

# 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

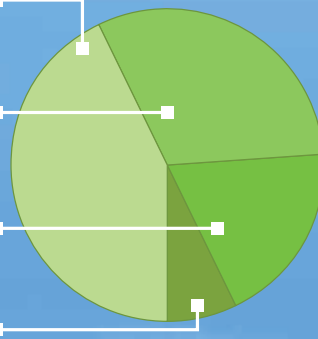
**Employees (full-time, part-time and seasonal):** 172

**Volunteers:** 204 individuals; 2,460 hours; \$54,000 of volunteer value

## Financials:

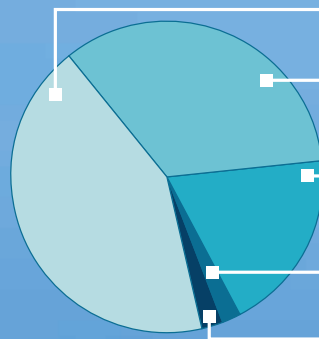
### FUNDING

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

43%	Personnel services \$6.1 million
34%	Operating expenses \$4.7 million
19%	Grants to others \$2.7 million
2%	Payments to other agencies \$.3 million
2%	Capital improvements/ equipment \$.2 million



**Total \$14.0 million**

## Focus:

Forest health, sustainability and stewardship through programs and services, such as:

- 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

## Accomplishments:

<p><b>Private, state and local government acres treated: 22,365</b>, to reduce wildfire hazards, produce wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</p>	<p><b>Forested properties managed: 650+</b>, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</p>	<p><b>Firewise Communities/USA® in Colorado: 115 communities</b>, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from CSFS. Colorado is the third state to have 100+ communities receiving this designation.</p> <p><b>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 220</b>, to protect lives and property in Colorado</p>
<p><b>New or updated forest stewardship plans: 62</b>, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives including reviews of consultant-prepared forest agriculture plans. Acres covered: 3,852</p>	<p><b>Educational programs: 350+</b>, reaching more than 12,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, forest marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</p>	
<p><b>Seedling trees: 650,000</b>, grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</p>	<p><b>Landowners served by CSFS: 2,071</b>, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</p>	<p><b>Informational publications distributed: 239,755</b></p>

## 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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