

## Financial and Technical Resources for Landowners in Northern New Mexico and Southern Colorado

### RESOURCES FOR INDIVIDUAL LANDOWNERS

#### FOREST HEALTH & FORESTRY

##### *New Mexico State Forestry (NM)*

\*For information on all NM State Forestry Resources, visit

<http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/Publications/documents/ResourcesforPrivateForestLandowners2015.pdf>)

- **Technical Experts** in District Offices Statewide, visit [www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD) or call 505-476-3325. For the Chama District office, call 575-588-7831.
- **Forest Health Initiative** to improve degraded forested land to a healthier, more resilient state
- **Forest Legacy Program** to conserve working forests that are nationally significant and threatened by development or conversion to non-forest use.
- **Seedling Program** offers tree and shrub seedlings for sale to landowners who own at least one acre of land and agree to use seedlings for conservation purposes.

##### *Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS)*

- ✓ **Durango District of CSFS** helps landowners with forest management services such as field visits, forest inventory and mapping, tree planting plans, insect and disease surveys, assistance with forest improvement projects, and timber or forest product sales. Some services may require a nominal fee. For more information, visit <http://csfs.colostate.edu/districts/durango-district/contact> or call 970-247-5252. Programs Include:
  - **Forest Ag Program** allows for certain forest lands similar property tax valuation as that of traditional agricultural lands.
  - **Forest Legacy Program** supports efforts to protect private forest lands that are environmentally, economically, and socially critical.
  - **Forest Stewardship Program** provides information education, and technical assistance to encourage long-term stewardship.

*American Tree Farm System (CO & NM)* supports landowners with tools, plans, resources to actively manage their forests. Visit [www.treefarmssystem.org](http://www.treefarmssystem.org).

#### WILDFIRE

##### *Wildfire Preparedness, Alerts, and Post-Fire Assistance (NM)*

- Preparedness:  
[www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/FireMgt/FirePreventionandOutreachProgram.html](http://www.emnrd.state.nm.us/SFD/FireMgt/FirePreventionandOutreachProgram.html)

- Wildfire alerts: <http://nmfireinfo.com>
- Post wildfire: [www.afterwildfirenm.org](http://www.afterwildfirenm.org) or call 505-345-2200

### ***Firewise of Southwest Colorado (CO)***

- **Archuleta Firewise** connects landowners with knowledge, resources and tools to reduce risk of wildfire. For more information visit [www.southwestcoloradofires.org](http://www.southwestcoloradofires.org). Contact Bill Trimarco, Archuleta County Coordinator at 970-264-0430 or [archuletafirewise@gmail.com](mailto:archuletafirewise@gmail.com)

## **AGRICULTURAL AND WORKING LANDS**

### ***Natural Resources Conservation Service (CO & NM)***

- ✓ Contact your local field office to learn about eligibility and application processes for the following programs: For the Chama Field Office (NM), call 575-756-2581. For the Pagosa Springs Field Office (CO), call 970-731-3615.
- ✓ The following programs are authorized by congress under the 2014 Farm Bill. For a user-friendly guide to the 2014 Farm Bill, visit [http://amjv.org/documents/1\\_Full\\_Report\\_2014\\_Farm\\_Bill\\_Guide\\_1.pdf](http://amjv.org/documents/1_Full_Report_2014_Farm_Bill_Guide_1.pdf)

### **Working Lands**

- **Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP)** to help landowners install measures to protect soil, water, plant, wildlife, and other natural resources while ensuring sustainable production on their farms, ranches, and forest lands.
- **Conservation Stewardship Program (CSP)** to support landowners in maintaining existing conservation strategies and encourage them to undertake additional conservation activities.

### **Conservation Reserve Program**

- **Conservation Reserve Program** provides annual rental payments to producers to establish conservation cover on ecologically significant cropland and pastureland adjacent to water.

### **Easements**

- **Agricultural Conservation Easement Plan (ACEP)** to support voluntary easements on working lands and include Wetland Reserve Easements and Agricultural Land Easements.
- **Healthy Forests Reserve Program** helps landowners restore, enhance, protect forests to promote biodiversity, carbon sequestration, and recovery of species.

## **WILDLIFE**

### ***US Partners for Fish and Wildlife (CO & NM)***

- **Colorado Partners for Fish and Wildlife** supports landowners with financial and technical assistance to participate in voluntary, targeted wildlife conservation to prevent the need to further listing of species as endangered or

threatened, restores Colorado's riparian and wetland systems, or contributes for conservation at a landscape scale. For more information, visit <http://www.fws.gov/mountain-prairie/refuges/coloradopfw.php>.

- **New Mexico Partners for Fish and Wildlife** is a voluntary partnership program that provides technical and financial assistance to non-federal landowners to improve fish and wildlife habitats for federal trust species. For more information visit [http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/newmexico/PFW\\_home.cfm](http://www.fws.gov/southwest/es/newmexico/PFW_home.cfm).

## GAME

### *NM Department of Fish and Game*

- **Open Gate Program** works with and provides payment to landowners in exchange for allowing hunting and/or fishing on their lands. For more information, visit <http://www.wildlife.state.nm.us/download/hunting/maps/open-gate/Open-Gate-Brochure.pdf>

### *Colorado Parks and Wildlife*

- **CO Wildlife Habitat Protection Program (CWHPP)** is an incentive based and voluntary program that utilizes conservation easements, and fee title purchases to accomplish strategic wildlife conservation and public access goals. For more information, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/LandWaterCWHPP.aspx>
- **Conservation Reserve Program (CRP)** pays a yearly rental payment in exchange for farmers removing environmentally sensitive land from agricultural production. For more information, visit <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/programs-and-services/conservation-programs/index>
- **Game Damage Program** is a prevention and reimbursement program that compensates ranchers, farmers and landowners for damage caused by big game animals. For more information, visit <http://cpw.state.co.us/aboutus/Pages/GameDamage.aspx>.

## OTHER

- **Archuleta County Extension (CO)** to provide information and education, and encourage the application of research-based knowledge in response to local, state, and national issues affecting individuals, youth, families, agricultural enterprises, and communities. For more information visit [archuleta.colostate.edu](http://archuleta.colostate.edu) or call 970-264-5931
- **Upper Chama Soil and Water Conservation District (NM)** conserves and develops natural resources of the state, provides for flood control, preserves wildlife, protects the tax base and promotes the health, safety and general welfare of the people of New Mexico. For more information on soil and water conservation districts in New Mexico, visit

<http://www.nmda.nmsu.edu/apr/soil-and-water-conservation-districts/>. To contact the Upper Chama SWCD office in Tierra Amarilla, call 575-588-0093.

## **RESOURCES SUPPORTING COLLABORATIVE EFFORTS, MULTIPLE LANDOWNERS**

- ✓ Many of these resources require that applications be submitted by local governments, tribal governments, and soil and water conservation districts. Contact your local district to inquire.

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- **Hazardous Fuels Treatments** on Non-Federal Lands to reduce fire threats to communities in event of wildfire
- **Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)** Grants to reduce fire threat in WUI areas in New Mexico
- **Urban & Community Forestry** to support technical assistance, volunteer coordination, and youth education
- **Invasive Plants** to address noxious weeds that threaten forest health

### ***Natural Resources Conservation Service***

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- **Regional Conservation Partnership Program (RCPP)** is a competitive opportunity for locally led, partnership-based conservation at the regional or watershed scale.