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Greetings,

The three foot snowfall we had in Santa Fe over the New Years weekend is almost gone, the days are longer, the temperatures are milder, and bulbs are beginning to peek up from the soil. Spring is just around the corner. It promises to be a green one with all the ground moisture we have. Quite a change from last year when we had the driest winter on record.

We began this monthly bulletin last fall as a means to communicate on a more regular basis with Tree Farm members. Previous to the bulletin, the Tree Farm Committee published a Tree Farm Newsletter on a sporadic basis (generally twice a year). The newsletter contained informative articles on forestry and also articles written by Tree Farmers about their experiences with managing their properties.

We are hoping to continue sending a monthly bulletin to Tree Farm members to keep them informed about Tree Farm news but we would also like to send out a Tree Farm Newsletter twice a year. We would like to make the first newsletter a forum for Tree Farmers who feel they have something to share with other landowners. We already have a couple of articles from Tree Farmers for the newsletter and would like to have more. If you or another landowner you know would like to share your experiences with managing your land, or have something else to share with the other 175 members of the New Mexico Tree Farm program please consider contributing your knowledge to our newsletter.

If interested in sharing your knowledge, or if you have an opinion to express about forest land management and the challenges involved please write it down and send it to me either electronically or by mail and we will see that it gets into the newsletter. We are looking at getting the newsletter out in April so this gives you plenty of time. Thank-you and I look forward to hearing from you.

