

Colorado Forest Health Council

Administrative and Legislative Recommendations

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The purpose of the Council is to **provide a collaborative forum to advise the governor and general assembly** on a broad range of issues, opportunities, and threats with regard to Colorado's forests.

Annual deliverables:

- The council shall annually brief the Wildfire Matters Review Committee
- Annual Report to the Governor



Council Structure

- 26 members
- 2 Committees
 - Committee on Leveraging Resources
 - Legislative Committee



Administrative Recommendations



4 Administrative Recommendations approved unanimously:

1. CSFS hosts a public forum on climate-adaptive silviculture.
2. Colorado Fire Commission Prescribed Fire Subcommittee, CSFS and DFPC host a public information session to facilitate participation in prescribed fire and slash disposal policy.
 - Include Tribal voices and perspectives
3. DNR and CSFS work with U.S. Forest Service to discuss other entities completing reforestation on USFS lands; expediting NEPA for post-fire reforestation projects.
4. CSFS will finalize the Pre-Fire and Forest Health Planning Guide drafted by members of the Colorado Forest Health Council.

Legislative Recommendations



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5 Legislative Recommendations approved unanimously:

1. Annual appropriation to the Healthy Forests-Vibrant Communities fund to support Good Neighbor Authority work by CSFS on federal lands.
2. Appriorating \$1M for 3 years to the Capacity Grant within the Forest Restoration and Wildfire Risk Mitigation (FRWRM) Program in CSFS.
3. Pilot a statewide mitigation day(s) to support private landowner slash removal.
4. Annual appropriation to the CSFS nursery for staff and facility expenses to reduce seedling cost and support larger reforestation projects.

5 Legislative Recommendations approved unanimously:

5. Support seed collection and reforestation broadly:

- a. Create a State Seed Collection and Reforestation Corps for workforce development.
- b. Create and fund a grant program to support seed collection and storage, post-fire reforestation and revegetation.
- c. Fund a Gap Analysis of the reforestation pipeline to direct investment to areas of greatest need.
- d. Build capacity for seed collection and reforestation by directly funding entities already engaged in this work.



Questions?



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