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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

CSU Names Mike Lester New State Forester-Colorado State University named Mike Lester the new state forester and director of the Colorado State Forest Service. As state forester, Lester will lead the CSFS to provide for the protection of Colorado's forest resources; ensure forestry education, outreach and technical assistance to private landowners; and carry out the duties of the Division of Forestry within the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. For more information on Mike follow this link <http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=8395>.

First Aid Tips for Snow Damaged Trees-Community Forestry Program Manager Keith Wood of the Colorado State Forest Service said that although the first impulse may be to start sawing when a tree is damaged, homeowners should assess the situation first to avoid hurting themselves or further damaging the tree. Wood and the CSFS offer the following tips for dealing with snow-damaged trees <http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=8478>.

2014 NUCFAC Grant Program-The National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council (NUCFAC) is pleased to announce the posting of the 2014 National Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Grant Program Request for Proposals (RFP). This year the grant proposals will be due **July 15, 2013**. This year NUCFAC has identified three national grant categories:

1. Making Urban Trees and Forests More Resilient to the Impacts of Natural Disasters and the Long-term Impacts of Climate Change
2. Green Infrastructure Jobs Analysis
3. Utilizing Green Infrastructure to Manage and Mitigate Stormwater to Improve Water Quality

An applicant may apply to more than one category; however they are to use a separate application for each category. The purpose of these grants is to address national issues. This RFP is not for local or State-wide projects. The 2014 Urban and Community Forestry Challenge Cost Share Grant information is posted on the National Urban and Community Forestry Advisory Council's Website: www.fs.fed.us/ucf/nucfac

Insect and Disease Update

Save the Date, Plant Health Care Workshop-ISA's Rocky Mountain Chapter is sponsoring this year's Plant Health Care Workshop. Save the date for June 13th at the Drake Centre, 802 W. Drake Rd. in Fort Collins. The workshop theme is "Preparing for the Emerald Ash Borer Invasion", and will include presentations from those dealing with the EAB epidemic and those preparing for it. Watch for the full agenda and registration materials to be out soon.

Pest Groups Meeting Dates-Both the Northern Colorado and Denver Metro Pest Groups have set meeting dates for 2013. Dates for the Northern Colorado group are May 15, June 13 (Plant Health Care Workshop), July 17, August 14, and September 18 at the Gardens on Spring Creek in Fort Collins at Noon. The Denver Metro group meets one week after each of these (except in June and August) so mark your calendars for May 22, June 26, July 24, August 28 and September 25 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.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on May 16 in Longmont. A program is planned on preparedness and response planning for invasive species and tree risk assessment in Longmont. 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 Max Warnock's poster as the winner of the 2013 Colorado Arbor Day Poster Contest! Max is home-schooled in Fort Collins. The posters of all 54 school winners were displayed on the first floor of the Colorado State Capitol from April 18th through April 24th and Max was recognized at an event at the Capitol on April 22nd.

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 submit the form on the CTC website <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#awards>. 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.
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 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 30th the International Society of Arboriculture-Rocky Mountain Chapter (ISA/RMC) and the Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) will be teaming up to co-host the 14th 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. 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!!