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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference Set For October 7-The 21st Annual Western Colorado Community Forestry Conference will be hosted by the Town of Buena Vista. The agenda and registration form can be found on www.coloradotrees.org For more information contact Vince Urbina at vurbina@lamar.colostate.edu.

Apply Now to Host a Tree Campus USA Tree-Planting Event-The Tree Campus USA program is offering 10 colleges and universities a chance to host a Tree Campus USA tree-planting event for its students. Selected schools will receive up to 100 trees for the campus grounds or community, a service learning project for all campus students, and a publicity event that will bring positive attention to the campus. [Start your application](#) today for a chance to receive one of these exciting events!

Leafsnap: An Electronic Field Guide-Leafsnap is the first in a series of electronic field guides being developed by researchers from Columbia University, the University of Maryland, and the Smithsonian Institution. This free mobile app uses visual recognition software to help identify tree species from photographs of their leaves. Leafsnap contains beautiful high-resolution images of leaves, flowers, fruit, petiole, seeds, and bark. Leafsnap currently includes the trees of New York City and Washington, D.C., and will soon grow to include the trees of the entire continental United States. To check it out and download the app click here <http://leafsnap.com/>.

Save the Date! Partners in Community Forestry Conference November 15-17-The 2011 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held Nov. 15-17 at Disney's Coronado Springs Resort in Lake Buena Vista, Fla. Now in its fifth year, the Partners Conference brings together many diverse groups who are charged with taking care of our city forests, including utility foresters and vegetation program managers, state and local forestry professionals and tree advocates throughout North America. This year's program will feature themed educational tracks designed to encourage exchanges between organizations and provide attendees the opportunity to learn firsthand alongside new and non-traditional urban forestry partners. Registration and program details can be found at <http://www.arboday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcf/2011/?breadcrumb=homepagbottom>.

Where Did the Center for Urban Forest Research Go?-Gone is the name Center for Urban Forest Research—but we are still very much here, simply renamed as part of the Pacific Southwest Research Station's reorganization. We have combined with a group of social scientists and together make up the new Urban Ecosystems and Social Dynamics Program (UESD) at the Station. This is one of four new program areas, all focused on producing science that makes a difference. The former Center's researchers, whose work you are familiar with, have joined with Dr. Susan Frankel (biologist), Dr. Armando Gonzalez-Caban (research economist), and Jose Sanchez (economist) to constitute the Urban Ecosystems and Processes Team (UEP) in this new program area. Our new Urban Ecosystems and Social Dynamics Program is located at

<http://www.fs.fed.us/psw/programs/uesd/>. On that page you will see a box on the right that gives you the choice of looking at our entire staff (People) and the two teams that make up the program area. Click on Urban Ecosystems and Processes and you will find our old home page with the new team name.

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter

2011 ISA-RMC Annual Conference “Tapping the Roots of Knowledge”-Mark your calendars and get registered for this event on September 29-30 at the Marriott Denver South. Also plan to attend the Tree Climbing Competition on October 1 in Littleton. Register online for a special low-rate! Click here for more information: <http://www.isarmc.org/pro/downloads/ISA%202011%20Invitation.pdf>.

Gold Leaf Award-The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) would like to acknowledge outstanding Arbor Day Activities or Community Landscape Beautification projects that occurred in 2011. The deadline for submission of applications to the Rocky Mountain Chapter is September 2nd. Winners will be announced at the ISA-RMC Annual Conference on Friday, September 30, 2011. You can download the Gold Leaf Award Application from their website, www.isarmc.org or call the Rocky Mountain Chapter office at 303-756-1815.

Insect and Disease Update

Pest Tracker-The Cooperative Agricultural Pest Survey (CAPS) program is sponsored by the Plant Protection and Quarantine division of USDA Animal and Plant Inspection Services. Surveys to detect and prevent the spread of pests, and current locations of these pests, can be found on the maps located at the Pest Tracker site at <http://pest.ceris.purdue.edu/>.

Pest Groups Up and Running-Both the Northern Colorado and Denver Metro Pest Groups met in June and are planning meetings July-September as well. Dates for the Northern Colorado group include July 20, August 24, and September 21 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 July 27, August 31 and September 28 at Harvard Gulch Recreation Center in Denver (550 E. Illiff Ave.) 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.

The Bug That’s Eating America-Time Magazine’s July 4 issue contains a story on emerald ash borer. For a preview of the story click here [http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2079574,00.html?xid=rss-mostpopularemail&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+time/mostemailed+\(TIME:+Most+Emailed+Story+of+the+Day\)](http://www.time.com/time/magazine/article/0,9171,2079574,00.html?xid=rss-mostpopularemail&utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=feed&utm_campaign=Feed:+time/mostemailed+(TIME:+Most+Emailed+Story+of+the+Day)).

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on July 13 in Cheyenne. The plan is to visit the High Plains Arboretum <http://www.botanic.org/Arboretum.asp> and check out some tough survivor trees. Additionally, on July 12, a day-long workshop on tree selections for the high plains is being planned for those that would like to attend but is limited to the first 50 registrants.

For more information and to RSVP for the July 13 tour contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

CTC Board to Meet on August 12-The Colorado Tree Coalition Board of Director's invites you to their Board of Director's meeting on August 12th at a location yet to be determined. For more details contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu or Scott Grimes at scottg@sspr.org.

The Colorado Tree Coalition on Facebook-Come join us on the world's largest social networking site to stay connected with the Colorado Tree Coalition. The page features CTC updates on upcoming events and program information as well as both general and specific discussion topics, a forum for tree board members to exchange ideas, and a volunteer recruitment and placement thread. It is a great way to stay connected to your colleagues and network with them on a daily basis. Share program ideas, pictures, or reconnect with fellow CTC members. Stop by today to check us out and to help spread the word to others whom may share CTC's mission to preserve, renew and enhance community forests in Colorado. To follow the CTC page, simply click the Facebook link below, log in to your account at the top of the page, and click the "Like" button. It's that simple! Our updates will automatically start appearing on your Facebook wall. Don't yet have a Facebook account? Click the Facebook link below, followed by the green "Sign Up" button on the top left corner of the page. Fill out the quick and easy submission form and you're on your way to connecting with friends, family, neighbors and colleagues.

