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Message from the manager



As autumn sets in across Colorado, many of us take time to look back on the year's work and prepare for the months ahead. Autumn is always a meaningful season in forestry – a chance to wrap up projects, plan for winter and celebrate the values forests provide.

Fall is also a busy season with a few important Forest Ag deadlines. Keep in mind **annual paperwork and enrollment fee is due October 1**, and the **deadline to request an inspection is November 1**. Staying current with these requirements helps ensure your property remains in good

standing with the program.

We look forward to gathering with many of you at the Tree Farmer of the Year picnic on October 25, a chance to honor outstanding stewardship and connect as a group of forest managers. Additionally, National Forest Products Week is coming up in October, recognizing the essential role that forest products play in our lives.

Thanks for reading and your commitment to forest stewardship.

Things to watch for



We've updated our guidance and policy documents; they're available under the Forms and Policy tab of the [Forest Ag website](#). These are excellent resources to ensure you're complying with Forest Ag requirements. Please share these documents with consulting foresters and/or contractors you work with.

National Forest Products Week – October 20-26, 2025

Each year during the third week of October, the nation celebrates National Forest Products Week. This is a time we recognize the many benefits and products our forests provide. From traditional products like lumber and fence posts to paper, packaging, and medicines and food ingredients, forest products are essential to our everyday lives.

By sustainably producing wood products from your forest, you help keep Colorado's working forests productive and healthy while providing benefits to your wider community.

Upcoming deadlines

October 1, 2025: Deadline to complete annual work and submit paperwork and fee for continued participation. [Access the #840 Inspection Request and Management Summary form.](#)

November 1, 2025: Deadline to request an annual inspection. Contact your [local CSFS field office](#) to schedule an inspection.

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What's bugging your trees?



Stands of lodgepole pine infested with mountain pine beetles appear reddish-brown when viewed from the air. Photo: Dan West, CSFS

Inspect for mountain pine beetle

October is an excellent time to check your pine trees for signs of mountain pine beetle. By now, you should be able to see pitch tubes (globes of sap) or frass (sawdust at base of tree or in the bark) that indicate the presence of mountain pine beetle. If a tree has mountain pine beetle, the best practice is to remove the tree. Mark the trees now for removal next spring.

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Landowner spotlight

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In addition to forest management, Michelle Hurni is a talented communicator about the value of forest stewardship. Photo: Mike Hughes, CSFS

Tree Farmers of the Year

Congratulations to Michelle and George Hurni, the 2025 Colorado Tree Farmers of the Year. In the past five years, the Hurnis have thinned nearly 40 acres, produced 60 cords of firewood and burned more than 40 slash piles. All of this hard work has significantly reduced wildfire hazard and improved wildlife habitat at the same time. And most notably, the Hurnis are excellent ambassadors for forest stewardship, inspiring neighbors and helping their community win a grant to do fire mitigation work.

Contact your local forester

CSFS Forest Ag resources



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