

QUICK FACTS

- **CUSP** is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization
- **CUSP** is the largest watershed protection organization in Colorado
- The watershed supplies ~ 70% of Colorado's drinking, agricultural and commercial water supply
- Our work protects lives, homes, infrastructure and the environment
- Our Volunteer Program manages 1,500 – 6,000 volunteers every season
- We can support up to 200 participants for a single day volunteer project
- We believe engaging employees from organizations in outside restoration projects enhances leadership skills and instills environmental stewardship
- We strive to involve local groups and are proud to work with groups from all over the state and country
- Your tax-deductible donations are strategically leveraged so that **95%** of our funding goes directly to **Programs**



Volunteer with CUSP
We would love to work with you!

**Lend a hand, get dirty
and make a difference!**

GENERAL VOLUNTEER HOURS

8:00 am – 3:00 pm (may vary)

Operating Months: April – November

CONTACT INFORMATION

Office hours: 9:00 am – 4:00 pm

Phone: 719.748.0033

Fax: 719.302.2852

Email: CUSP@uppersouthplatte.org

Website: www.volunteer.cusp.ws

To request your volunteer project date please go to our website and select:

New Volunteer Form



CUSP **COALITION FOR THE UPPER SOUTH PLATTE**



CORPORATE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

CUSP provides your staff opportunities to give back to our watershed communities via outdoor projects. These projects protect natural resources, ecological health and water quality while helping to prevent and mitigate natural disaster impacts.

VISION

A healthy watershed now and in the future

MISSION

To protect the water quality and ecological health of the Upper South Platte Watershed, through cooperative efforts of the watershed stakeholders, with emphasis placed on community values and economic sustainability

WHY CHOOSE CUSP

CUSP is the second largest outdoor volunteer organization in Colorado. We leverage every volunteer work hour as in-kind match for Federal and State grants that make our projects possible.

We create a safe and rewarding outdoor volunteering experience.

We provide well organized project opportunities that emphasize teamwork and communication.

We teach the importance of our natural resources, their processes and how damage to these invaluable resources affect communities, infrastructure and our ecosystems.

• **Project Types:**

- **Green forest health**
 - Preventing catastrophic wildfire
 - Creating healthy and resilient forests
- **Invasive weed species mitigation**
- **Stream restoration**
- **Trail maintenance and building**
- **Fire restoration/ Disaster relief**
 - Raking and seeding
 - Jute matting
 - Log erosion barriers
 - Tree planting
 - Sandbagging

Due to the many programs CUSP administers, advance scheduling is recommended, so complete your new volunteer form today!

BEFORE THE PROJECT

- To schedule your **Volunteer Project** go to www.volunteer.cusp.ws and click on **New Volunteer Form**. Tell us about your group and submit your request today!

After your request is submitted you will be contacted by our **Volunteer Coordinator** within 5 business days

- We will provide you with all necessary participant paperwork and organize the logistics and all needed materials
- Ensure each participant completes a **CUSP Release Form** and as a group will complete our **Volunteer Listing** document
- Review and share our **Project Information** sheet with all participants to ensure participants are dressed appropriately and know what to expect
- Our **Volunteer Coordinator** will be available to discuss any other questions or concerns throughout the organizing process

To learn more about **CUSP**, the importance of protecting our watersheds and natural resources and how to volunteer or donate, please visit the following websites:

www.cusp.ws

www.facebook.com/uppERSouthPlatte

www.learn.uppERSouthPlatte.org

WHERE WE WORK

The 2,600 square mile, 1.6-million-acre Upper South Platte Watershed lies in the heart of Colorado. When disaster strikes, we come to the aid of our neighboring watersheds too!



“Spectranetics (a Colorado Springs medical device manufacturer) is proud to support CUSP! Through our company's *Day of Service* program, we've participated in numerous projects, from tree planting, flood mitigation, to weed eradication. We're honored to help CUSP care for our local environment, and we're looking forward to helping them with many more projects in our community. We have great respect for CUSP and our outings with them have been crazy rewarding! There's just nothing like rolling up your sleeves and getting dirty with your teammates! Working with CUSP is a great team building experience and I would highly recommend it for any group.”

Testimonial - Connie Cooper, Contract Administrator at Spectranetics