



Black Forest Together

News Flash #85

May 7, 2015

This Saturday, May 9 is seedling tree pickup day

If you have already reserved seedlings, here's when and where to pick them up:

- Date: Saturday, May 9, 2015
- Time: 9:00 am to 3:00 pm
- Place: Black Forest Fire Station 2 on Ridge Run Road (at the corner of Hodgen Road).

Trees MUST be picked up at that time. If you cannot pick up your trees during those hours, you must make arrangements for someone else to pick them up for you. We do not have facilities to store the trees.

Seedlings will easily fit into a passenger car.

Seedling orders not picked up by 3:00 pm will be considered abandoned. All abandoned trees will be given away from 3:30 to 5:00 pm. This is a first-come, first-served giveaway, but each household is limited to 50 trees.

This tree giveaway has been made possible by generous support from the Arbor Day Foundation, FedEx, the National Wildlife Federation, and the Colorado State Forest Service. A total of 10,000 free tree seedlings, in five species, has been donated to restore land that was burned by the Black Forest Fire of 2013. These trees have been grown by the Colorado State Forest Service, and are well suited to our area.

Black Forest Together is hiring

Black Forest Together, Inc. (BFT) is seeking a Project Planner and Coordinator to support short term recovery efforts in the Black Forest community. In addition this position will help formulate and assist the Forest Director in the execution of a long term recovery and fire mitigation plan to reduce fire and flood risk in the future, work within the Recovery Projects program and be responsible for the planning and coordination of work projects within the Black Forest community. This requires significant coordination with nationwide and local volunteers, Black Forest Together work volunteers and Black Forest homeowners. Efforts will include short and long-term planning and remediation/recovery work including hazardous charred tree cleanup, burn scar flooding on private roads, and creating a more resilient community by reducing future fire/flood risk through green forest mitigation. Candidate will identify both the needs of the community and the capabilities of BFT, formulate a plan of action, coordinate with resource managers, marshal appropriate resources, and assist the Forest Director with execution and evaluation of the plan. The individual selected will need to collaborate with El Paso County government, Colorado State Forest Service, Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA), Black Forest Fire/Rescue & Protection District, Coalition for the Upper South Platte (CUSP) and various businesses. Specific strategic planning tasks include hazardous tree removal, contracting services, wood utilization proposals and development/coordination of an updated Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP). The majority of the funding for this position is through a Resiliency Planning Grant from DOLA with an 18 month term. Qualifications include exceptional skills in interpersonal relationships, organizational effectiveness; experience in program management, strategic and operational planning, data analysis, consensus building and community outreach, public relations and education, teaching and training to include preparation of lesson plans, supervision and field operations. Candidate must be able to work independently, establish priorities, expeditiously and effectively execute plans and programs, and manage time effectively. Candidate can expect to work in harsh weather and geographic environments. Proficiency in the use of Word, Excel and Power Point is required. Non profit management experience is a plus. Applicant must be able to pass a background Security Check.

Black Forest Together Inc. is a 501(c)3 charitable organization and is an Equal Opportunity Employer and no otherwise qualified individual shall be subject to discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion or religious affiliation, sex, familial status, age, genetics, disability, or national origin in any phase of employment for this position. Further, the work to be performed under this contract is subject to the requirements of Section 3 of the Housing and Urban Development Act of 1968, as amended, 12 U.S.C. 70u (Section 3) which states that employment and other economic opportunities generated by HUD assistance shall, to the greatest extent feasible, be directed to low and very low-income persons, particularly persons who are recipients of HUD assistance for housing.

Interested individuals contact Black Forest Together, Inc. email blackforesttogether@gmail.com Include a resume with your response. We also may be contacted at (719) 495 2445. Our office is located at 11590 Black Forest Road, Suite 30, Colorado Springs, CO 80908. Applications must be submitted by the close of business on Wednesday, May 20, 2015.

Grant funds can cut your mitigation cost in half

You have a rare opportunity to reduce the cost of wildfire mitigation by 50%, through a grant that Black Forest Together has received from the Colorado Department of Natural Resources. [Click here to get more details on our web site](#), or contact the Resource Center at 495-2445 or BlackForestTogether@gmail.com

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In the Forest Center, just west of Subway - [\[MAP\]](#)

Hours: Mon/Tues/Thurs/Fri 9:00 am to 1:00 pm. Wednesday 3 pm - 6 pm.
1st and 3rd Saturdays by appointment

Appointments must be made by the preceding Thursday at noon.
To make an appointment, call 495-2445 or [send us an email](#).

Weather Delays or Closures:

The Resource Center will follow [School District 20's delay or closure policies](#).

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Mission Statement

To help the people of the Black Forest region to recover, rebuild and restore their lives, protect the Forest's water quality and ecological health with an emphasis placed on community values, economic stability and the richness of our natural environment today and in the future.