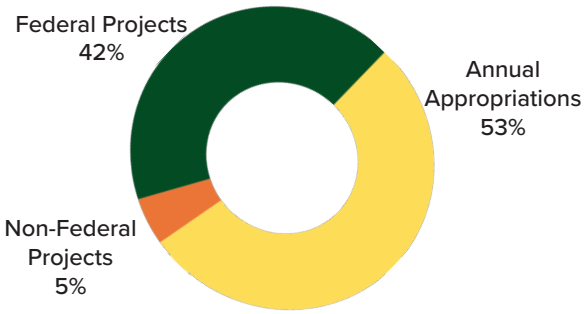
COLORADO FOREST RESTORATION INSTITUTE
COLORADO STATE UNIVERSITY

2023 Facts at a Glance

ANNUAL OPERATING BUDGET

Approximate Distribution of Annual Funding Source



In 2023, CFRI's budget was approximately **$3 million**, leveraging federal appropriations with federal subcontracts, competitive grants, and other resources.

The State of Colorado, through CSU, provides in-kind support for CFRI facilties and administration equivlent to nearly $**1.5 million** in 2023.

CFRI is congressionally authorized (PL 108-317) to receive federal appropriations administered by the USDA Forest Service.

EMPLOYMENT

Full-time staff: **27**

Year-round students: **6**

Seasonal field crew: **18**

152+ Student Jobs Provided
(last 6 years)

OUR EXPERTISE AND IMPACTS APPLIED BEFORE, DURING, AND AFTER FIRE

SPATIAL WILDFIRE DECISION SUPPORT

We develop and apply decision support tools that integrate natural resource planning with fire response, and work with managers and communities to locate and prioritize forest and fire management action to have the greatest impact.

CLIMATE ADAPTATION AND POST-FIRE RECOVERY

We are responding to manager needs for science, planning, and communication tools as wildfire interactions with a shifting climate have created novel environments, a loss of vital ecosystem services, and challenges for post-fire recovery.

ECOLOGICAL MONITORING AND RESEARCH

Our applied fire research supports management and adaptation for resilience of dynamic, fire-adapted forest ecosystems. We monitor individual projects across all lands, and develop metrics to evaluate management outcomes.

Project Monitoring

- **399 plots visited in 2023**
- **5,048+ plots since 2010**
- **422 forest management units across 74,000 acres**

Wildfire Planning Tools

- **11 landscapes engaged in 2023**
- **37 landscapes across 80+ million acres since 2018**

COLLABORATIVE ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT

We develop frameworks to support collaborative readiness, quantify outcomes of social processes, and pinpoint best practices for integrating science into local decision making.

PRINCIPLES TO PRACTICE

We translate forest science, management, and policy principles into action by responding to arising communication needs and working to make research insights understandable, accessible, and usable for multiple audiences using a variety of media.

CAPACITY

We invest in CFRI staff and partners to share the latest science and management, deliver peer-to-peer learning events and trainings, and maintain tools that provide our partners easy access to the latest information.