

Council of Western State Foresters  
Seattle, Washington  
May 18, 2000

CWSF Resolution No. 2000- 4

***Strengthening Western Urban Forestry Research***

**WHEREAS**, Urban Forestry Research and Education is integral to land use planning, conserving energy, improving air quality, mitigating water shortages, increasing land values, and enhancing public health; and

**WHEREAS**, The Western Center for Urban Forest Research and Education serves the research and development needs of over 50 million people living in cities and towns throughout 17 western states and the Pacific Islands; and

**WHEREAS**, The Western Center is widely regarded as an authoritative source on the environmental and economic benefits of urban forests, but has received limited funds compared to research units in the Northeast and Midwest; and

**WHEREAS**, Increasing appropriated funds will allow the Center to work with partners throughout the West to move its programs to a position of greater strength and focus.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** the Council of Western State Foresters supports increasing appropriated funds for the Western Center for Research and Education from \$400,000 annually to \$2 million annually.

Passed by unanimous vote of the CWSF members present:

Toby Martinez, Chairman  
Council of Western State Foresters  
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