



# Utah



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2010 Final</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	413,500
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	158,000
Forest Legacy	1,460,000
Forest Stewardship	502,200
State Fire Assistance	531,000
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	2,045,400
Urban and Community Forestry	457,100
Volunteer Fire Assistance	80,640
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	173,600
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,821,440</b>

*This funding is for all entities within the state, not just the State Forester's office.*

Cooperative Forestry and Fire Programs are administered and implemented through partnerships between Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands, USDA Forest Service, private organizations, and local governments. These programs promote the health and productivity of Utah's forests, communities, watersheds, and related economies. We emphasize timber, forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies, and conservation practices.

- Reduce costs through partnerships.
- Increase values through sustained productivity of forests.
- Use voluntary and non-regulatory approaches.

### Key Issues:

- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Increased age and density of forests and decreased diversity of forest age classes on federal lands.
- Protection and rehabilitation of water quality and riparian areas.
- Threat of invasive, exotic species to native biodiversity.
- Economic and social well being of forest dependent communities.
- Rapid development and demand for urban forestry support.

## Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2010 Accomplishments	
Population	2,233,169	Landowners Receiving Educational or Technical Assistance (Each)	3,928
Acres of Forest Land	17,962,000	Acres Covered by New or Revised Forest Stewardship Plans	21,036
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	3,013,000	Acres in Important Forest Resource Areas Covered by New or Revised Stewardship Plans	21,036
Number of NIPF Landowners	66,000	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	41
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	70
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	15,000,000	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected	2,690
Number of Rural Fire Departments	251	Forest Legacy Project Acquisitions (Acres)	4,562
Number of Cities And Towns	289	Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	86
Forest Based Employment	150	Population Living in Communities Provided Urban Forestry Program Assistance (Each)	1,440,114
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	2	Urban Forestry Volunteer Assistance (Hours)	13,434
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	16,850,500		

## Program Highlights:

### *Conservation Education*

A new educational program is being delivered to people living in fire-prone areas of the state. The program teaches strategies to improve safety and increase the survivability of property in the event of a wildfire.

### *Cooperative Fire Protection*

The Utah Division of Forestry, Fire & State Lands awarded \$1.3 million in grant funds to 102 Utah fire departments for training, equipment, and personal protective equipment. We also certified more than 2,300 Utah structural firefighters to fight wildland fire and placed 10 fire

fighting apparatuses with Utah fire departments. More than 4,000 acres were treated to protect communities in the Wildland Urban Interface. Most significant, Division staff leveraged nearly \$2.6 million in pass-through grants toward completing these projects.

#### *Forest Health Protection*

Bark beetle infestations and other forest health issues continue to impact large areas of the state. Since 2005, the Division has assisted many landowners with insect spraying, suppression and prevention programs. Approximately 1,500 landowners on the north slope of the Uinta Mountains/Weber Canyon participated in treatment projects, with 56,168 trees sprayed since 2005.

#### *Forest Legacy*

Utah's Forest Legacy Program protects private forest lands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. Currently, we are conserving 67,104 acres of critical watershed and forestlands as working forests and ranches through the conservation easement program. In 2010, \$1.4 million in federal Forest Legacy funding helped to conserve 1,971 acres across the State of Utah. Funding sources typically include USDA Forest Service, Utah's LeRay McAllister fund, Utah's Endangered Species Mitigation Fund, Utah Division of Wildlife Resources, non-government agencies, landowners, and many others.

#### *Forest Stewardship*

In 2010, 12 forest stewardship plans covering 21,036 acres were completed. These plans, produced with landowners, enable them to properly manage their forest resources.

#### *Landowner Assistance*

In 2010 the Utah State Legislature made substantial changes to the Utah Forest Practices Act. These changes will help make the state aware of all forestry practices on private land and allow the Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands to provide technical assistance to a larger percentage of landowners.

#### *Urban and Community Forestry*

Urban forests provide essential benefits to Utah's quality of life and economy. Investments in State Urban & Community Forestry (U&CF) programs helped plant over 18,500 new trees and generate several million dollars in net community benefits, including reductions in energy use, stormwater runoff, and air pollutants, as well as an increase in property values. State U&CF programs promote healthy forests by providing cost-share grants (22 in 2010), supporting Tree City USA recognition (75 as of 2010) and encouraging volunteer support for urban forestry efforts (13,434 hours logged last year).

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