



Caring for Colorado's Forests

Overview of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Serving Colorado Since 1955



CSFS is the lead state forestry agency and provides:

- Professional forestry assistance
- Wildfire mitigation expertise
- Outreach and education

CSFS is part of Colorado State University and provides staffing for Division of Forestry in DNR



Our Mission



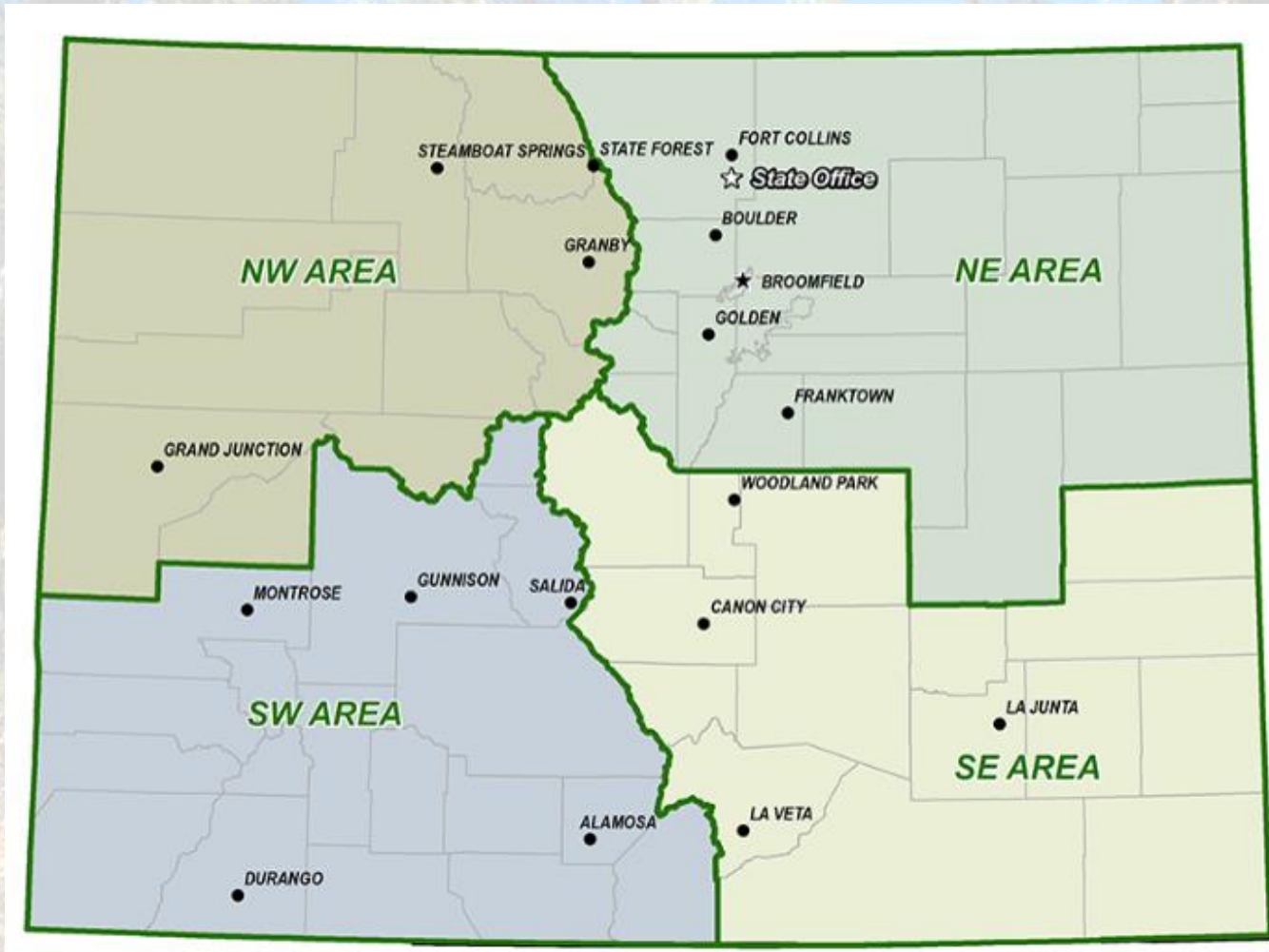
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Forest Service Mission

