

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 people 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 invested 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**



VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

CUSP provides individuals and groups 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!

WHO VOLUNTEERS?

- **Individuals**
- **Schools**
- **Large and small businesses/corporations**
- **Scout Troops**
- **Church & Mission groups**
- **International groups**
- **Civic organizations**

HOW TO VOLUNTEER

- To register for a **Volunteer Project** please go to www.cusp.ws/volunteer , select **New Volunteer Form** and tell us about you or your group. Once you have completed the form, you may select a project from our **Calendar**
- We provide project specific details on what to expect, what to wear, and the location when you register
- Our **Volunteer Coordinator** is available to answer any 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!



CUSP was formed in August 1998. We do almost nothing alone, yet with our partners, we have accomplished so much: we have helped heal the scars – both physical and metaphorical – that catastrophic wildfire and floods have left on our land and in our hearts. We help homeowners and government agencies in the effort to protect us all from the next conflagration. We restore rivers to improve fish habitat and reduce erosion. We build and restore trails to enhance recreational opportunities (something our communities value dearly), while reducing negative impacts on the environment. We mitigate noxious weeds, educate children and their teachers, encourage volunteers, and answer the call whenever we can make a difference.