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The National Leadership Conference 2017

By Matthew Silva

Greenville, South Carolina, served as the host city for this year's national leadership conference of the American Tree Farm System. The annual conference brings together state committee officers, tree farm inspectors, state foresters, and representatives from various agencies for the productive exchanges of ideas. New Mexico Chair Matthew Silva and State Forester Doug Boykin participated in this year's discussions.

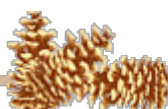


One of the breakout sessions focused on tools for reaching land owners. The session included a presentation by Doug Boykin on the history and communication value of the New Mexico Tree Farm monthly bulletin and the annual newsletter. Using examples from our newsletters, Doug illustrated how the newsletter continues to evolve to provide landowners with vital information about services and opportunities available to our membership. The newsletters are archived and can be accessed through the national website at www.treefarmssystem.org. Scroll down to "Your State's Tree Farm Program." Simply click on New Mexico on the map and you will arrive at our New Mexico web page.



On the right-hand column, select and click on "newsletters". You can then select from newsletters dating back to the previous millennia – yes, the spring of 1999! It is easy and it is fun. How do I know this? I tried it. But fair warning – it is addictive.

The last day of the conference included two very important and timely topics. The first panel session was led by Eileen of PricewaterhouseCoopers, LLP. Her accounting organization is very concerned about new challenges with attracting and retaining



employees. Specifically, she presented results of their studies of generational trends towards work and volunteering. The panel of industry experts and leaders offered their insights and ideas to attract and retain emerging leaders and engage the next generation of volunteers (millennials).

The second panel session focused on engaging minority landowners and expanding their voice. The discussion focused on successful methods for assisting African American forest landowners to retain their lands and experience the benefits of forestry.

The two very fine discussions underscored the benefits of age distribution and diversity in any human endeavor. To my way of thinking, it is analogous to what we see in a healthy forest – a distribution of age and a diversity of life.

In closing, Doug prepared the leaders (seasoned and emerging) for next year’s conference – **IN ALBUQUERQUE, NEW MEXICO!!**

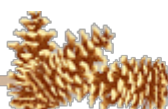
1) WHEN WAS YOUR LAST TREE FARM INSPECTION?

When was the last time your property was inspected by a Tree Farm Inspector? If it has been longer than five years you are overdue. A Tree Farm inspection should be conducted every five years. If it has been longer than five years, you are no longer a “Certified” Tree Farmer and you need to be inspected. As we work towards getting our tree farmers some form of agricultural or “Tree Farm” tax status, it is imperative that we make sure the inspections and management plans for our certified tree farmers are current, concise and correct, with addendums where needed. If you have not had your tree farm inspected in the last 5 years, please call your inspector and set up a date and a time for an inspection. All you need to do is call your Tree Farm Inspector at one of the numbers below and have the coffee pot on when your inspector gets there.

Chama District	575-588-7831
Socorro District	575-835-9359
Capitan District	575-354-2231

Cimarron District	575-376-2204
Las Vegas District	505-425-7472
Bernalillo District	505-867-2334

2) WILDLAND URBAN INTERFACE SUMMIT



The Wildland Urban Interface (WUI) Summit is a statewide conference that is organized by representatives from state and federal agencies and local non-profits. The WUI Summit is an opportunity for local leaders, emergency responders, businesses, and citizens to learn from each other and stay informed on current science and practices in mitigating risk of wildfires in the wildland urban interface.

The 2017 WUI Summit will be in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the Sheraton Airport Hotel. This year, the conference will have three concurrent tracks that focus on the technical, "How does it work?", collaboration, "Who can I work with?", and action, "What can I do?". There will also be two field trips: One will visit the northern bosque in Corrales and Rio Rancho, and the other will visit East Mountains. Saturday is a free family-friendly half day where the general public can learn and engage.

Online registration is open until March 24, 2017. All registrations after this date will need to be done in person and on-site starting March 30. The online registration fee is \$65 for attendees and \$100-\$150 for exhibitors depending on non-profit status. Please review the footnote for refund and cancellation policies. Contact Information: Katelyn Quiroz, New Mexico Association of Counties, Phone: (505) 216-3006, kquiroz@nmcounties.org

3) ATTENTION TREE FARM INSPECTORS

A new course has been added to the ATFS Database. This course covers proper completion and submission an inspection (004 form). The course can be found in the training section of the database and is geared toward the inspector audience. We will be promoting the course through our Sightline Newsletter and ask that you please promote it through your communications to inspectors as well. *There is 1 CFE credit available for completing this course and the first 100 inspectors to complete the course will receive a \$20 Amazon gift card as a thank you.*

<https://www.treefarmssystem.org/database-updates>

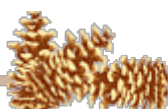
4) TAX TIPS FOR FOREST LANDOWNERS FOR THE 2016 TAX YEAR

By Dr. Linda Wang, National Timber Tax Specialist, U.S. Forest Service

<https://www.fs.fed.us/spf/coop/library/taxtips2016.pdf>

5) BUY, SELL OR TRADE

Are you looking for forestry related equipment to buy (i.e. chipper, splitter, chainsaw, etc.)? Or, do you own forestry related equipment you would like to sell or trade? Forestry related equipment only, please, no homes or land. We would like to help you make the connection with other New Mexico Tree Farmers. Provide us with a description of the equipment, price, photo and contact information and we will post it in the New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin. If you would like us to help you make the connection please provide information to Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us



6) COMMUNITY CORNER

If your community is having a forestry related public event let us know the details and we would be delighted to promote your event in the New Mexico Tree Farm Bulletin. Give us the event details, Who, What, Where and When with contact information and we will include in our monthly bulletin. If you would like us to help you promote your event, please provide information to Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us

7) NEW WEBSITE

Our new website is at <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/new-mexico> . Current feature includes: contact information, resources, newsletters, bulletins, news, minutes/agenda and our calendar of events. Take a few minutes and check out our new website (provided to us by the American Tree Farm System).

8) E-MAIL INSTEAD OF SNAIL MAIL

Would you prefer to receive your Tree Farm Bulletin by e-mail instead of snail mail? If so, contact Doug Boykin at doug.boykin@state.nm.us and provide him with your contact information. By receiving your Tree Farm Bulletin by e-mail our operating costs are reduced. Thank you for considering this option.

9) COMMITTEE MEETING

All Tree Farmers are invited and encouraged to attend our 2nd New Mexico Tree Farm Committee Meeting of the year (three held annually). Please join us at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 9, 2017 (location to be announced). Come out and hear what other tree farmers have been up to and share your tree farm accomplishments with the group. We look forward to visiting with you. If you have any questions, please contact Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us

