

FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2015

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

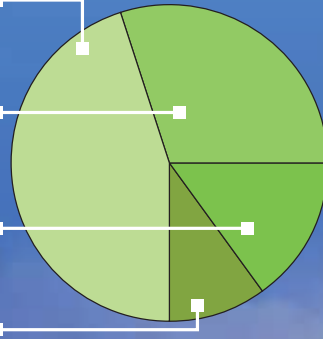
Employees: 175 (93 full-time; 9 part-time; 73 seasonals)

Volunteers: 163 individuals for 1,708 hours, plus 75 youth volunteers for 727 youth hours

Fiscal Year (FY) 2015 Financials:

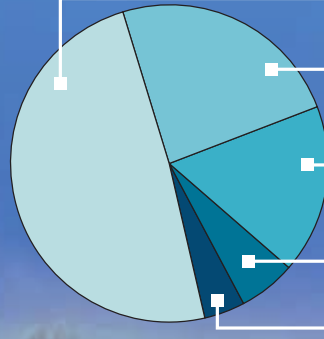
FUNDING

Federal & state grants*	\$5.7 million	44%
State general fund & service-based revenues	\$3.8 million	30%
Self-funded operations & other revenues	\$2.0 million	16%
Severance tax	\$1.3 million	10%



EXPENDITURES

Personnel services	\$6.4 million	50%
Operating expenses	\$3.0 million	24%
Grants to others	\$2.1 million	16%
Payments to other agencies*	\$0.8 million	6%
Capital improvements/equipment	\$0.5 million	4%



Total \$12.8 million

*This does not include a \$5.0 million Forest Legacy Grant to purchase a land conservation easement.

Focus:

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

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

2015 Accomplishments:

<p>Private, state and local government acres treated: 17,821, to reduce wildfire hazards, produce wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</p>	<p>Forested properties managed: 678, 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: 128 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from the CSFS. Colorado is the third state to have 100+ communities receiving this designation.</p> <p>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 228, to protect lives and property in Colorado</p>
<p>New, updated or reviewed forest stewardship plans: 75, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives. Acres covered: 13,868</p>	<p>Educational programs: 379+, reaching more than 21,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, forest marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</p>	<p>Tree City USA® communities in Colorado: 95, and 5 Tree Campus USA® recognitions</p>
<p>Seedling trees: 520,087 (FY 15), grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</p>	<p>Landowners served by CSFS: 1,950, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</p>	<p>Informational publications distributed: 37,327</p>

Partners and Cooperators:

- Bureau of Land Management
- 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 Coalition
- Colorado Tree Farmers
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Consulting Foresters
- Educators
- Forestry and Natural Resource Organizations
- Governments: State, County and Local
- Homeowners Associations
- Legislators: Federal and State
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Non-governmental Conservation Organizations
- Private Landowners
- USDA Forest Service and Other Federal Agencies
- Water Providers
- ... and many others



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