

# FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2016



**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 an agency 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

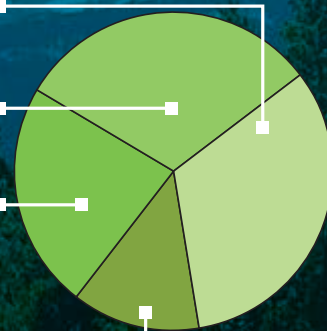
**Employees:** 172 (95 full-time; 9 part-time; 68 seasonals)

**Volunteers:** 320 individuals for 2,600 hours, plus 20 youth volunteers for 500 youth hours

## Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Financials:

### FUNDING

Federal grants*	33%
\$4.3 million	
State general fund, state grants & service-based revenues	31%
\$3.9 million	
Self-funded operations & other revenues	23%
\$3.0 million	
Severance tax	13%
\$1.7 million	



### EXPENDITURES

51%	Personnel services
	\$6.7 million
31%	Operating expenses
	\$4.0 million
13%	Grants to others
	\$1.7 million
3%	Capital improvements/equipment
	\$0.3 million
2%	Payments to other agencies*
	\$0.2 million

**Total \$12.9 million**

\*This does not include a \$3.0 million Forest Legacy Grant to purchase a land conservation easement.

## 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

## 2016 Accomplishments:

Private, state and local government acres treated: 25,897, to reduce wildfire hazards, generate wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat	Forested properties managed: 663, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit	Firewise Communities/USA® in Colorado: 151 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from the CSFS. Colorado ranks second in the nation for total number of communities receiving this designation.
New, updated or reviewed forest stewardship plans: 66, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives. Acres covered: 34,571	Educational programs: 330+, informing more than 15,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, wood marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education	Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 232, to protect lives and property in Colorado
Seedling trees: 446,966 (FY 16), grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes	Landowners served: 1,816, through the provision of technical forestry assistance	Tree City USA® communities in Colorado: 92, and 7 Tree Campus USA® recognitions
		Informational publications distributed: 29,677

## Partners and Cooperators:

- Bureau of Land Management
- 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 Coalition
- Colorado Tree Farmers
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Consulting Foresters
- Educators
- Forestry and Natural Resource Organizations
- Governments: State, County and Local
- Homeowners Associations
- Legislators: Federal and State
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Non-governmental Conservation Organizations
- Private Landowners
- USDA Forest Service and Other Federal Agencies
- Water Providers
- ... and many others



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