



COLORADO WILDFIRE MITIGATION PROGRAM DIRECTORY

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This directory lists community wildfire mitigation programs and services offered through agencies and organizations involved in public service through land stewardship in Colorado. The purpose of this information is to facilitate linkages, liaisons, partnerships, and closer working relationships to promote community adoption of programs.

EDUCATION PROGRAMS

REFERRING ORGANIZATIONS*	PROGRAM INFORMATION
CSFS	PROJECT LEARNING TREE
	Function: Approaches environmental education from a holistic perspective that stresses the interconnectedness of all living and nonliving things
	Contact: Shawna Crocker, CSFS Project Learning Tree Program Coordinator
	Phone: 303-275-5358
	Email: scrocker@colostate.edu
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
	BURNING ISSUES - COLORADO
	Function: Outreach tool geared toward high school educators in science programs. Provides teaching material for classroom.
	Contact: Judy Serby, CSFS Conservation Education
	Phone: 970-491-7559
	Email: jserby@lamar.colostate.edu
	FIRE ECOLOGY (I.E. - 'AG IN THE CLASSROOM')
	Function: Outreach tool geared toward elementary school educators. Provides teaching material for classroom, February 2002.
	Contact: Judy Serby, CSFS Conservation Education
	Phone: 970-491-7559
	Email: jserby@lamar.colostate.edu
*Referring Organizations:	Those organizations and agencies which refer landowners to the associated programs in the right hand column. The operational agency may differ from the agency listed as the referral agency for information.

	WOODY DEB REE
	Function: Outreach tool geared toward elementary school educators. Provides teaching material for classroom, February 2002.
	Contact: Judy Serby, CSFS Conservation Education
	Phone: 970-491-7559
	Email: jserby@lamar.colostate.edu
CSFS	FIREWISE
CSU COOP EXTENSION	Function: National program led by CSFS in Colorado. Trains communities in wildfire mitigation. Known of by other agencies
BLM	
USFS	Contact: Judy Serby, CSFS Conservation Education
	Phone: 970-491-7559
	Email: jserby@lamar.colostate.edu
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
CSU COOP EXTENSION	WESTERN CENTER FOR INTEGRATED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
	Function: Improve the sustainability and profitability of forage-based agricultural and natural resource systems through integrated and innovative multidisciplinary research and education programs.
	Contact: Roy Roath, Larry Rittenhouse, Professors of Rangeland Ecosystem Science
	Phone: 970-491-6543, 970-491-7433
	Email: royr@cnr.colostate.edu, larryr@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: http://www.wcirm.colostate.edu
CSU DEPT OF FOREST SCI	WESTERN FOREST FIRE RESEARCH CENTER (WESTFIRE)
	Function: Provide information and research to land managers, interested public, and those in the scientific community.
	Contact: Dr. Philip N. Omi, WESTFIRE Program Director
	Phone: 970-491-5819
	Email: phil@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: www.cnr.colostate.edu/FS/westfire/progpage.html
	CONCENTRATION IN FIRE SCIENCE
	Function: Provide a concentration in fire science to forestry majors within the Department of Forest Sciences.
	Contact: Dr. Philip N. Omi, Professor
	Phone: 970-491-5819
	Email: phil@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: www.cnr.colostate.edu/FS/
USFS	PUBLIC INFORMATION CAMPAIGN - FOUR CORNERS AREA
	Function: Provide some form of public information around forest

	restoration, fire risk and reduction, and the role of communities
	in maintaining healthy forests.
	Contact: Carla Harper, Four Corners Area Public Information Campaign
	Phone: 970-565-6061
	Email: cgh@fone.net
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	BEST PRACTICES WORKSHOPS
	Function: Provides training and technical assistance to professional
	and non-professional practitioners of community-based conservation
	and compatible development.
	Contact: The Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm

FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAMS

CSFS	FOREST STEWARDSHIP PROGRAM
USFS	Function: Designed to assist landowners/managers in the
NRCS	proper management of their forested land with
DIV OF WILDLIFE	multiple natural resource objectives
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
CSFS	STEWARDSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM
USFS	Function: A companion to the FOREST STEWARDSHIP
	PROGRAM which establishes better management
	practices on privately owned land.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
	FOREST AG PROGRAM
	Function: Allows certain forest lands similar tax valuation
	as traditional agricultural lands. Criteria require that
	program participants manage their forest lands to
	produce wood products to sell.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
	FOREST LEGACY PROGRAM
	(LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS)
	Function: Designed to protect environmentally important forest
	areas threatened by conversion to nonforest use.

