

## What are Small Acreage Management Issues?

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## 2016 Small Acreage Management Volunteer Program



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# What is a Small Acreage Management (SAM) Volunteer?

SAM volunteers are volunteer with Boulder County CSU Extension. After completing in-depth training, they help the public with SAM issues by providing information and recommendations based on current research.

## Why the need?

CSU Extension in Boulder County assists over 5,000 small acreage owners in Boulder County. Many are unfamiliar with management strategies beyond those used in suburban settings.



Helping these clients make good SAM decisions positively impacts over 37,000 acres in Boulder County.

## How do I become a SAM volunteer?

Anyone 18 years old or older can apply. Applicants are selected through a screening and interview process. It is desirable that applicants have previous knowledge and local experience in SAM. Each trainee must attend all training sessions.

## What training is provided?

Volunteers receive approximately 24 hours of SAM training from CSU and other public agency specialists. Classroom session will cover weed management, pasture management, and fire defensible zones. A resource notebook, flash drive, snacks, and lunch are provided.



## What is the cost?

The **training fee of \$100** covers the cost of the training (\$65 for training and \$35 for “Weeds of the West”). In return for the training, SAM volunteers are required to **return 24 hours** of time to the SAM program. First year volunteers will answer questions left by clients on a voice mail server. Adept volunteers and those returning beyond the 24 hours will have advanced options at the discretion of the Program Coordinator:

**Weed ID** – Identifying samples and making management recommendations

**Writing** – articles for the SAM e-newsletters published quarterly

**Assisting with Special events**

## When is the training?

Training to occur March 7, 14, 21, 28, 2016, Clover Bldg. 9595 Nelson Rd., Longmont, 8:30 am to 3:30pm.

## Continuing Education

Each year SAM volunteers returning to the program are required to attend the final day of the annual training (free) and participate in continuing education (CE) opportunities offered through the Extension office in Boulder County. Fees for CE opportunities may be covered by the Extension office. Choose one CE opportunity to fulfill this annual requirement.



## How to apply

Applications will be available online or at the Extension Office. Request or download an application from the following sources or send hard copy:

Boulder County SAM Program  
Boulder County Extension Office  
9595 Nelson Road, Box B

Longmont, CO 80501  
303-678-6238

<http://www.extension.colostate.edu/boulder/acreage.shtml>

- **Enrollment is limited to 12**
- **Note deadline on application**
- **Background checks are required**

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