

# FACTS AT A GLANCE: 2016



**Mission:** To achieve stewardship of Colorado's diverse forest environments for the benefit of present and future generations.

## Organization:

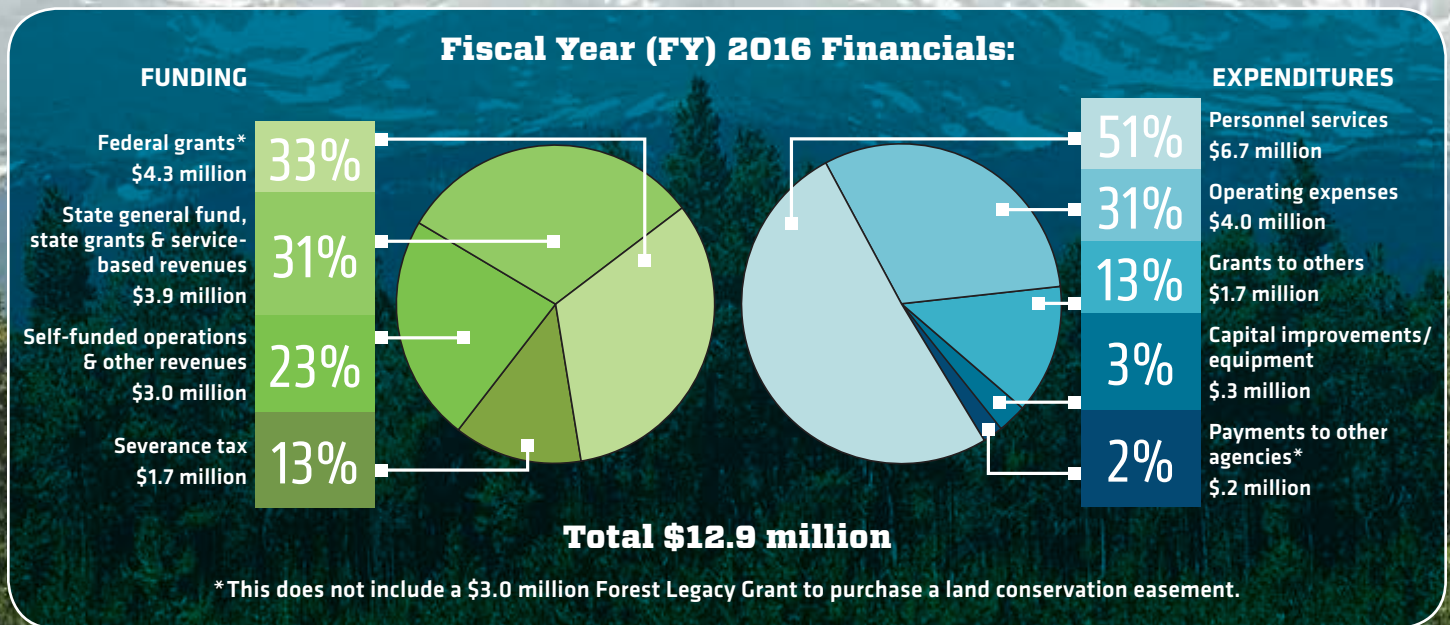
**Structure:** The Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) is an agency of the Warner College of Natural Resources at Colorado State University and provides staffing for the Division of Forestry at the Colorado Department of Natural Resources.

**Facilities:** Services are provided through the State Office in Fort Collins and 19 offices throughout Colorado.

**Leadership:** Mike Lester, State Forester and Director

**Employees:** 172 (95 full-time; 9 part-time; 68 seasonals)

**Volunteers:** 320 individuals for 2,600 hours, plus 20 youth volunteers for 500 youth hours



## Focus:

Forest health, sustainability and stewardship through programs and services, such as:

- Technical assistance for landowners
- Watershed protection
- Forestry and fire mitigation outreach and information
- Wildfire mitigation and fuels treatment planning and implementation
- Urban and community forestry
- Seedling trees and shrubs grown for reforestation and conservation
- Forest health assessment, inventory and analysis
- Other programs, such as:
  - Forest Agriculture Classification
  - Forest Legacy
  - Forest Stewardship
- Insect and disease surveying and monitoring
- Forest product marketing and utilization
- Forest management on state lands

## 2016 Accomplishments:

<p>Private, state and local government acres treated: 25,897, to reduce wildfire hazards, generate wood products, protect watersheds and improve wildlife habitat</p>	<p>Forested properties managed: 663, through the Colorado Forest Agriculture Classification program to produce tangible wood products, primarily to obtain a monetary profit</p>	<p>Firewise Communities/USA® in Colorado: 151 communities, better prepared for wildfire through assistance from the CSFS. Colorado ranks second in the nation for total number of communities receiving this designation.</p>
<p>New, updated or reviewed forest stewardship plans: 66, developed to assist landowners to meet specific landowner objectives. Acres covered: 34,571</p>	<p>Educational programs: 330+, informing more than 15,000 Coloradans on insects and diseases, wildfire mitigation, wood marketing and utilization, community forestry and environmental education</p>	<p>Community Wildfire Protection Plans: 232, to protect lives and property in Colorado</p>
<p>Seedling trees: 446,966 (FY 16), grown and distributed for conservation and restoration purposes</p>	<p>Landowners served: 1,816, through the provision of technical forestry assistance</p>	<p>Tree City USA® communities in Colorado: 92, and 7 Tree Campus USA® recognitions</p>
		<p>Informational publications distributed: 29,677</p>

## Partners and Cooperators:

- Bureau of Land Management
- Colorado Department of Natural Resources and Other State Agencies
  - Colorado Parks and Wildlife
  - Colorado State Land Board
  - Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control
- Colorado State University
- Colorado Timber Industry Association
- Colorado Tree Coalition
- Colorado Tree Farmers
- Colorado Water Conservation Board
- Consulting Foresters
- Educators
- Forestry and Natural Resource Organizations
- Governments: State, County and Local
- Homeowners Associations
- Legislators: Federal and State
- Natural Resources Conservation Service
- Non-governmental Conservation Organizations
- Private Landowners
- USDA Forest Service and Other Federal Agencies
- Water Providers
- ... and many others



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