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From the Community Forestry Division of the Colorado State Forest Service

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Urban and Community Forestry Tidbits

Tree Worker Safety Video from Xcel Energy-Xcel has produced a program that raises awareness and shares concepts about electrical hazards that threaten tree workers when they work in trees that are near power lines. Industry experts share their knowledge and concerns, and provide information that can help to save lives and create safer work environments. The video can be viewed at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wo4nIwKLPYk>.

Nearly 150 colleges and Universities Named a 2011 Tree Campus USA-148 colleges and universities were named a 2011 Tree Campus USA by the Arbor Day Foundation. That number is up about 30 percent compared to 2010, when 116 campuses received the designation. Tree Campus USA was launched in 2008 to honor and assist colleges and in promoting healthy trees and inspiring the next generation of environmental champions. Tree Campuses in Colorado include Colorado State University, University of Colorado-Boulder, Western State College and Fort Lewis College. To view the complete list click here <http://arbordaynow.org/campuses.cfm>.

And Speaking of Recognition...On April 28th, our friend and Colorado State Forest Service (CSFS) and Colorado Tree Coalition (CTC) colleague Ralph Campbell received the Frederick Law Olmsted Award at the Arbor Day Foundation Award Ceremony in Nebraska City, Nebraska. This annual award recognizes an outstanding individual that has had a lifelong commitment to tree planting and conservation at a state or regional level. Ralph's nomination packet was filled with great stories and praise from his urban and community forestry peers from Region 2 of the USDA Forest Service as well as several of his CSFS supervisors. Everyone agreed that the quality and quantity of Ralph's contribution to the community forests of Colorado was exemplary and worthy of recognition. Ralph was also well-known to the staff at the Arbor Day Foundation. They were pleased that he was nominated and selected for this prestigious award. Friends from Nebraska, Kansas, and Colorado all gathered at the Lied Center Lodge in Nebraska City to help Ralph and his wife, Char, celebrate. A heartfelt congratulations to Ralph Campbell from all his friends for this special recognition.

Save the Date! Partners in Community Forestry Conference November 14-16-The 2012 Partners in Community Forestry National Conference will be held Nov. 14-16 in Sacramento, CA. Now in its sixth 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. Registration and program details can be found at <http://www.arborday.org/shopping/conferences/brochures/pcf/2012/?breadcrumb=homepag ebottom>.

Volunteers: Start Here to Find Opportunities-Volunteers are an essential part of planting and caring for trees in communities. Now there is a quick and easy way to find opportunities to help out near where you live. [The arbordaynow.org Volunteer Center](http://www.arbordaynow.org) is a

new part of the Arbor Day Foundation website that matches volunteers and local needs. Simply type in your zip code to see a list of tree-and conservation-related opportunities in your vicinity. Details about the work and how to sign up are included. Conversely, any organization that needs volunteer help is invited to post its needs on the site. Join the millions of Americans who are helping to improve the quality of life in their communities by volunteering. Stewards of our trees and other natural resources not only contribute to the environment today, they make new friends, learn more about trees, and gain personal satisfaction that comes from providing for a better tomorrow.

Falling Limbs-The New York Times recently ran a series of three articles that examined deaths and injuries caused by falling trees in New York City, and a haphazard, financially strapped system of tree care and inspections. To read each article click on the following links.

Article 1:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/14/nyregion/in-new-york-neglected-trees-prove-deadly.html?_r=1&hp

Article 2:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/15/nyregion/ailing-trees-sound-a-warning-before-falling.html?pagewanted=1&_r=2&hwpw

Article 3:

http://www.nytimes.com/2012/05/16/nyregion/suits-over-tree-injuries-show-new-york-citys-aggressive-legal-tactics.html?_r=2&pagewanted=1&hwpw

Responding to Shorter Days, Trees Absorb Less Carbon-A study led by Colorado State University's William Bauerle shows trees absorb less carbon than earlier thought. Tree leaves, responding to shorter days, simply do not fix the planet's fast-rising carbon dioxide levels to the extent that scientists earlier assumed, the nine researchers write. That is true even when warm temperatures delay signs of aging in tree leaves. To read more click here <http://www.today.colostate.edu/story.aspx?id=7272>.

Join the Grove!-You are invited to join the Colorado Grove at www.coloradogrove.org. To see what that group is all about watch the video at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OeaTkTxYnzg&feature=youtu.be>

From the ISA-Rocky Mountain Chapter

2012 ISA-RMC Annual Conference-The Annual Conference "Standing Tall from the Roots Up" will be held at Fort Collins Marriott in Fort Collins, CO on October 4-5, 2012. Don't miss out on great speakers like Jim Urban, Dr. Whitney Cranshaw and many of your fellow arborists. Topics will include Soil Basics; Technology Updates; Urban Soils and Urban Assessments and much more! Register online at: <http://www.isarmc.org/2012/04/isa-rmc-annual-conference>.

Gold Leaf Award-The Rocky Mountain Chapter of the International Society of Arboriculture (ISA) would like to acknowledge outstanding Arbor Day Activities or Community Landscape Beautification projects that occurred in 2012. The deadline for submission of applications to the Rocky Mountain Chapter is . You can download the Gold Leaf Award Application from their website, www.isarmc.org or call the Rocky Mountain Chapter office at 303-756-1815.

Colorado Tree Coalition Tidbits

Check Out the Redesigned Website-CTC's website has been undergoing a major "overhaul" over the past several months. Check it out at www.coloradotrees.org and let us know what you think!

Front Range Urban Forestry Council-The Front Range Chapter of CTC will be meeting on July 19 at Fairmount Cemetery to tour champion and notable trees on that site. For more information contact Keith Wood at keith.wood@colostate.edu.