

# FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2017



**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

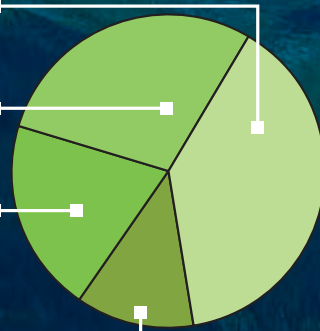
**Employees:** 178 (96 full-time; 8 part-time; 74 seasonals)

**Volunteers:** 346 individuals for 2,460 hours, plus 34 youth volunteers for 545 youth hours

## Fiscal Year (FY) 2017 Financials:

### FUNDING

Federal grants \$6.1 million	39%
State general fund, state grants & service- based revenues \$4.6 million	29%
Self-funded operations & other revenues \$3.0 million	20%
Severance tax \$1.8 million	12%



### EXPENDITURES

47%	Personnel services \$7.3 million
34%	Operating expenses \$5.2 million
12%	Grants to others \$1.8 million
6%	Payments to other agencies \$1.0 million
1%	Capital improvements/ equipment \$0.2 million

**Total \$15.5 million**

## Focus:

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

- Technical assistance for landowners
- Watershed protection
- Forestry and fire mitigation outreach and information
- Wildfire mitigation and fuels treatment planning and implementation
- Urban and community forestry
- Seedling trees and shrubs grown for reforestation and conservation
- Forest health assessment, inventory and analysis
- Other programs, such as:
  - Forest Agriculture Classification
  - Forest Legacy
  - Forest Stewardship
- Insect and disease surveying and monitoring
- Forest product marketing and utilization
- Forest management on state lands



## 2017 Accomplishments:

<p>Private, state and local government acres treated: 20,000+, to reduce wildfire hazards, generate wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</p>	<p>Forested properties managed: 654, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</p>	<p>Firewise USA® communities in Colorado: 169 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from the CSFS. Colorado ranks first in the nation for total number of communities receiving this designation.</p> <p>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 237, to protect lives and property in Colorado</p>
<p>New, updated or reviewed forest stewardship plans: 77, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives. Acres covered: 33,858</p>	<p>Educational programs: 458, informing 5,860 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, wood marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</p>	<p>Tree City USA® communities in Colorado: 93, and 7 Tree Campus USA® recognitions</p>
<p>Seedling trees: 497,737 (FY 17), grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</p>	<p>Landowners served: 2,160, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</p>	<p>Informational publications distributed: 38,372</p>

## 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



Colorado State Forest Service  
 Colorado State University  
 5060 Campus Delivery  
 Fort Collins, CO 80523-5060  
 (970) 491-6303

[csfs.colostate.edu](http://csfs.colostate.edu)

