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Colorado State Forest Service
Volunteer Newsletter Summer 2011

The last four months has seen the CSFS volunteers doing a variety of projects; from land rehabilitation and trail building, to continuing mitigation of mountain pine beetle (MPB) infested trees and a variety of education and outreach events.

May started with more work at Lory State Park mitigating mountain pine beetle-hit ponderosa pines. Longtime volunteer Joe Temple used his sawyer training to help cut the trees alongside park employees on a beautiful spring day deep in the park.

Work continued on May 7 at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch near Red Feather Lakes. CSU students and other volunteers worked to rehabilitate skid roads after MPB mitigation by planting trees and shrubs and spreading native grass seed.

On May 10 volunteers helped to cut and sand 1200 tree cookies that will be used for multiple education and outreach events. These cookies are used for a *mod podge* craft, where visitors can paste a picture onto their tree cookie. These cookies have been a huge hit at the CSFS Booth this summer.

CSFS Volunteers participated at the Children's Water Festival on May 17 on CSU's campus. Third graders from schools across the Front Range were introduced to our resident pine beetles Buford and Bernadette while being taught about the MPB life cycle and the role that beetles play in our forest ecosystem.

May 21 was National Walk in the Woods Day. CSFS collaborated with the Colorado Tree Farmers and taught attendees all about forestry at the Ben Delatour Scout Ranch. This event was held to honor The International Year of Forests.



Left: Jamie Dahl dropping hung-up tree at Lory State Park.

Below: Volunteers at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch for rehabilitation project.



Below: Jim Barrington teaches 3rd Graders about MPB during Water Days at CSU



Volunteers spread native grass seed at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch May 7.



A dedication for the Jim Hubbard Fire Management Building was held at the Foothills Campus on May 23. Special thanks to Jim Barrington and Kathy Porter for their assistance with registration, set-up and tear-down.

A group of volunteers went to Bailey, Colorado (southwest of Denver) to help the Park County Historical Society with a trail building project in June. A new trail on Morrow Mountain was constructed on a gorgeous day above the South Platte River. Volunteers helped build part of the two mile trail being constructed throughout the summer.

On June 15 a day was spent in the cool mountain air at Pingree Park. A group of CSFS Volunteers and foresters from the Fort Collins District worked on bucking and hauling felled MPB logs and creating slash piles to burn next winter. The group enjoyed a good hot lunch in the Pingree Park Dining Hall.

CSFS staffed an outreach booth at the Butterfly Pavilion's Insectival held on July 9 in Westminster, Colorado. Longtime volunteer Jim Barrington and brand new volunteer Garrett Stephens joined Nancy Dadisman who led the group educating visitors about MPB at the nation's first stand-alone non-profit invertebrate zoo. The group passed out many Buford story-books, coloring books, and tattoos during the day long carnival.



Volunteers cross over South Platte River in Bailey.



Join us for the 2011 Forestry Fair

The Colorado State Forest Service and the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University are sponsoring the 2011 Forestry Fair to celebrate the International Year of Forests. The Forestry Fair will feature forestry equipment demonstrations, facility tours, educational sessions, children's activities and the latest innovations in forest products. The event is open to the public, though it will target students in high school and college.

We need lots of volunteer help for this large scale event. Volunteers will help lead tours and staff educational stations, as well as help coordinate logistics like: parking, people moving, registration, and introducing speakers. Please come and support this event! We will hold a training to prepare all helpers for this event so if you'd like to help please email us!

Volunteer Garrett Stephens talks with visitors at Butterfly Pavilion's Insectival



Upcoming Volunteer Events

Chipper Training @ Fort Collins August 27

Environmental Education Training, August 30

CSFS Booth at AG Day @ Hughes Stadium, August 10

Forestry Fair @ Foothills Campus, Sept. 17

National Public Lands Day , Sept.24



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<http://csfs.colostate.edu/pages/volunteers.html>

