



# 2021 Annual Awards

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2021 ESP Annual Meeting



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# ESP Awards

- 13 award categories
- Call for nominations come out in August
- Opportunity to recognize your fellow ESP members!!
- Meritorious and Retiree awards are given at the Chapter level and the rest are given at Chapter level and then advance to the National level

# 2020 National Winner!

## *Early-Career Service Award*

### Susan Carter

Tri River Area Horticulture & Natural Resource Agent



# 2020 National Winner!

## *Mid-Career Service Award*

### Mark Platten

Teller County Extension Director



# *Retiree Award*

## Christy Fitzpatrick

4-H/Family Consumer Science Agent, Chaffee County

“Christy leads an active state committee and serves on the national ESP committee -- linking the Zeta chapter to all the news and happenings on the national level. In 2020 she participated in the International Study Tour to the Philippines and shared her experiences with the state chapter and was part of the national webinar, as well. The Zeta chapter committee has planned and hosted several webinars for members in the 2020-2021 period to help educate and motivate members to take advantage of international opportunities to share their skills and grow as individuals.”



# *Distinguished Service*

## Joy Akey

Extension Agent – Family and Consumer Science

“Joy is very passionate about helping others and has built many partnerships with agencies and organizations in her county that have contributed even more so to those efforts. The majority of her work has focused on food safety and nutrition and health, especially for youth audiences. She was recently a recipient of a PROSPER pilot grant for Colorado which has opened new doors to focus educational efforts on behavioral health issues in her county.”



# *Diversity Individual Award*

## Lisa Auer

CSU Extension Larimer County Family Leadership Training Institute

“FLTI has been in Larimer County since 2009 and has over 200 alumni with over 20 primary Spanish speaking alumni. In 2020 we were able to offer the training and engagement opportunities in a language justice English/Spanish model reaching far more historically underserved community members. FLTI in Larimer county will continue to provide programming and inclusive engagement processes to bridge the gap between local residents and decision-makers in order to foster the co-creation of programs and policies that reflect multiple community voices.”



# *Visionary Leadership Award*

## Mark Platten

Teller County Extension Director

“Covid shutdowns and economic downturn resulted in residents scrambling for high altitude gardening resources to combat the 40+ degree daily temperature swings, gale-force winds, Pikes Peak regolith soil, and hail. Residents needed to learn to grow food so they could feed their families. Mark interviewed local gardeners and created 15 greenhouse and garden videos, provided dozens of supporting materials and held Zoom Q & A sessions. In addition, he developed nine gardening modules on the platform Thinkific to take the typical master gardener classes and make the training available online.”





# *Diversity Team Award*

## STEM in a Bag/STEM una Bolsa

- **Carla Farrand**, County Director  
4-H Youth Development Extension Agent  
Family and Consumer Science Extension Agent
- **Dani Wesoloski**, 4-H Youth Development Extension  
Agent School Enrichment and After School



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# *Diversity Team Award*

## STEM in a Bag/STEM una Bolsa

“STEM in a Bag/STEM una Bolsa provides fun STEM educational activities for youth and their families. STEM in a Bag/STEM una Bolsa brought together STEM AmeriCorps Members, School Districts, CSU Extension, River Center and Lift-Up (Local Food Bank) to work together to expand how to reach under resourced youth and families. The lessons are 1-page with pictures and clear directions for the young person or family member to help with the lessons in English and Spanish. In one year, 4,320 meals and lessons were delivered together to reach youth and their families. “

