

# Colorado Forest Tour

White River Conservation District  
Meeker, Colorado

08/12/2010

Location: YMCA of the  
Rockies Frasier, CO

# Tour Participants

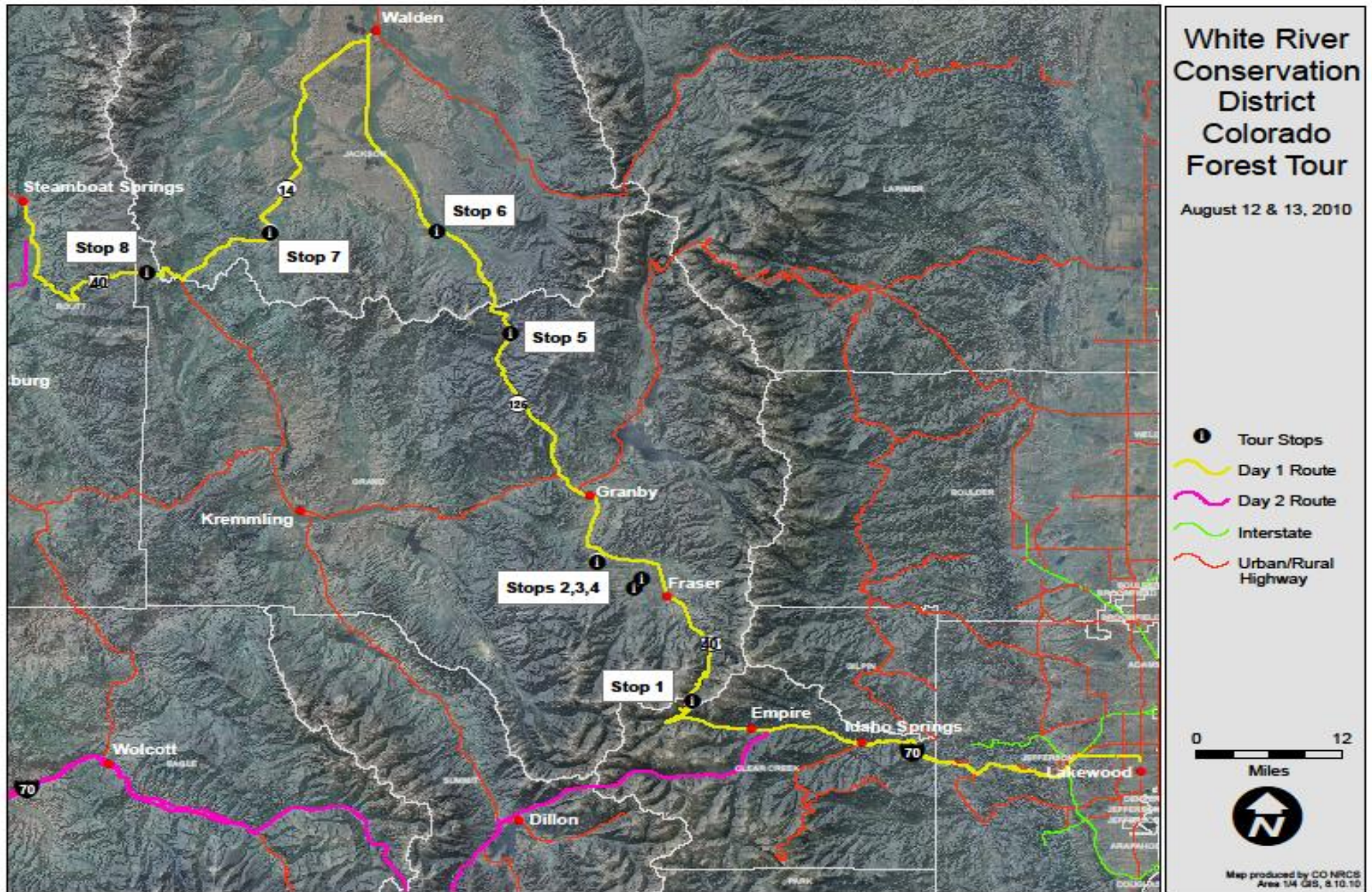
- United States Forest Service Region 2 Office-Susan Ford
- Colorado State Forest Service-Joe Duda, Greg Sundstrom, Paul Cada
- Council of Western State Foresters-Brent Keith
- NRCS Colorado State Office-Frank Riggle (Assistant State Conservationist), Jonas Feinstein (State Forester)
- NACD Forestry Committee-Orval Gigstad
- United States Forest Service Bark Beetle Incident Team Leader-Cal Wettstein
- Legislative Aides from US Senator Mark Udall's office, US Senator Michael Bennett's office
- Regional Director for US House of Representative John Salazar
- Colorado Department of Agriculture- Cindy Lair (CSCB Program Administrator), Callie Hendrickson (Conservation Specialist)
- Gubernatorial Candidate Political Aide John Hickenlooper
- County Commissioners from Grand and Rio Blanco Counties
- Grand County Department of Natural Resources
- Colorado State Legislator- Randy Baumgardner
- Bruce Benninghoff-Retired USFS Forester & Current Forestry Consultant
- Dr. Jim Bowyer-Retired Univ. Minnesota Dept. Head of Forest Products
- USFS District Ranger & Resource Specialist for the Blanco Ranger District in Meeker-Ken Coffin & Linn Pettijohn
- NRCS District Conservationist-Deb Henney
- Landowners-Young Life Crooked Creek Ranch, YMCA of the Rockies (Non-Profit Partner), Bruce & Shirley Brundage (Willow Creek Ranch), Larry French, Larry Moyer
- Douglas Creek Conservation District-Wade Cox
- White River Conservation District- Gary Moyer & Matt Scott
- Colorado State Conservation Board President- Jack Burk
- Big Country RC&D and tour no show- Steve Myers
- Rio Blanco County Farm Service Agency
- District Conservationist and tour no show Tiffany Harvey

