Well after a long hiatus, the New Mexico Tree Farm Program will be returning to the New Mexico State University – Mora Research Center for the spring 2010 Field Day. Please come join us in the beautiful Mora Valley. John Harrington and the staff at the Center have been doing a lot of work since we were last there some six years ago. Also, Carol Bada from the Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources – Forestry Division will provide updates that are being made in New Mexico’s Seedling Program including new species, new fall distribution period and much more. Also, the New Mexico Tree Farm Leadership team will be presenting updates on both the National and State levels. Finally, we will be setting aside some time to discuss Tree Farm Management Plans, and the new 2010 Grant the New Mexico Tree Farm Program received this year to improve and update Tree Farm management plans. So please come join us and other New Mexico Tree Farmers at the NMSU – Mora Research Center. Lunch (Hot dogs & Hamburgers, chips etc.) will be provided. So we can ensure there is enough for you and your family pleases RSVP Lena Atencio at the Mora Research Center at 1-575-387-2319 ext 11 or via e-mail no later than May 3rd. Also, if you have special dietary needs please let Ms. Atencio know so we accommodate your needs and satisfy your appetite. Preliminary agenda - time line (Revised 4/19/2010 – 8:45 a.m.)

10:00 Welcome and Introductions - Harry Morrison & John Harrington
10:15 State and National Tree Farm Issues - Harry Morrison & Doug Boykin
10:30 Overview and History of Center - John Harrington
10:45 New Mexico’s Tree Seedling Program - Updates - Carol Bada
11:15 Center Tours
   1) Nursery
   2) Plantations
   3) Wood boiler system
12:30 Lunch
1:30 Tree Farm Plan Changes & Updates - Doug Boykin & Harry Morrison
2:00 Breakout Sessions on Tree Farm Plan Questions – All
Directions to the Mora Research Center

The Research Center is located on the West end of town between mile markers 30 and 31 on the south side State Highway 518, Mora’s main road.

Directions from Las Vegas and Points South

If you are coming from South of Las Vegas and heading north on Interstate 25, the easiest (least amount of Las Vegas traffic) way is to go to Exit 347 and turn left at the bottom of the off ramp like you be heading back towards Las Vegas. Get in the right hand lane since you will be taking the very first right hand turn (Legion Drive). Proceed west on Legion Drive until you get to the stop light at 7th Street. You will go by a hospital, elementary school and a couple of stop signs. Turn right on 7th Street, which is also State Highway 518, and proceed north to the town of Mora.

Once you come into the Mora Valley you will drive through most of the town. The Center is located between mile markers 30 and 31 on the south (left) side of the road. As you go through Mora you will pass several businesses including a grocery store, an Allsups convenience store, a Chevron Station. You will see a Pizza Pro sign on the right hand side of the road. The Center is located roughly 100 feet further on the opposite side of the road. We have a small sign near the road and a larger sign a little further back. Drive through the red gate and in about 150 years you will have arrived at the Center.

Directions from Angel Fire and Points North.

Take State Highway 434 south towards Black Lake and Mora. When you get to Mora, State Highway 434 ends at the intersection with State Highway 518. Turn right onto State Highway 518 and follow the directions from above.

Directions from Wagon Mound and points East

Take State highway 120 towards the towns of Ocate, Ojo Feliz and La Cueva. State highway ends at the intersection with State Highway 518. Turn right onto State Highway 518 and follow the directions from above.

Directions from Taos and Points North and West

Take State Highway 518 towards Mora. Once you get into the Mora Valley, the Center is located between mile markers 31 and 30 on the south (right) side of the road. The neighbor’s tree blocks much of our sign so the best way to see where the Center’s red gate entrance is, is by looking for the Pizza Pro sign on the left hand side of the road. The entrance to the Center is about 100’ closer than the Pizza Pro sign on the opposite (left side) of the road. If you miss the entrance, there are several businesses further down the road where you can turn around safely.