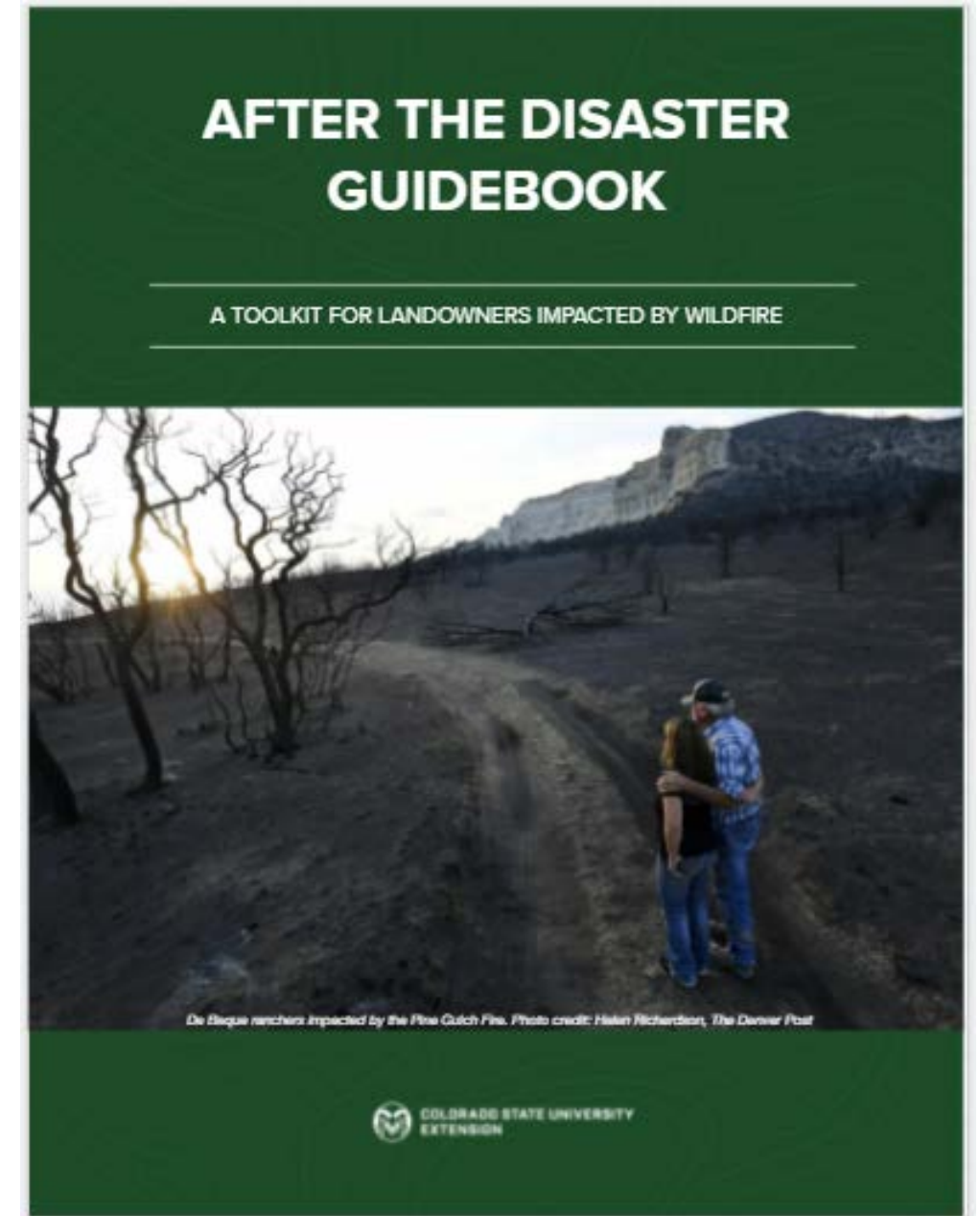


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# Team Award

## After the Disaster Intern Team

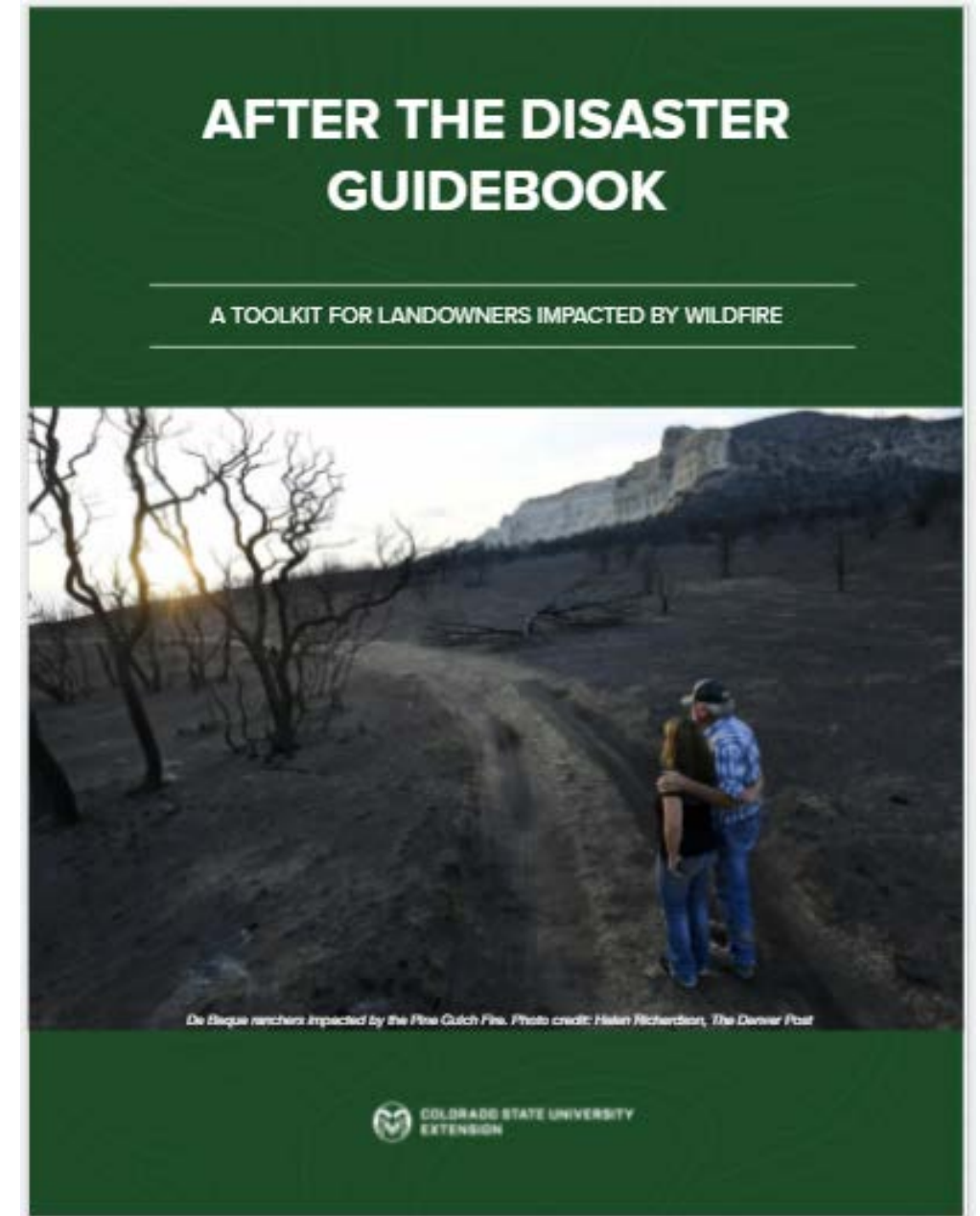
- **Susan Carter**, TRA Hort. & Nat. Resources, NR PRU Co-lead
- **Todd Hagenbuch**, Director & Ag. Agent Routt Cty
- **Doug Dean**, Director and Livestock and Range, TRA
- **Ragan Adams**, Coordinator, Veterinary Extension Specialist
- **Gloria Edwards**, Southern Rockies Fire Science Network
- **Carolina Manriquez**, CSFS
- **Channing Bice**, CSU Student



# *Team Award*

## After the Disaster Intern Team

“Our committee worked well to support, provide information, input and experience to our intern to produce a well put together guidebook that should help landowners, Extension agents and others that deal with emergencies and disasters for years to come. This is a testament to our Extension Intern program and what can be accomplished when you have a goal and the time to complete a project that will help your community and the communities of the entire state of Colorado.”



# *Friend of Extension*

## Jim Fricke

The Colorado Garden Foundation awards grants to organizations and scholarships to individuals throughout Colorado. In the past 63 years, organizations throughout Colorado have received grants totaling more than \$10 million from Colorado Garden Foundation, a not-for-profit corporation dedicated to furthering the horticultural industry. Colorado State University is a humble recipient of \$468,508 in grants and scholarships, including \$98,200 in grants specifically to the Colorado Master Gardener Extension volunteer statewide program and \$146,312 to county-based programs and offices.





# CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR WINNERS!!

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