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



CSFS Offices Across Colorado



How We Serve Colorado



Forest Management Planning & Implementation Services

- Forest Restoration
- Fuels Mitigation
- Forest Ag Program
- Support for Wood Products Industry



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BEFORE



AFTER

Defensible Space Project for Homeowner in Evergreen

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Forest Health and Fuels Reduction Project in Summit County

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Applied Forest Science Data

- Colorado Forest Atlas
- Colorado Wildfire Risk Assessment (COWRA)
- Annual Report on the Health of Colorado's Forests
- Forest Inventory and Analysis (FIA)
- Science-based Publications for Landowners



How We Serve Colorado



Education and Outreach

- Community events
- Schools programs – Project Learning Tree
- Experiential learning for CSU interns and students
- Urban and Community Forestry Programs



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Trees for Conservation

- Seedling Tree Nursery
- Reforestation after fires, floods and other natural disasters
- Tree species recommendations, planting and care advice
- Restoring Colorado's Forests Fund



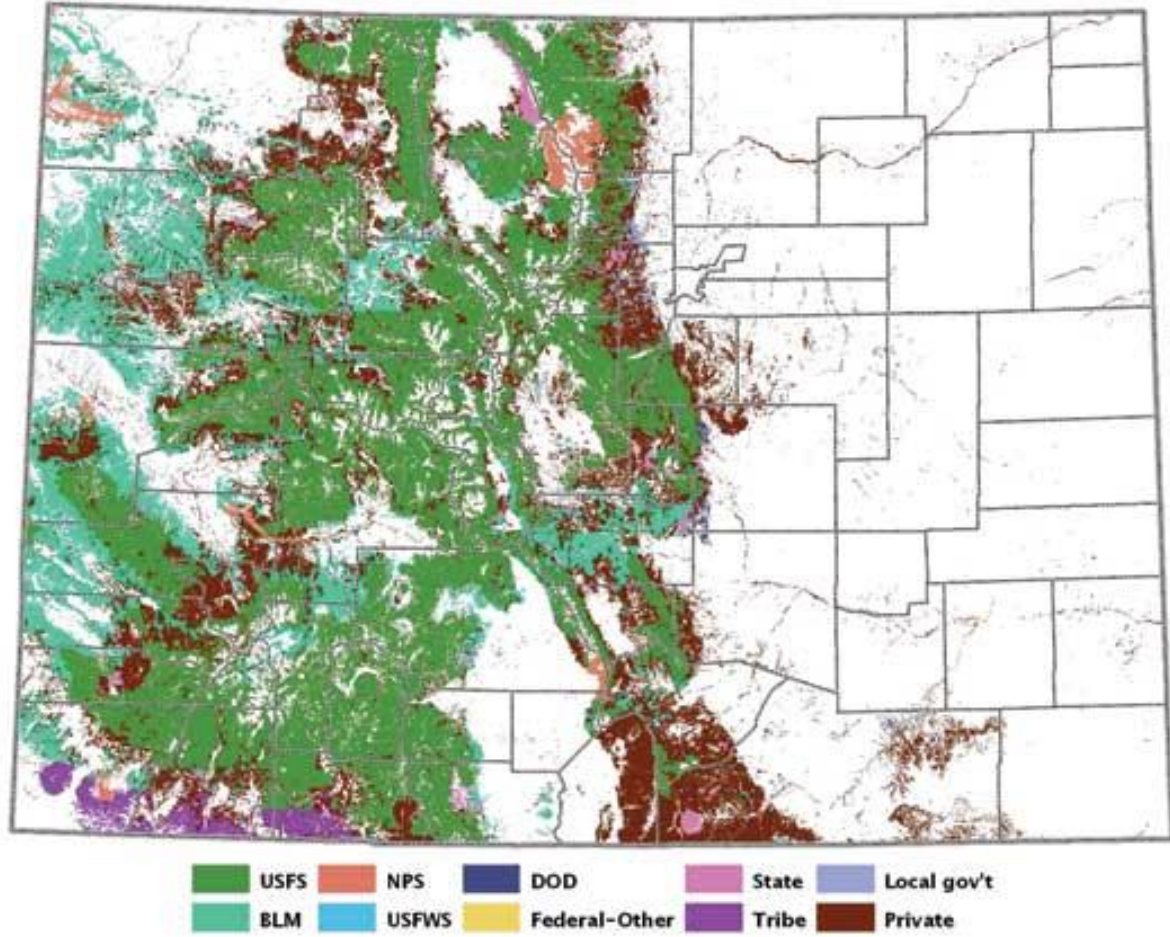
Benefits of Our Forests



**Why should we care about
our forests?**

**Because they offer so many benefits
to all Coloradans!**

Colorado's Forests: Ownership



We Need Our Forests



Forests play a vital role in what makes Colorado special:

- Clean air and water
- Habitat for abundant wildlife
- Carbon storage
- World-renowned recreation
- Scenery and sense of place
- Boost to state & local economies
- Wood products



Challenges for Our Forests



Why do we need to manage our forests in Colorado?

Because our forests face many challenges, and much of Colorado's forests are not healthy.

Overgrown Forest Conditions



Dense, Unhealthy Forest Conditions in Grand County

Wildfires



Longer wildfire seasons are expected in Colorado, with larger, more intense and uncharacteristic fires



Insects and Disease



Ongoing drought in Colorado continues to set the stage for outbreaks of bark beetles and other insects



Growth in the WUI



More Coloradans are living in the wildland-urban interface (WUI), putting them at risk of wildfires



