



# Utah



## State & Private Forestry Fact Sheet

### Investment in State's Cooperative Programs:

<b>Program</b>	<b>FY 2006 Final</b>	<b>FY 2007 Estimate</b>
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management	157,000	157,000
Cooperative Lands - Forest Health Management - National Fire Plan	139,400	139,400
Forest Land Enhancement	25,000	25,000
Forest Legacy	2,272,000	2,845,000
Forest Stewardship	222,800	222,800
State Fire Assistance	291,100	291,100
State Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	1,931,300	1,931,300
Urban and Community Forestry	196,100	196,100
Volunteer Fire Assistance	63,400	63,400
Volunteer Fire Assistance - National Fire Plan	154,440	154,400
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,452,540</b>	<b>6,025,500</b>

Cooperative Forestry and Fire Programs are administered and implemented through partnerships between the Utah Division of Forestry, Fire, and State Lands, the USDA Forest Service, private organizations, and local government entities. These programs promote the health and productivity of Utah's forests, communities, and rural economies. We emphasize timber and other forest products, wildlife, water resources, rural economies and conservation practices. Our goal is to maintain and improve the health of Utah's urban and rural forests and related economies.

- Reduce costs through the use of partnerships.
- Increase values through the sustained productivity of forests.
- Are voluntary and non-regulatory in their delivery.

### Key Issues:

- Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)
- Forest health concerns related to increased age and density of the forests and decreased diversity on federal lands
- Protection and rehabilitation of water quality and riparian areas
- Threat of invasive, exotic species to native biodiversity
- The economic and social well being of communities dependent upon the long-term health of surrounding forests
- Rapid development and growth, and demand for urban forestry support. Urban trees provide benefits such as energy savings, storm water runoff control, air purification, shade and aesthetics.



## Forest Facts and Accomplishments:

Selected Facts		FY2006 Accomplishments	
Population	2,233,169	Stewardship Plans Prepared (current year) (Each)	4
Acres of Forest Land	16,066,600	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (current year) (Acres)	11,266
Acres of Nonindustrial Private Forest Land	2,800,000	Acres Under Stewardship Plans (all years) (Acres)	285,930
Number of NIPF Landowners	14,300	Acres of Multi-resource Practices Implemented on NIPF (Acres)	6,785
Acres of Federal Land Under State Fire Protection	0	Volunteer Fire Departments Assisted (Each)	48
Acres of Private Land Under State Fire Protection	15,000	State Fire Communities Assisted (Each)	10
Number of Rural Fire Departments	251	Coop Forest Health Acres Protected (Acres)	10,767
Number of Cities And Towns	289	Forest Legacy Project Acquisition (Acres)	4,474
Forest Based Employment	517	Urban Forestry - Participating Communities (Each)	52
Economic Impact of Forestry (by rank)	0	Urban Forestry - Volunteer Assistance (Days)	1,659
State Forestry Budget (All Sources)	16,459,100		

## Program Highlights:

### *Forest Health Protection*

Utah Forest Health specialists facilitated insecticide and sanitation treatments of several thousand high risk, high value trees from mountain pine beetle attacks on the North Slope of the Uinta Mountains to reduce impacts on private land recreation and aesthetic objectives within this area. The staff also provided technical and field assistance to Sundance Ski Resort, surrounding private lands and Brigham Young University to protect high value trees over several hundred acres from an outbreak population of bark beetles. In addition, they conducted seminars for private landowners regarding the use of preventative silvicultural treatments designed to mitigate potential impacts of bark beetles. Silvicultural treatments will improve both short- and long-term forest health objectives for private landowners. Lastly, \$85,000 in Forest Service - Forest Health Management funds were granted to the UT Dept of Agriculture for their aggressive campaign against noxious weeds. These funds were used to support Cooperative Weed Management Areas ~ groups of like-minded landowners and land managers who coordinate closely to reduce, eliminate and/or prevent noxious weed infestations.

### *Economic Action*

Although funding for this program was discontinued for 2006, on-going projects include the Daggett County Coordinated Resource Offering Protocol (CROP) project, and other biomass utilization/availability assessments. An EAP grant also helped the Utah Rural Development Council Stewardship Center implement practices to enhance and restore landscapes wherever stewardship projects are undertaken for the betterment of a global neighborhood.

### *Forest Legacy*

Utah's Forest Legacy Program protects private forestlands that are threatened by conversion to non-forest uses. During 2006 Utah protected 4,474 acres of prime forested lands with conservation easements. In addition to US Forest Service funding, partners included The Trust for Public Land, The Nature Conservancy, State of Utah Quality Growth Commission (LeRay McAllister Fund), and Utah Open Lands. Utah Legacy Program cooperators are working to establish priorities for over 42,000 acres of land which private landowners have shown interest in adding to the program. The level of funding needed to acquire these easements would be approximately \$36,000,000.

### *Urban and Community Forestry*

Thirty eight Community Forestry Grants, totaling \$45,878, were given to Utah communities for tree planting and community development. These funds were used as seed money for urban forestry program development projects. Six new cities were designated Tree City USA communities by the National Arbor Day Foundation; now over 50 percent of Utah citizens live in a Tree City USA community. TreeUtah contracted to coordinate volunteers for the State U&CF program, and successfully enlisted volunteers to contribute 9,954 hours and plant 8,687 trees throughout the state. The Utah Community Forestry Council promotes proper tree care and fosters educational opportunities; this organization hosted seven workshops ranging from hazard tree assessment to certified arborist preparation.

### *Forest Stewardship*

Planning and Implementation: During FY-2006, Utah's Division of Forestry, Fire and State Lands' service foresters prepared 4 new forest stewardship plans covering 11,266 acres in important forest resource areas or Category 1 watersheds. Forest Water Quality Guidelines (FWQG) Monitoring: A newly completed audit, the first since the Forest Practices Act was enacted in 2001, revealed that state and private landowners implemented FWQGs 81% of the time, with only minor departures recorded. These departures did not result in any major or long-term water quality impacts.

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