Facilities: Services are provided through the State Office in Fort Collins and 19 offices throughout Colorado.

Leadership: Mike Lester, State Forester and Director

Employees (full-time, part-time and seasonal): 172

Volunteers: 204 individuals; 2,460 hours; \$54,000 of volunteer value

Financials:

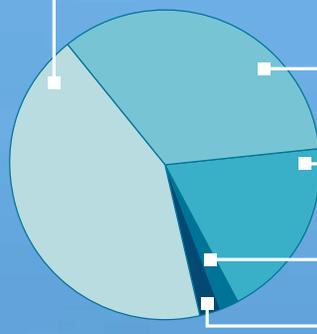
FUNDING

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| Federal & state grants | \$6.0 million | 43% |
| State general fund & service-based revenues | \$4.3 million | 31% |
| Self-funded operations & other revenues | \$2.7 million | 19% |
| Severance tax | \$1.0 million | 7% |



EXPENDITURES

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| Personnel services | \$6.1 million | 43% |
| Operating expenses | \$4.7 million | 34% |
| Grants to others | \$2.7 million | 19% |
| Payments to other agencies | \$.3 million | 2% |
| Capital improvements/equipment | \$.2 million | 2% |



Total \$14.0 million

Focus:

Forest health, sustainability and stewardship through programs and services, such as:

- Technical assistance for landowners
- Forestry and fire mitigation outreach and information
- Urban and community forestry
- Forest health assessment, inventory and analysis
- Insect and disease surveying and monitoring
- Forest product marketing and utilization
- Forest management on state lands
- Watershed protection
- Wildfire mitigation and fuels treatment planning and implementation
- Seedling trees and shrubs grown for reforestation and conservation
- Other programs, such as:
 - Forest Agriculture Classification
 - Forest Legacy
 - Forest Stewardship

Accomplishments:

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| <p>Private, state and local government acres treated: 22,365, to reduce wildfire hazards, produce wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</p> | <p>Forested properties managed: 650+, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</p> | <p>Firewise Communities/USA® in Colorado: 115 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from CSFS. Colorado is the third state to have 100+ communities receiving this designation.</p> <p>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 220, to protect lives and property in Colorado</p> |
| <p>New or updated forest stewardship plans: 62, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives including reviews of consultant-prepared forest agriculture plans. Acres covered: 3,852</p> | <p>Educational programs: 350+, reaching more than 12,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, forest marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</p> | |
| <p>Seedling trees: 650,000, grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</p> | <p>Landowners served by CSFS: 2,071, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</p> | <p>Informational publications distributed: 59,291</p> |

Partners and Cooperators:

- Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Other State Agencies
 - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
 - Colorado State Land Board
- Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
- Colorado State University
- Colorado Timber Industry Association
- Colorado Tree Farmers
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Consulting Foresters
- Educators
- Forestry and Natural Resource Organizations
- Governments: County and Local
- Homeowners Associations
- Legislators: Federal and State
- Non-governmental Conservation Organizations
- Office of the Governor
- Private Landowners
- USDA Forest Service and Other Federal Agencies
- Water Providers
- ... and many others

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