	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
CTFA	COLORADO TREE FARMERS ASSOCIATION
	Function: Improves wildlife habitat, protects forests from insects, disease, and soil loss, reduces the threat of wildfire damage, and insures that forests remain a sustainable resource for future generations.
	Contact: Ray Mehaffey, Chair, or State Office, CSFS
	Phone: 970-226-3064 or 970-491-6303
	Email: grngln@aol.com
	Website : www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
CSFS	ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY INCENTIVES PROGRAM
NRCS	(LANDOWNER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS)
	Function: Provides technical, educational, and financial assistance to landowners to address natural resource concerns in an environmentally beneficial and cost-effective manner.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.nrcs.usda.gov or www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	COMPATIBLE VENTURES GROUP
	Function: works with local partners through these primary program areas: Community-Based Conservation and Business & Product Development.
	Contact: The Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm

PRESCRIBED FIRE PROGRAMS

CSFS	PRESCRIBED BURNING PROGRAM
	Function: Designed to assist landowners/managers with prescribed burn plans, approval, and implementation.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website : www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
USFS	JOINT FIRE SCIENCE PROGRAM
BLM	Function: To provide applicable information on fuels, fuel treatment, and fire mitigation.
BIA	
NPS	Contact: Lee Barkow, Director, BLM National Science and Technology Center, Denver

FWS	Phone: 303-236-6454
USGS	Email: lee_barkow@nifc.blm.gov
	Website: www.nifc.gov/joint_fire_sci
DIV OF WILDLIFE	HABITAT PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM
	Function: designed to help alleviate crop, rangeland forage and fence conflicts between big game animals and livestock on private and public lands. Seeks to develop partnerships between landowners, land managers, sportsmen, the public, and the Division of Wildlife to resolve those conflicts.
	Contact: Steve Porter, Statewide Habitat Partnership Program Coordinator
	Phone: 970-472-4341
	Email: steve.porter@state.co.us
	Website: http://www.wildlife.state.co.us/HPP/hppintro.asp
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	Prescribed burning as a forest restoration tool at the local chapter level.
	Website: http://nature.org/wherewework/northamerica/states/colorado/

FIRE MITIGATION PROGRAMS

BLM	RURAL FIRE ASSISTANCE (RFA) PROGRAM
NPS	Function: Provides equipment and training to rural fire departments
FWS	departments. Funding at a 90/10 match.
BIA	Contact: State Office, CSFS or DOI Agencies
CSFS	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: DOI Website
CSFS	VOLUNTEER FIRE ASSISTANCE (VFA) PROGRAM
	Function: Provides equipment and training to RURAL fire departments
	departments. Funding at a 50/50 match.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
	HAZARD FUELS MITIGATION ON NON-FEDERAL LAND
	Function: Provides technical and funding assistance to reduce wildfire risk in high hazard areas.
	Contact: State Office or District Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
CCI	COUNTY FIRE PLANNING
	Function: Funding to individual counties for fire mitigation

	agendas
	Contact: CCI
	Phone: 303-861-4076
	Website: www.ccionline.org
CSU COOP EXTENSION	MASTER GARDENER PROGRAM – WILDFIRE COMPONENT
	Function: Program offering tips in gardening and landscaping which includes wildfire mitigation and fuels treatment around the home.
	Program uses FireWise training material for local fire departments.
	Contact: Shelley Stanley, Program Coordinator
	Phone: 303-271-6620
	Email: sstanley@co.jefferson.co.us
CSU DEPT FOREST SCI	WESTERN FOREST FIRE RESEARCH CENTER (WESTFIRE)
	Function: Provide research into fuel treatments
	Contact: Dr. Philip N. Omi, WESTFIRE Director
	Phone: 970-491-5819
	Email: phil@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: www.cnr.colostate.edu/FS/westfire/progpage.html
USFS	WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE FUELS PROJECT
	Function: Grants to state to increase purchasing power for wood processing equipment and fuels hazard reduction.
	Contact: Stu Cohen, USFS
	Phone: 970-247-9621
	Website: www.na.fs.fed.us/nfp
	REVOLVING LOAN FUND
	Function: Provide low interest loans to applicants who have a business plan or assistance to those who do not.
	Contact: Stu Cohen, USFS
	Phone: 970-247-9621
USFS	GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY
CSFS	Function: Allows private landowners and communities to extend wildfire mitigation practices onto USFS land for landscape-level treatment with the CSFS acting as the treatment coordinator.
	Contact: Dave Hesse, CSFS
	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	NORTH AMERICAN FIRE LEARNING NETWORK

