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# TREE FARM BULLETIN

# 2020 NATIONAL LEADERSHIP COMMUNITY CONFERENCE

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In February 2020 the American Tree Farm System held its National Leadership Community Conference in Baltimore MD, hosted by the Maryland Tree Farm Program. The theme for the conference was "Strengthening, Growing and Increasing Conservation Impact". The annual meetings are designed to keep state committees informed on changes and upcoming efforts by the program and also gather input from the state committees on these efforts going forward. Below are some take home messages we can use in our New Mexico Program in the upcoming months.

One of the major themes of this year's conference was the expanding diversity of landowners across the country. This was highlighted in a number of talks. While listening to these talks it was apparent that the New Mexico Program already has strong diversity in Tree Farm ownership as a result of the dynamics of our state. Having said that there were a few ideas we will follow up with. One of these concepts was the concept of Heirs property. I have never heard of this before the



conference, but it deals with land being retained within a family with no strong plan for transfer of ownership. It was illustrated how that can be a major problem after a few generations. It was demonstrated how someone who doesn't really care for the land can sell their interest to a company and now a company or other entity has a controlling interest in the land so that the other owners cannot manage the way we would hope for (Sustainable Forestry). Simple legal transfers to family members who care would solve much of this issue. When you look at lands in New Mexico this issue could occur here (and likely does). How can the Tree Farm Program address this and encourage a conservation approach to keep our forests intact?



Of course, other concepts were discussed at the conference such as the upcoming Standards of Sustainability revision that occurs every 5 years; the new Inspector certification process related to this and many more thoughts from other States programs. (One of the most useful outcomes of the conference). The Maryland program also published a Tree Farm Calendar for their program. Maybe we should do this too.

## 1) NMTFC 2020 RAFFLE

#### **NEW MEXICO TREE FARM COMMITTEE 2020 RAFFLE**

Drawing to be held at the August 2020 NMTFC Meeting

First Prize: Un-guided Private Ranch Cow Elk Hunt Landowner Tag

Second Prize: Large Custom-made Metal Art Piece

Donated by Carl and Lisa Bartley

Third Prize: \$100 Cabela's Gift Card

Cow Elk Landowner tag donated by the Bartley Ranch Unit 45, Hunt dates, any five days between 11/7 and 12/10/2020

Winner will be responsible for NMDGF license and tag

\$10.00 Each

To purchase your 2020 Raffle ticket(s) send a letter and check (payable to NMTFC) to:

Doug Boykin 1118 Hope Farms Road Socorro, NM 87801

Doug will in turn send you your numbered 2020 Raffle ticket stub(s).

## 2) SAVE THE DATE

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic, the New Mexico Tree Farm Committee has postponed this year's Spring Field Day scheduled for May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020. We look forward to seeing you all later in the year.



# 3) COMMITTEE MEETING

All Tree Farmers are invited and encouraged to attend our 2<sup>nd</sup> New Mexico Tree Farm Committee Meeting of the year (three held annually). Please join us at 1:30 pm on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office located at 7816 Alamo Road. NW, Albuquerque, NM 87120. Come out and hear what other tree farmers have been up to and share your tree farm accomplishments with the group. If you are unable to attend the committee meeting in person, we have set up a new option "Call-In Service" for your convenience. Call 1-515-606-5169 & use password 305180#. We look forward to visiting with you. If you have any questions, please contact Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@state.nm.us



## 4) 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 <a href="mailto:arnie.friedt@state.nm.us">arnie.friedt@state.nm.us</a>

The Roland Tree Farm is selling a 2003 Woodmizer LT40HDD33 Sawmill located in the McGaffey Area of the Zuni Mountains. Diesel engine, fully hydraulic with debarker, lube system and extra blades. Excellent condition with approximately 460 hours.

\$22,000 or will consider trading for good working Skid Steer/Bobcat with tracks.

Call or text Dave Roland at 512-983-5500 or email: <a href="mailto:dr@daveroland.net">dr@daveroland.net</a> for more information.





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