Road Map to Forest Health

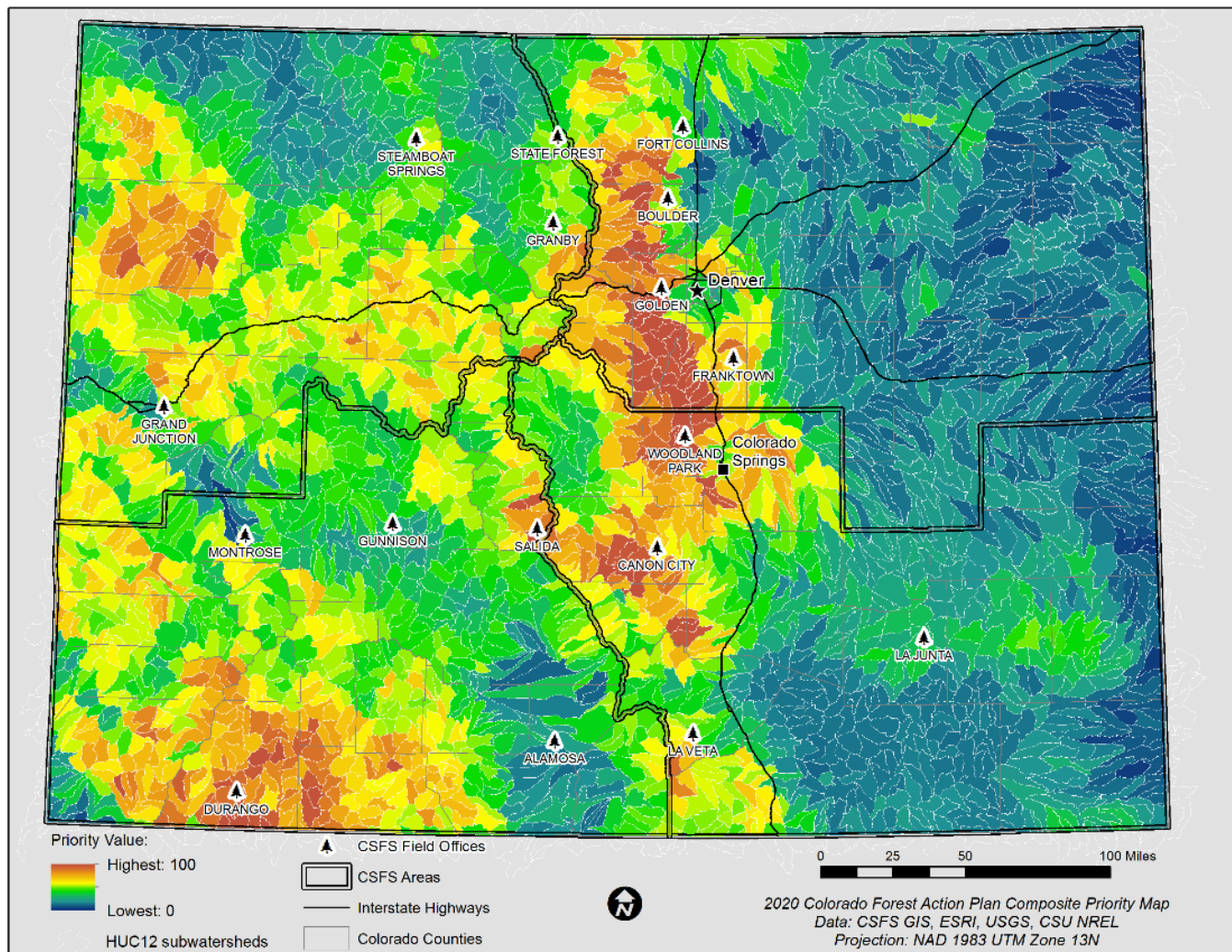


Colorado Forest Action Plan

2020

The Colorado State Forest Service is a steward of the state's forestlands, committed to the challenge of creating and maintaining healthy, resilient forests for generations to come.

Composite Priority Map



Invest in Our Forests



“About 10 percent of Colorado’s 24 million acres of forest need urgent attention to address forest health, wildfire risk and threats to water supplies.”