	Function: Develops innovative approaches to landscape-scale, community-based conservation in fire-adapted ecosystems across North America through completion of tangible fire management planning products for specific priority landscapes. The Network brings together Conservancy field staff, partners, and scientific experts in a series of facilitated, progressive workshops focused on tangible products. Fosters functional partnerships and collaborative problem solving between all land owners and administrators.
	Contact: Ayn Shlisky, National Landscape Ecologist
	Phone: 607-255-6179
	Email: ashlisky@tnc.org
	Website: http://www.tnc-ecomangement.org/

EXISTING WOOD PRODUCT MARKETS

CSFS	CSU/CSFS WOOD MARKETING UTILIZATION GROUP
CSU DEPT FOREST SCI	Function: Provide marketing, product development, mill efficiency, business planning to help any existing or potential forest-based business
	Contact: Dr. Kurt Mackes, Professor
	Phone: 970-491-6333
	Email: kmackes@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: In development
CSU DEPT OF FOREST SCI	INTERIOR WEST CENTER FOR THE INNOVATIVE USE OF SMALL DIAMETER WOOD
CSU DEPT OF CNSTRCN MGT	Function: To help establish a market-based commitment to the ecological health of the region's forests and the economic vitality of impacted communities. Focuses on the need to develop a reliable system of applied research on information and incentives
USFS	For marketable uses of small diameter trees.
CSFS	Targeted Audience: Agencies, contractors, regional researchers, practitioners
	Form of Info: Demonstration projects, research
	Distributed via: small diameter wood lab, brochures
	Contact: Chris Koziol, Director
	Phone: 970-491-5665
	Email: koziol@cahs.colostate.edu
USFS	MARKETING AND UTILIZATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
CSFS	Function: Assistance in marketing, product development, mill efficiency, business planning to help any existing or potential forest-based business
	Contact: Tim Reader, Four Corners Area
	Phone: 970-247-5250
	Email: Treader@lamar.colostate.edu

THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	LANDSCAPE CONSERVATION NETWORKS
	Function: Develops innovative approaches to landscape-scale, ecological management and restoration strategies at hundreds of
	The Nature Conservancy's conservation areas. The
	networks bring together Conservancy field staff, partners,
	and scientific experts in a series of facilitated, progressive
	workshops focused on key threats and strategies
	identified in ecoregional and site plans.
	Contact: Wendy Fulks, Landscape Conservation Program
	Phone: 352-392-7006
	Email: wfulks@botany.ufl.edu
	Website: http://www.tnc-ecomangement.org/

MARKET DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS

CSFS	CSU/CSFS WOOD MARKETING UTILIZATION GROUP
CSU DEPT FOREST SCI	Function: Assist fire-impacted communities to expand and
	develop markets for wood products resulting from
	hazardous fuel removal as well as underutilized small
	diameter material. Demonstration projects showing
	end-use such as timber bridges, round timber
	construction, and biomass-to-energy projects will be
	emphasized.
	Contact: Dr. Kurt Mackes
	Tim Reader, Four Corners Area
	Dan Len, Washington D.C. Office
	Phone: 970-491-6333
	Email: kmackes@cnr.colostate.edu
	Website: In development
CSU DEPT OF FOREST SCI	INTERIOR WEST CENTER FOR THE INNOVATIVE USE OF SMALL DIAMETER WOOD
CSU DEPT OF CNSTRCN MGT	Function: To help establish a market-based commitment to the ecological health of the
USFS	region's forests and the economic vitality of impacted communities. Focuses on the
CSFS	need to develop a reliable system of applied research on information and incentives
	For marketable uses of small diameter trees.
	Targeted Audience: Agencies, contractors, regional researchers, practitioners
	Form of Info: Demonstration projects, research
	Distributed via: small diameter wood lab, brochures
	Contact: Chris Koziol, Director
	Phone: 970-491-5665
	Email: koziol@cahs.colostate.edu
USFS	ECONOMIC ACTION PROGRAM
	Function: Forest Service technical assistance and
	grants to state, federal, county, local, tribal

