

News You Can Use!

From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

May-June 2014

Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference-The Eastern Colorado Community Forestry Conference is being planned for June 4th in Sterling. Information on tree inventory, thousand cankers disease and emerald ash borer will highlight the conference. Keep an eye on the Colorado Tree Coalition website for more information.

Pest Groups Meeting Dates-Both the Northern Colorado and Denver Metro Pest Groups have set meeting dates for 2014. Dates for the Northern Colorado group are May 14, June 18, July 16, August 20, and September 17 at the Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins at Noon. The Denver Metro group meets one week after each of these so mark your calendars for May 21, June 25, July 23, August 27 and September 24 at a location TBD in Denver for 9am start times. Be sure to bring your samples and tell the group what insect, disease and environmental issues you are seeing this growing season.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on May 15 at Aims Community College in Greeley. A program is planned on the University of Northern Colorado's Tree Campus USA program, and extended discussion on community preparedness and planning around emerald ash borer will take place. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

CTC Poster Contest-This year's poster theme was "Celebrate Trees in Our Community". Colorado fifth graders from around the state participated, with schools submitting winning posters for the statewide judging event. The Colorado Tree Coalition selected Jissel Silva's poster as the winner of the 2014 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest! Jissel is from Parkview Elementary in Lamar. The posters of all 48 school winners were displayed on the first floor of the Colorado State Capitol from April 24th through April 30th and Jissel was recognized at an event at the Capitol on April 28th.

Tour De Poudre-On June 29th the International Society of Arboriculture-Rocky Mountain Chapter (ISA/RMC) and the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) will be teaming up to co-host the 15th annual Champion Tree Classic Tour de Poudre, 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. Swingle Tree and Fort Collins Brewery will help sponsor the ride this year with the circuit routes starting and ending at that location. For more information and to register go to www.coloradotrees.org.

CTC Tree Finder App-The CTC Tree Finder app is here!! Many notable and champion tree locations in Colorado are now accessible on your smart phone. You can download the app for free by going to the google playstore for android, or the apple app store for i-phone. Just type in "CTC tree finder" or "CTC treefinder" (with no spaces) and download it for free. It should work on the i-pad as well.

NOTES:

- For both apps you should be able to pinch and drag with your fingers to zoom in and out of the map.
- Push on each tree icon to get details of the notable and champion trees
- You can select “satellite” if you prefer to view the map in the “real world”
- You can select how many miles you would like to see trees based on your location under “settings” when you open the map
- All rules and regulations can be found under the “terms of use” at the bottom of the homepage

Please remember this is the trial run of the app and there will surely be bugs/glitches that need to be worked out over time. We are already working on version 2.0 where we will add a “search” feature for specific species of trees, and add a picture to each point/tree. Please do not hesitate to express your opinions and thoughts on how we can improve this app for the future. We hope this turns out to be a fun and informative tool for many years to come.