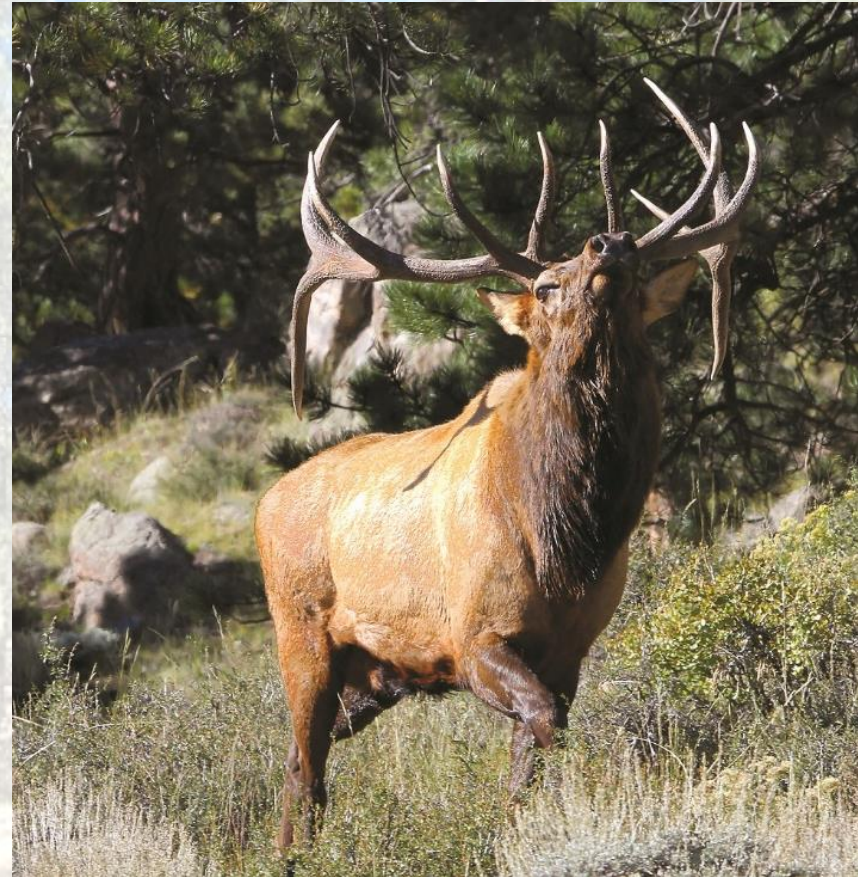
- 2020 Colorado Forest Action Plan

We Can Make a Difference



Through proactive, collaborative forest management, WE can:

- Improve the health of our forests
- Reduce the risk of large, uncharacteristic wildfires
- Protect our communities, water supplies and infrastructure
- Insure the sustained benefits our forests provide to CO



