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

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**Focus:**

- 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

**Financials:**

Total $14.0 million

FUNDING

- 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

- Personnel services $6.1 million (43%)
- Operating expenses $4.7 million (34%)
- Grants to others $2.7 million (19%)
- Payments to other agencies $3.3 million (2%)
- Capital improvements/equipment $2.2 million (2%)
## Accomplishments:

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<th>Private, state and local government acres treated: 22,365, to reduce wildfire hazards, produce wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</th>
<th>Forsted properties managed: 650+, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</th>
<th>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.</th>
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<td>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</td>
<td>Educational programs: 350+, reaching more than 12,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, forest marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</td>
<td>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 220, to protect lives and property in Colorado</td>
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<td>Seedling trees: 650,000, grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</td>
<td>Landowners served by CSFS: 2,071, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</td>
<td>Informational publications distributed: 239,755</td>
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## 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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