	governments and not-for-profit organizations, to help
	communities develop opportunities and enterprises
	to diversify uses of forest resources and hazardous
	fuel byproducts, and increase state utilization and
	marketing capabilities.
	Contact: Bob Dettmann, USFS
	Phone: 303-275-5738
	Email: bdettmann@fs.fed.us
	ECONOMIC ACTION PILOT PROJECTS
	Function: Supports grants to state, federal, county,
	local, tribal governments and not-for-profit organizations
	to assist fire-impacted communities to expand and
	develop markets for wood products resulting from
	hazardous fuel removal as well as underutilized small
	diameter material. Demonstration projects showing
	end-use such as timber bridges, round timber
	construction, and biomass-to-energy projects will be
	emphasized.
	Contact: Bob Dettmann, USFS
	Phone: 303-275-5738
	Email: bdettmann@fs.fed.us
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	COMPATIBLE VENTURES GROUP
	Function: helps create or strengthen business ventures
	that produce economic opportunity and are compatible with
	environmental conservation strategies.
	Contact: Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm

WOOD REMOVAL/LOGGING OPERATORS

CSFS	CONTRACTOR LISTS, WOODLOT LISTS, AND
	ADVICE IN HOW TO SELECT A CONTRACTOR
	ARE OFFERED THROUGH EACH DISTRICT.
USFS	HAZARDOUS FUELS COST-SHARE INCENTIVES
CSFS	Function: Supports grants to State Forester to reduce
	and remove hazardous fuels in areas impacted by fire.
	Contact: Bob Dettmann, USFS or State Office or Districts Foresters, CSFS
	Phone: 303-275-5738 or 970-491-6303
	Email: bdettmann@fs.fed.us
	Website: www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS

USFS	FOREST VEGETATION MANAGEMENT TOOLS
	Function: share information on a broad range of familiar and innovative vegetation management tools and projects
	Contact: Dan Len, USFS Washington Office Contact
	Phone: 970-295-5751
	Email: dlen@fs.fed.us
	Website: www.fs.fed.us/vegtools
	SMALL DIAMETER UTILIZATION
	Function: SDU program works with USFS and it's partners to help solve operational problems and assure appropriate information is available and is used for utilization of small diameter trees. We provide: direct field assistance; share current information; connect knowledgeable subject area experts with practitioners; and prepare technical information for use by natural resource professionals.
	Contact: Dan Len, USFS Washington Office Contact
	Phone: 970-295-5751
	Email: dlen@fs.fed.us
	Website: www.fs.fed.us/fmsc/sdu/index.htm

COMMUNITY PLANNING PROGRAMS

CSFS	COACHED PLANNING FOR LANDHELP
CSU COOP EXTENSION	Function: A group of landowners goes through a series of training sessions to develop their own management plan. Includes soil, water, wildfire, forests, wildlife, and other concerns
NRCS	CSFS, NRCS, COOP EXTENSION
	Contact: Jan Hackett, CSFS contact for Coached Planning for LandHelp
	Phone: 970-491-7287
	Email: jhackett@lamar.colostate.edu
CSU COOP EXTENSION	ENGAGING COMMUNITIES IN TRANSITION
	Function: To assist interested communities with activities related to economic diversity, information for land use planning and management, and capacity to create and maintain a sense of community.
	Contact: Dr. Sheila Knop, Coordinator & Community/Rural Development Specialist
	Phone: 970-491-5579
	Email: sknop@coop.ext.colostate.edu
	Website: www.ext.colostate.edu/
USFS	COMMUNITY PLANNING FOR FIRE
	Function: Supports grants awarded directly to communities and a variety of other partners including state, county, an tribal governments, and not-for-profits, to develop and revise community strategic,

