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Greetings,

The Tree Farm System's National Leadership Conference was held on February 27-29 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho. Tree Farmer Joe Stehling joined state foresters Doug Boykin, Nick Smokovich, and Arnie Friedt and Tree Farm Chair, Harry Morrison in attending the conference. A total of 165 Tree Farmers and Tree Farm Committee members from 38 states were there to hear from national staff members on the status of Tree Farm programs and to exchange ideas with other states on ways to strengthen the program and promote the Tree Farm goal of getting better forestry on more acres and keeping it there. A common theme among states was the difficulty of getting Tree Farmers actively involved in the program. Nowadays it seems very easy to get over-committed and it's tough to get Tree Farmers to make the commitment of time and energy to the program even though managing their forest land is no doubt very important to them. It is ironic that with all the time saving devices we have now that people feel more pressured for time than before. Another reason to get out and enjoy the woods.

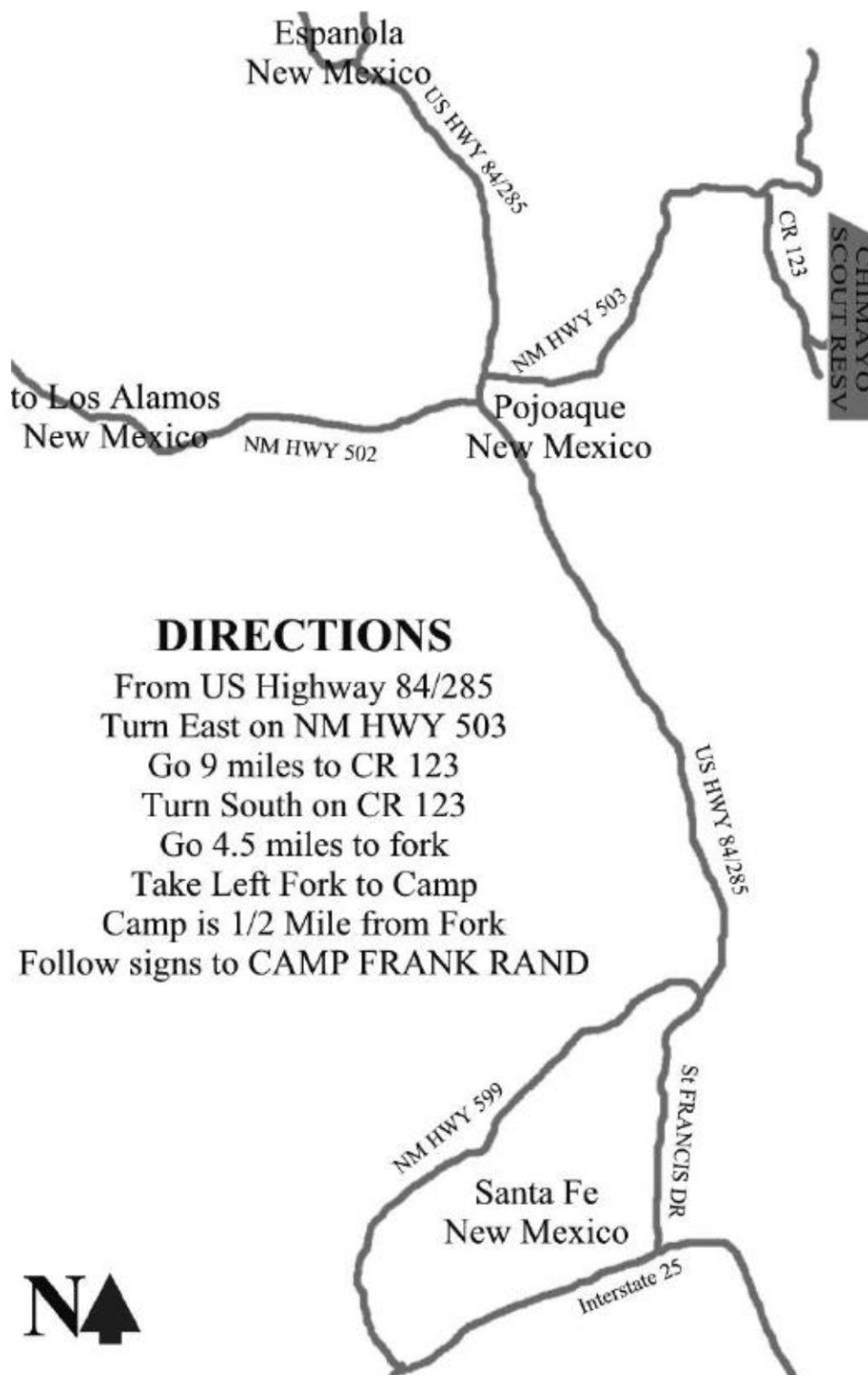
On another note, in our November Bulletin we announced that the Tree Farm Committee had received a grant of \$4,500.00 to construct a "Tree Farm" Pavilion at Camp Frank Rand, a Boy Scouts of America facility near Chimayo, NM. The idea is to teach the Boy Scouts a little bit about sustainable forestry and gain exposure for the Tree Farm Program. The building materials have been gathered on site and the staff of Camp Frank Rand is inviting any Tree Farmers interested in seeing the property to come up the weekend of April 12-13 (plan on meeting between 8:00 – 10:00 AM) to assist in the building or just enjoy the woods. Camping is available for anyone who wants to spend the two days there. A picnic lunch will be provided both days. Please RSVP by phone, e-mail, or letter (information provided above) so we know how much food to

provide. It's been a long winter for many of us so this could be the perfect time to get outdoors and enjoy spring.

Camp Frank Rand is located near Chimayo, New Mexico.

Camp Frank Rand Great Southwest Council

Chimayo Scout Reservation Boy Scouts of America



DIRECTIONS

From US Highway 84/285
Turn East on NM HWY 503
Go 9 miles to CR 123
Turn South on CR 123
Go 4.5 miles to fork
Take Left Fork to Camp
Camp is 1/2 Mile from Fork
Follow signs to CAMP FRANK RAND