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Picture Location Ripple  
Creek Pass, Eastern Rio  
Blanco County, CO

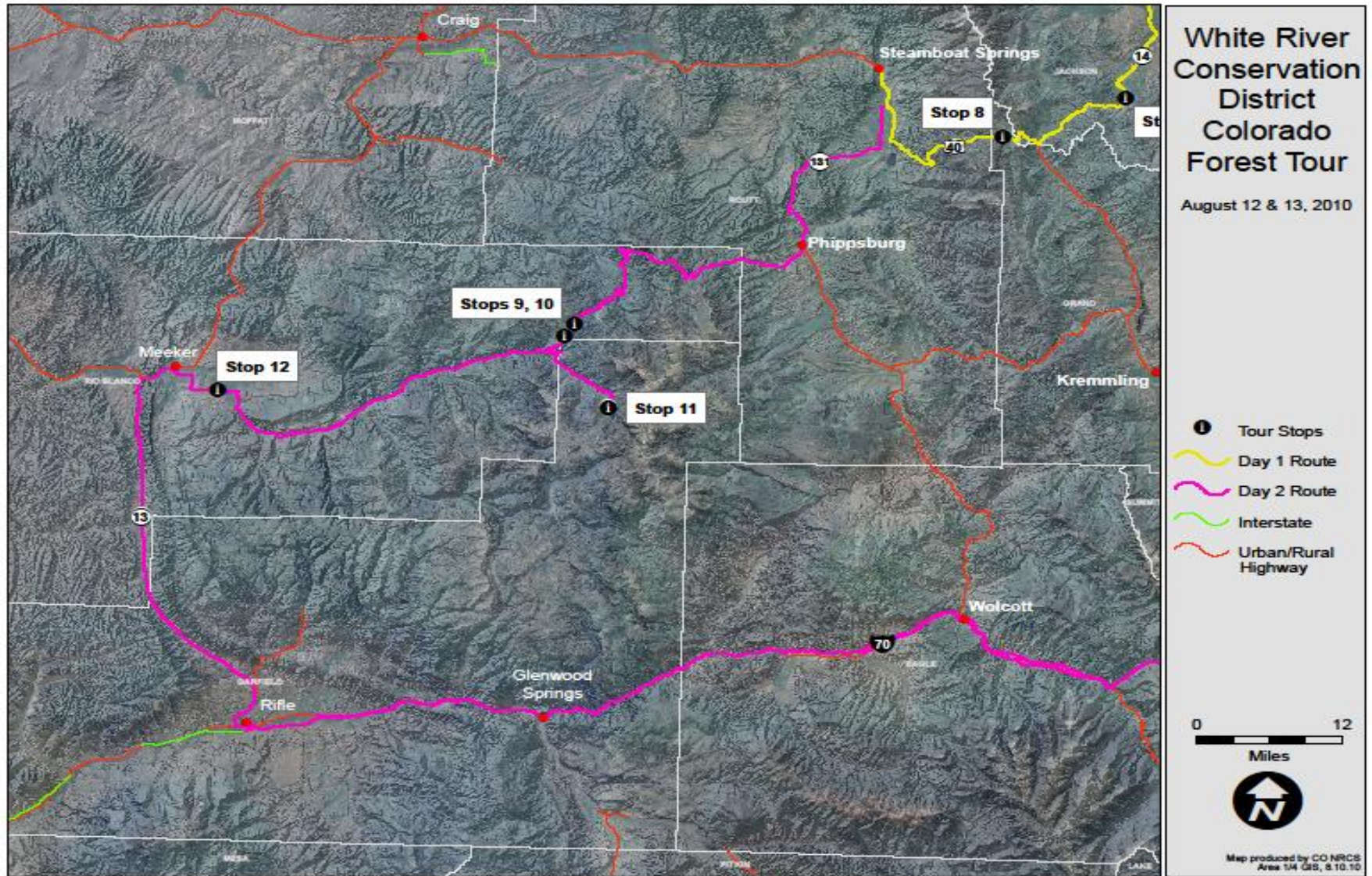
# Day One Tour Route

9 Total Stops 300 Miles



# Day 2 Tour Route

3 Total Stops 350 Miles



MONTANA

IDAHO

WYOMING

COLORADO

NEW MEXICO

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE TRAIL

BERTHOUD PASS

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Picture Location: Berthoud Pass Grand  
County, Colorado



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Location: Young Life  
Crooked Creek Ranch  
Winter Park, Colorado



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Lunch At the YMCA of the Rockies in  
Frasier, Colorado

The YMCA has spent over \$1 Million  
Dollars removing dead trees through  
out their property





Location: Willow Creek Pass  
Grand County Colorado

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Location: Willow Creek Pass  
Speaker Cal Wettstein USFS Bark  
Beetle Incident Team Leader White  
River, Medicine Bow, & Arapahoe  
National Forests





Picture Left: Willow Creek Ranch in  
Walden, CO  
Below: Larry French Property in Jackson  
County, Colorado

Dead timber removed on both  
properties using NRCS cost shared  
funds through EQIP

Average Cost of Removal \$2000/acre





Location: Rabbit Ears Pass Routt County  
Colorado

Picture Left: Dr. Jim Bowyer

Picture Below: Bruce Benninghoff

Benninghoff giving a historical perspective and changes in forest management. Increased difficulty for the USFS to react and respond to insect outbreak.

Bowyer talking about deterioration rate. Need direct surface contact with the ground. Expects Lodgepole in CO to take 50 years plus to deteriorate.





Location: Ripple Creek Pass Rio Blanco  
County Colorado.

Above Picture: Remains of the 2002 Big  
Fish Fire (burned over 17,000 acres).

Mix of standing dead spruce from the  
1940's and live spruce/fir

Right Picture: Tour Participants hearing  
Ken Coffin, Linn Pettijohn from the  
Blanco Ranger District





Location: Ripple Creek Pass Rio Blanco  
County Colorado  
Remains of the 2002 Big Fish Fire

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Location: Upper Colorado Environmental  
Plant Center Meeker, Colorado



Above: Dr. Bowyer Talking about using wood products to make transportation fuel, industrial chemicals, and plastics.

Right: Jack Burk (Colorado State Conservation Board President) & retired Botanist talking about the presence of Forest Management prior to European settlement.