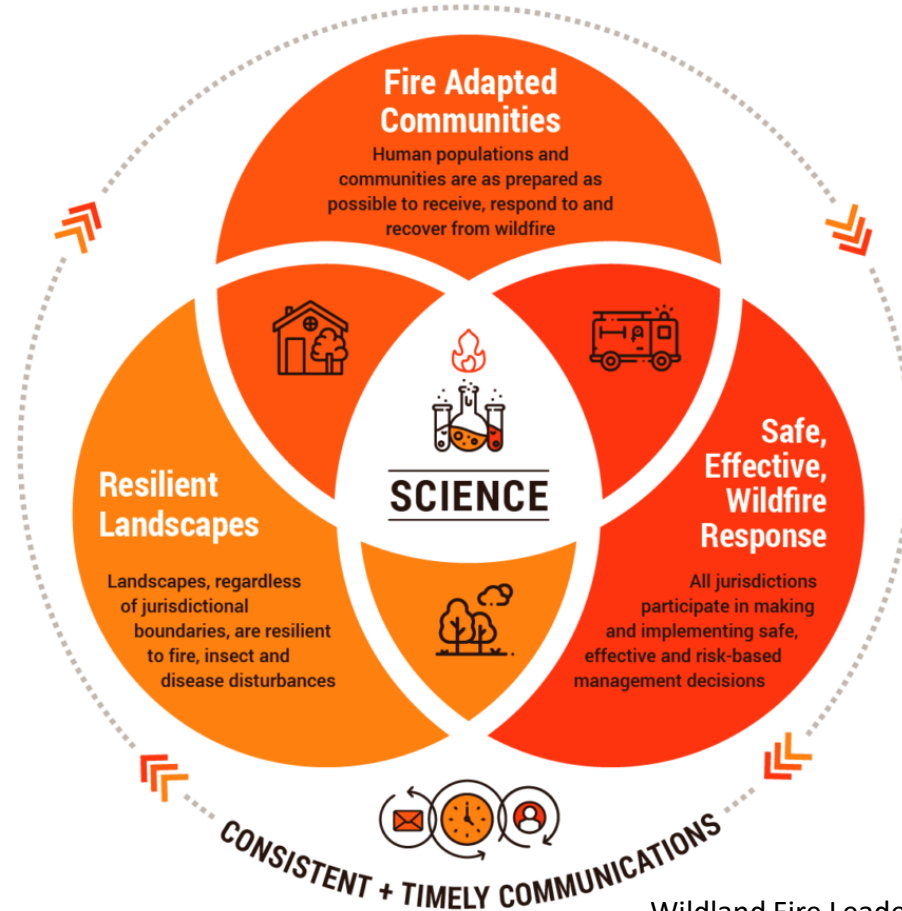
All Lands, All Forests



Partnerships are the key!



National Cohesive Strategy



Wildland Fire Leadership
Council, Western Region



Looking Back, Looking Ahead



2020



East Troublesome Fire viewed from Walden, CO



Questions?

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