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# NEWS

## Media Advisory

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## **Prominent Colorado Forestry Organizations to Honor Forestry Leader at Memorial Tree Planting**

*Note to editors:* The Colorado Forestry Association, Society of American Foresters, Colorado State Forest Service and Warner College of Natural Resources will host a memorial tree planting to honor forestry leader Tom Borden at **5 p.m. Thursday, April 22**, on the south side of the Forestry Building at Colorado State University. Borden was a 25-year director of the CSFS, past president of the SAF, and was instrumental in resurrecting the CFA. The public is invited to attend the memorial.

**FORT COLLINS, Colo.** – Several of northern Colorado’s most recognized forestry-related organizations are hosting a memorial tree planting Thursday in honor of American forestry leader Tom Borden.

The Colorado Forestry Association (CFA), Society of American Foresters (SAF), Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and Colorado State University’s Warner College of Natural Resources (WCNR) organized the memorial for Borden, who passed away in 2009 at the age of 82. As state forester for 25 years, Borden was the longest-running director of the CSFS, and was past president of the SAF and National Association of State Foresters. He also was responsible for renewing interest in the CFA in the early 1980s.

“Tom Borden was instrumental in reviving the Colorado Forestry Association, a citizens group concerned with sound forest management,” said CFA President Bill Gherardi.

The Tom Borden Memorial Tree Planting will take place south of the CSU Forestry Building at 5 p.m. Thursday, April 22. CSFS Director and State Forester Jeff Jahnke, WCNR Dean Joyce Berry and SAF Colorado-Wyoming Chair Ron Cousineau will join SAF members at the memorial planting as part of the 2010 SAF Colorado-Wyoming Annual Meeting. In the event of inclement weather, the ceremony may commence inside the adjacent Natural Resources Building.

CSFS foresters and CSU forestry students obtained the young Douglas-fir tree being planted from the Borden Memorial Forest, a 70-acre private forest and certified Tree Farm west of Fort Collins that Borden owned and managed; he later donated the land to CSU to be used as a living classroom. The tree’s new home will be in an area known affectionately to students and faculty as “Sherwood Forest.”

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“This tree was chosen because there are so few Douglas-firs on campus,” said Lisa Mason, chair of the Long’s Peak Chapter of the SAF and outreach forester for the CSFS. “The tree we’re planting will become a respected teaching tool for future forestry students who are learning about tree identification.”

Douglas-fir is a coniferous species native to Colorado, generally found on north-facing slopes between 6,000-8,000 feet in elevation.

CSU already has established the Tom Borden Tree Fund in honor of the well-known forester; the fund is used to replace or add trees to the university’s campuses.

“Tom practiced good forest management and planted trees wherever we lived,” said Rogene Borden, Borden’s wife of 58 years. “His whole life was dedicated to forest management education.”

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