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Colorado State Forest Service Employee Recognized for Contributions to Collaborative Conservation and Forest Stewardship

FORT COLLINS, Colo. — Greg Sundstrom, assistant staff forester in the Forest Management Division of the Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS), received one of four national awards for his exemplary support of conservation and forest stewardship. Allen Green, Colorado state conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), and Rick Cables, Rocky Mountain regional forester, U.S. Forest Service (USFS), presented the Two Chiefs' Award to Sundstrom at a ceremony in Denver today.

Sundstrom, who represents the Colorado State Forest Service on the NRCS State Technical Committee, also partners with the NRCS to promote forestry and engage CSFS personnel in the Technical Service Providers Program. The Technical Service Providers Program allows landowners to access technical assistance from both the NRCS and CSFS, which results in greater program efficiency and cost savings.

In addition, Sundstrom also participates in collaborative efforts to promote watershed and riparian health on Colorado's Eastern Plains. One such effort focuses on the South Platte Watershed Basin and involves the NRCS, USFS, Colorado Division of Wildlife (CDOW), county weed managers, conservation districts and private landowners. As a result of these efforts, a basin-wide invasive species management plan is nearly complete.

Sundstrom also obtained funding to conduct an audit of Colorado's Best Management Practices for Protecting Water Quality. He assembled a team that includes personnel from Colorado State University, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, CDOW, Bureau of Land Management, Colorado Timber Industry Association, Colorado Tree Farmers, USFS, Colorado Water Quality Control Division, NRCS and Jefferson County Open Space.

"Greg's dedication and enthusiasm have contributed significantly to these collaborative programs, which will benefit the state's natural resources and citizens for years to come," said Jeff Jahnke, director of the Colorado State Forest Service, an outreach agency in the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University. "The Colorado State Forest Service is proud of Greg's hard work, and we are pleased that he is being recognized for his outstanding efforts on behalf of collaborative conservation and forest stewardship."

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