

# THE TWIG

Colorado State Forest Service  
Volunteer Newsletter June 2010



Greetings, CSFS Volunteers!

We hope you are enjoying the start of a beautiful summer. We are proud to re-introduce you to The Twig, a newsletter about CSFS volunteer happenings. The volunteer season started in April; though we had to battle busy schedules and nasty weather, our spring kicked off with a great deal of tree planting.

We celebrated Earth Day with students from Bennett Elementary School by planting trees on CSU property. Over 75 volunteers came out to plant a variety of conifer species. It was a great learning opportunity for students and their families.

We have also had some awesome outreach opportunities dealing with trees and tree planting. On May 13, our volunteers helped to lead Bennett Elementary School's first graders through the greenhouses, seedbeds and freezers of the CSFS Nursery in Fort Collins. Each student received his or her very own Austrian pine to take home and plant. Then on May 18, we participated in The Children's Water Festival on the Colorado State University campus. It was a fun-filled day for students from all over the Front Range to come and learn about water and conservation, and CSFS volunteers presented on the life cycle of the mountain pine beetle. Thanks to Ryan, Jim, and Roberta for their hard work in outreach.



Ryan Brenner helps teach volunteers.



Tree planting with Bennett Elementary.



Students feel the moist wood chips used to pack seedlings.



Digging is hard work!



Students getting their hands dirty with Jamie Dahl on the nursery tour.

## UPCOMING VOLUNTEER EVENTS:

- Workdays at CSFS Nursery in Fort Collins, July 7&14
- Ecological Monitoring on Uncompahgre, Aug. 5&6
- Workdays at Ben Delatour Scout Ranch, Aug. 12
- Landowner Forestry Demonstration Workshop, TBA
- Larimer County Beetle Busters Training, Sept. 25

Visit our website to find more upcoming events, please share this site with others to help us recruit:

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

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Tree-planting efforts continued at the Pingree Park campus, on June 5. Nine CSFS volunteers planted about 350 seedlings; a mix of limber pine, Engelmann spruce, ponderosa pine and Douglas-fir. The trees were planted in heavily visited areas where lodgepole pine has been hit hard by the mountain pine beetle.

On June 12, Ruth Ann Steele held a Forest Management Demonstration Day at the Black Forest Slash/Mulch Program site. Despite the rain, there was a nice turnout for this “walk in the woods.” All attendees and volunteers expanded upon their knowledge about good forest management.

Thinking ahead, we’d like to invite you to join Larimer County Beetle Busters! Thanks to the efforts of Wes Rutt, from the Colorado State Tree Farm Committee, volunteers from several different organizations will join forces to help increasingly overwhelmed forest landowners identify and flag beetle-infested trees on their properties. They will provide an inventory of forest health issues on each property visited, and will discuss the most up-to-date and practical information available for treating infested wood; provide a list of private contractors available to help get the work done; and encourage landowners to do all they can. Training will be held on Saturday, September 25.

Upcoming projects include ecological monitoring on the Uncompahgre Mesas Forest, thinning activities and helping to staff a forest management demonstration day for forest landowners along the Front Range. We are also expecting a new chipper sometime in July, so stayed tuned for training on that equipment.

-CSFS Volunteer Team

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Our tree-planting crew: Kay, Erin, Sherri, Ashish, Cynthia, Ryan, Sherrie, Joe and Travis.



Jim and Roberta teach about Colorado's future forests.



Ruth Ann shows off the new signs (above) at the Black Forest Slash and Mulch Site (right).