	action, and fire risk management plans targeting those
	most impacted by fires. Funds increase community
	resiliency and capacity and encourage strategic growth.
	Local Forest Service offices are helping to identify
	communities.
	Contact: Bob Dettmann, USFS
	Phone: 303-275-5738
	Email: bdettmann@fs.fed.us
NRCS	CONSERVATION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
	Function: Contributes to rehabilitation following a
	wildfire. Offers technical assistance to landowners
	such as revegetation advice, seed mixes, watershed
	rehabilitation, etc.
	Contact: Dennis Alexander, Regional Program Coordinator or District level
	Phone: 303-236-2886 ext. 204 or District
	RESOURCE CONSERVATION & DEVELOPMENT
	PROGRAM (RC&D)
	Function: Promote conservation development and use of
	natural resources, improve the general level of economic
	activities, and enhance the environmental and standard of
	living in communities.
	Contact: Dennis Alexander, Regional Program Coordinator or District level
	Phone: 303-236-2886 ext. 204 or District
THE NATURE CONSERVANCY	COMMUNITY-BASED CONSERVATION
	Function: Builds local capacity to create and carry out
	compatible economic development strategies.
	Contact: Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm
	GENERAL MOTORS FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM
	Function: Conservancy communities receive matching monetary
	awards to advance collaborative community-based initiatives
	for compatible development.
	Contact: Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm
	PATHWAYS
	Function: an approach to strategic planning that helps
	communities create strategies to ensure long-term environmental,
	community and economic well-being.

	Contact: Compatible Ventures Group
	Phone: 703-841-8740
	Website: http://www.cced.org/programs.htm

FOREST RESTORATION DEMONSTRATION AREAS

CSFS	TRUMBULL
	Demonstration area in the Wildland/Urban Interface
	that involves communities in the foothills outside of Golden.
	Location: Golden, CO
	Contact: Chuck Dennis or District Forester, CSFS
	Phone: 303-465-9043
	WINIGER RIDGE
	Demonstration area in the Wildland/Urban Interface
	that involves communities in the foothills outside of Boulder.
	Location: Boulder, CO
	Contact: Craig Jones or District Forester, CSFS
	Phone: 303-442-0428
	Email: bodist@rmi.net
	BLACK FOREST
	Demonstration area in the Wildland/Urban Interface
	that involves communities in the foothills outside of Black Forest
	Location: Colorado Springs, CO
	Contact: Scott Woods or District Forester, CSFS
	Phone: 303-404-9047
	Email: scotwood@lamar.colostate.edu
USFS	COMMUNITY-BASED FOREST RESTORATION
	DEMONSTRATION GRANTS PROGRAM
	Function: Funds projects regional in scope such as
	a restoration forestry workshop and stewardship
	education training sponsored by the Colorado Timber
	Industry in the Four Corners area.
	Contact: Carla Harper, Four Corners Partnership
	Phone: 970-565-6061
	Email: cgh@fone.net

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

CSFS	FORMAL VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
	Function: Trains volunteers to mark
	trees, fell, GPS boundaries, etc. Will
	train communities in fire mitigation
	action.
	Contact: State Office, CSFS

	Phone: 970-491-6303
	Website : www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS
BLM	RED CROSS VOLUNTEER PROGRAM
	Function: To train Red Cross volunteers
	in defensible space tactics and help
	landowners to delineate their own
	landscape with reduced risk of wildfire.
	Contact: Ron Hodgson
	Phone: 303-239-3851
	Email: ronald_hodgson@co.blm.gov

PARTNERSHIP PROGRAMS

CSFS	COMFIRE
CSU COOP EXTENSION	Function: Interagency discussion group that focuses on community, fire,
USFS	forest health resources, and provisions of related information; agency
BLM	representatives are from CSU-CE, Colorado Rural Development Council,
	CSFS, USFS, USNPS, and USBLM
	Contact: Dr. Sheila Knop, Coordinator, Center for Rural Assistance
	Phone: 970-491-3688
	Email: sknop@coop.ext.colostate.edu
	Contact: Dr. Florine Raitano, Executive Director, Colorado Rural Development Council
	Phone: 970-262-2073
	Email: fraitano@ruralcolorado.org
	Website: www.cnr.colostate.edu/comfire/comfire.htm
CSFS	GOVERNORS TASK FORCE: INTERAGENCY WILDLAND/URBAN INTERFACE
CSU COOP EXTENSION	WORKING GROUP
USFS	Function: Assess and make recommendations to the Governor on fire policies and
BLM	their statewide funding priorities for implementation in the wildland/urban interface. Also
COLORADO DIV OF WILDLIFE	To assess and make recommendations to the Governor on processes and systems that
NRCS	Will increase cooperation and coordination in the safe use of all appropriate land
DNR	management practices including prescribed fire as a tool to improve the health of
CSU DEPT OF FOREST SCI	Colorado's forests, rangeland, and prairie ecosystems and to mitigate the fire danger
	In the wildland/urban interface.
	Website : www.colostate.edu/Depts/CSFS