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From the Community Forestry Program of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Urban Forest Connections Webinar Series-The USDA Forest Service is launching a new monthly webinar series! **Urban Forest Connections** webinars will bring experts together to discuss the latest science, practice, and policy on urban forestry and the environment. Whether you work for a state forestry agency, non-profit organization, municipality, university, private industry, public works, or public health and safety, this series has something for you! Each month a different topic will be highlighted. Presenters will discuss key issues, share the latest research and technologies, and showcase successful projects and partnerships that are putting science into practice. The series will kick off on **September 10th** with a presentation on Urban Forests for Human Health and Wellness by the University of Washington's Kathleen Wolf and Legacy Health's Teresia M. Hazen. 1.0 CEU is planned to be available with the International Society of Arboriculture for each webinar. Check out the [webpage](#) for updates on the series.

Careers in Natural Resources Initiative: Inspiring the Next Generation-The Colorado Alliance for Environmental Education (CAEE) announces the new "**How-To Guide to Pursuing a Career in Natural Resources**" is complete and available on the web in two formats - as a [PDF](#) (High Resolution - 18MB) and a [Flip-book](#). Please help us distribute this new resource to your networks who may find it useful! The Guide was a project started last fall to help reduce barriers for young adults in getting an entry-level natural resource job at a government agency in particular. Through research, meetings with human resource staff at multiple levels of government, and committee involvement and support, we hope this first edition of the Guide will be a useful tool in helping young adults on their pathway to a long-term career in natural resources. In its entirety, the Guide is fairly lengthy (124 pages!) but was designed for readers to be able to flip to pertinent sections and find helpful step-by-step tips and instructions.

[Download the Guide or View it Online Here](#)

Arbor Day Foundation Awards-Do you know of individuals, groups or organizations that have done outstanding work in tree planting, care, conservation or education? Have you seen excellent coverage of tree and conservation issues in magazines, newspapers, newsletters or on TV, radio or video? How about an exemplary Arbor Day celebration by a community, school or other organization? You can fill out an on-line award nomination at <http://www.arborday.org/programs/awards/nominate.cfm>. The nomination entry deadline should be submitted by the end of the year.

Partners in Community Forestry Conference-The 2014 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held November 5-6 in Charlotte, NC. Now in its eight year, the Partners Conference brings together many diverse groups who are charged with taking care of our city forests, including utility foresters and vegetation program managers, state and local forestry professionals and tree advocates throughout North America. For more information and to register visit <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/pcf/2014/>.

Colorado's Forests: Challenges and Opportunities-The Colorado State Forest Service, in conjunction with Colorado State University, has produced four video segments

describing forest conditions in Colorado, related threats/challenges, and solutions to forest health problems. The videos are each about 7-11 minutes long and can be watched here:

- Segment 1 (Background and forest issues of concern): <http://vimeo.com/87307649>
- Segment 2 (Threats (including EAB)/Forest management): <http://vimeo.com/96730053>
- Segment 3 (The challenge of a growing WUI): <http://vimeo.com/97549777>
- Segment 4 (The importance of a wood products industry): <http://vimeo.com/98376500>

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter

ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter Conference-The International Society of Arboriculture Rocky Mountain Chapter Annual Conference is scheduled for September 25 – 26 at the Denver Marriott South at Park Meadows in Lone Tree, CO. Don't miss great speakers like Joseph Murray, Dr. Whitney Cranshaw, Loui McCurley, Dr. Bruce Allison and more! Registration information can be found here <https://www.isarmc.org/pro/registration.php>.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-FRUFC is joining forces with the South Platte Urban Waters Partnership on September 18th for a Riparian Area Restoration Workshop to be held at Barr Lake State Park. Please note, RSVP's are required for the September workshop and attendance will be limited. Reserve your spot at Riparian918@gmail.com by September 8th.

CTC Scholarship Program-The Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) has a limited amount of funds to assist people with registering to attend conferences and workshops throughout the year. Because of the limited dollars available it is required of all who request assistance to follow these guidelines:

1. Scholarship requests will be limited to a maximum of \$300, and can only be applied to cover registration costs of the event.
2. To request a scholarship please send an electronic request to Keith Wood, at keith.wood@colostate.edu. At a minimum the request should contain the name and location of the conference and what is hoped to be learned at the event, and how it will be applied in your current position. Keith will then submit the request to the CTC Board or Executive Board for their consideration.
3. Requests will also be limited to one person per community/group/organization per workshop or conference. Many workshops and conferences now offer concurrent sessions and there is a value to sending more than one person. However, the CTC will not be able to fund more than one person.
4. Those receiving scholarships will be required to supply an article or notes to be used in *Tree Talk* and/or placed on the CTC web site (www.coloradotrees.org) and/or in another electronic newsletter format so others can benefit from the workshop as well.

The board of CTC is committed to education and is seeking additional funds so the scholarship program can be expanded and more people throughout Colorado can benefit from the various educational opportunities available.

Elections Reminder!-Election ballots to elect representatives from the Front Range Urban Forestry Council (FRUFC) to the CTC Board of Directors and to elect FRUFC

officers are due back to Keith Wood by September 8. Please email the ballot to Keith at keith.wood@colostate.edu.

Champion Tree Nominations Due-Get those champion tree candidates verified and measured soon! If you want to nominate a tree to see if it can become the next new Colorado champion you will need to fill out a nomination form and send it in to the CTC by November 1st. Nomination forms can be found on-line at <http://www.coloradotrees.org/programs.php#champion> and submitted to Neal Bamesberger at nbamesberg871@hotmail.com.

Happy Fall to All!!