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Media Advisory

Community invited to Nov. 14 Alternative Energy Conference

State Agriculture Commissioner to speak on wind energy development

Littleton, Colo.— Wind energy, carbon financial credits and home energy windbreaks will be the topics of discussion and exploration at an Alternative Energy Conference hosted by the Arapahoe and Douglas Counties CSU Extension Offices and the Douglas County Soil Conservation District.

The conference will take place 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday, Nov. 14 at the Douglas County Events Center (500 Fairgrounds Rd., Castle Rock).

Keynote speakers include Colorado Department of Agriculture Commissioner John Stulp, who will present on wind development for farmers and ranchers; Mike Kostrzewa, P.E., Senior Research Associate at the Colorado State University Department of Mechanical Engineering, who will speak on the topic of wind energy and wind turbines; and Dan Pauley with CSU Extension in Jefferson County, who will address the financial benefits of carbon credits.

In addition, the Douglas County Soil Conservation District will display an exhibit on home energy windbreaks, which reduce the force of the wind on a home's exterior surfaces and thus the amount of cold air that enters the structure, as well as many other benefits to landowners and the environment.

The cost for the program is \$20 per person and includes a continental breakfast and lunch. The deadline to register is Monday, Nov. 9. Breakfast and registration on the day of the event is 8 to 8:45 a.m. The conference speakers will begin at 9 a.m., and lunch at noon will conclude the program.

To register, please contact the Douglas County CSU Extension Office at 720-733-6930 or 720-733-6951; e-mail Joe Julian at jjulian@douglas.co.us; or visit www.douglascountyextension.org for a registration form. Upon request, a form will also be sent via fax or postal mail.

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