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# NEWS

## **Media Advisory**

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## **Forestry Fair Offers Chance to Decorate Ornaments for U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree**

*Note to editors:* The Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado State University and other local and federal partners will host the 2012 Forestry Fair on Saturday, Sept. 29, at the CSU Foothills Campus, 3843 LaPorte Ave, Fort Collins. The event will include logging sports demonstrations, wildland firefighting equipment displays and children's activities, including the chance to decorate ornaments that will later be sent to Washington, D.C., for the U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree and its companion trees. **Media personnel and the public are invited to attend this free event.**

**FORT COLLINS, Colo.** – The Colorado State Forest Service, Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and other local and federal partners will host the second annual 2012 Forestry Fair from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 29, at the CSU Foothills Campus. The event is free to the public and will feature logging sports demonstrations, forestry and firefighting equipment displays, career exploration, High Park Fire recovery presentations and many children's activities.

At this year's fair, kids will have the unique chance to decorate tree "cookies" – cross-sections of small tree trunks – as ornaments that will be sent to Washington, D.C., this fall to adorn the Capitol Christmas Tree and companion trees in U.S. government offices. This year's Capitol Christmas Tree is being obtained from National Forest land in Colorado.

The Forestry Fair will include seedling tree nursery tours, fire ecology demonstrations, puppet tree shows and tours of the Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control's on-site equipment shop. High school and college students interested in forestry and natural resources careers also will have a chance to talk to professionals about potential career paths.

"We hope to make everyone more aware of the importance of forest management as it relates to water quality, wildfire risk and recreation opportunities," said Jamie Dahl, CSFS experiential learning coordinator.

The event will take place at the CSFS facilities on the Colorado State University Foothills Campus, 3843 LaPorte Ave., Fort Collins. Other partners include the U.S. Forest Service, Larimer County, Front Range Community College, National Park Service, CSU Logging Sports and the Colorado Natural Heritage Program.

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