

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 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**



SERVICE VOLUNTEER PROJECTS

CUSP provides your organization 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

<https://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!



"Catholic Heart Workcamp partners with CUSP annually to work during our weeklong summer camp. Since 2014, CUSP provides CHWC with meaningful projects in the mountains. Our camp of 250 teens from across the nation comes to Colorado Springs for a week of service, fellowship, and spiritual revival. The projects CUSP provides are consistent with our Laudato Si', which involves healthy stewardship of the environment. The outcome of the CUSP/CHWC partnership is valuable work that is a unique and enriching experience for the CHWC campers. CHWC is very grateful for CUSP, their professional and kind teammates, and the work projects that are so mutually beneficial."

**Testimonial -Alex Valentine, Camp Organizer
CHWC Colorado Springs,**