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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Tree Inventory Programs Compared-The University of Florida Extension Service recently published an extensive report summarizing price, customization, GIS capabilities, available features, etc. of 15 tree inventory software programs. To review the report Click Here <http://edis.ifas.ufl.edu/fr288>.

Urban Tree Phenology (UTP)-UTP is a special project of Project BudBurst, designed to engage the professional urban foresters and the public in observations of the phenological events of trees in our nations' urban areas in order to raise awareness of climate change and urban heat island research. Participation in UTP is designed to be simple and straightforward. All the information you need to participate can be found Here http://www.budburst.ucar.edu/sp_urbantree.php.

International Green Construction Code is Proposed-As reported in the April 2010 issue of the International Society of Arboriculture's "ISA Today"...The International Code Council has proposed an International Green Construction Code. The public comment period ends May 14, 2010. [Click here \(http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IGCC/Pages/default.aspx\)](http://www.iccsafe.org/cs/IGCC/Pages/default.aspx) for more information. One of the issues many in the green community identified related to the LEED building rating process is that it only addresses the actual building, not the site. Both the IGCC and the SSI (Sustainable Sites initiative) seek to address not just the building itself, but the site/context and associated environmental issues, including trees.

Insect and Disease Update:

Missouri Enacts Quarantine Regarding Thousand Cankers Disease-Effective April 12, 2010 the Missouri Department of Agriculture has enacted a state exterior quarantine regarding Thousand Cankers Disease of Walnut. Click here for more information: <http://www.sos.mo.gov/adrules/Emergencies%20for%20Internet/2c70-11.060IE.pdf>

2009 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests-Mountain pine beetles have received widespread attention lately, but urban trees and nearly half a million acres of spruce and fir in Colorado also face significant insect and disease threats. The [2009 Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests](#) highlighted these and other concerns in a comprehensive overview of insect and disease problems currently jeopardizing the state's forests. The Colorado State Forest Service released the report March 3 at the annual Joint Ag and Natural Resources Committee Hearing in Denver.

From the Mile High Million Tree Planting Initiative:

Mile High Million and Veterans Green Jobs Partner in Tree Planting Program-In an effort to reduce residential energy costs and provide job training for military veterans, The Mile High Million has teamed up with Veterans Green Jobs to plant trees in neighborhoods across Denver. Funded as part a grant from the U.S. Department of Energy to improve

community energy efficiency through the City's Greenprint Denver programs, the Trees for Energy Savings program will strategically plant 4,600 trees to shade homes and other structures to reduce energy usage and lower energy bills for residents. The program also strives to spur economic growth by creating jobs and providing job skills to military veterans. The two to three year program is scheduled to kick off this spring and will target 35 neighborhoods. Selected neighborhoods include those that fall below the City's 18% canopy coverage goal and neighborhoods not already serviced by The Park People's Denver Digs Trees program, which provides free trees to residents. Trees will be strategically planted in front yards on the west side of homes. This placement provides the optimal amount of shade for cooling homes in the summer while still allowing for homes to be heated in the winter with southern exposure. For more details about this program, please contact The Mile High Million at 720.913.0631 or 720.913.0620, or by email at million.trees@denvergov.org.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

CTC Changes Mailing Address-Please make note, effective December 2009 the Colorado Tree Coalition has changed its Post Office Box mailing address. Please update your records to reflect this change:

Colorado Tree Coalition
P.O. Box 808
Broomfield, CO 80038-0808

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on May 20th. Presentations are scheduled on Denver's use of "Silva Cells" in some of their new street tree projects and new defective tree analysis forms available for use. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

NADF Poster Contest-Each year the National Arbor Day Foundation (NADF) sponsors a poster coloring contest for fifth graders across the United States. This year's poster theme was "Trees are Terrific...and Energy Wise!" Colorado fifth graders have been actively participating in this great program through the leadership of Donna Davis who chairs the poster contest committee for the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC). Nearly 2000 posters were submitted from around the state, representing 45 schools throughout Colorado. Kimberly Gina Young of Dora Moore Elementary in Denver produced the winning design, moving her on to the state competition. Kimberly was announced as the state winner on April 19, 2010 at the Colorado State Capitol and was recognized on the House Floor. Because of her state win, Kimberly's poster moved on to compete in the Arbor Day National poster contest. Congratulations to Kimberly and all of our student participants! For more information Click Here <http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/main-read-more.html#nadf>.

CTC Scholarship Program-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at keith.wood@colostate.edu. At a minimum the request should contain the name and

- location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
 4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site (www.coloradotrees.org) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available.

Tour De Poudre-On June 13th the International Society of Arboriculture-Rocky Mountain Chapter (ISA/RMC) and the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) will be teaming up to co-host the 11th annual Tour de Poudre (formerly known as the Champion Tree Classic), a bike ride to raise money for tree planting and tree research. This year's ride will once again take place in northern Colorado with a short and long route being mapped out between Fort Collins to Greeley along the Poudre River Trail. The New Belgium Brewing Company in Fort Collins will help sponsor the ride again this year with the circuit routes starting and ending at that location. For more information and to register go to www.coloradotrees.org.

Think Wet Spring!!