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TREE FARM BULLETIN

Civilian Conservation Corps Spring Tree Farm Field Day

By Todd Haines

The Spring Tree Farm Field Day provided the opportunity for New Mexico Tree Farmers and others interested to learn about the 40-acre Campbell Ranch Scout Camp Property in the East Mountains, its present, its future and most interestingly its past. The camp was recently donated to the Great Southwest Council Boy Scouts of America for its potential in using the camp for a number of scouting activities. Since the camp was acquired by the Scout Council the camp has had a Forest Stewardship plan prepared, a fire response plan developed and has participated in some thinning projects. All of these activities qualified them for Tree Farm Certification. Additional forest thinning activities along with some historic interpretive efforts are planned for the property. They hope to make this an intermittent use camp for council activities and building some improvements.

The Spring Tree Farm Field Day did highlight one of the primary historic features of the camp. This site use to be a Civilian Conservation Corps camp (CCC) for the area. A professor at the University of New Mexico's Valencia Campus, Dr. Richard Meltzer, gave the Tree Farm attendees who participated a talk on the CCC. Dr. Meltzer has written a book on the CCC in New Mexico entitled **Coming of Age in the Great Depression: The Civilian Conservation Corps in New Mexico, 1933-1942**. In the photo (right) Dr. Meltzer is standing in front of one of the old foundations located on the camp. This specific foundation was the site of the CCC Mess Hall. During Dr. Meltzer's talk he described some of the rich history of the CCC in the state and some of the accomplishments this program added. Having this history as a part of a boy scout camp and being able to pass this along in a practical manner is priceless.



The Campbell Ranch spring field day was then topped off by being treated to a catered lunch from a local BBQ place. Ribs BBQ was enjoyed by all in attendance.



The last feature of the field day was a visit to a local area museum within walking distance to the camp. The Tinkertown Museum was then visited by many of the attendees. The museum features a number of attractions, but hand carved wooden figures are one of the mainstays for the museum. “This is one way for wood to be used” said one of the Tree Farmers in attendance. Overall 35 Tree Farmers and guests enjoyed the day.

Mapping Community Assets to Build Wildfire Resilience - June 26-28 in Santa Fe

Save the date for our first Fire Adapted New Mexico community workshop featuring **community asset-mapping**, a strategy for finding and connecting community strengths to build local capacity to live well with fire.

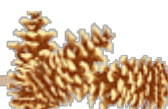


The 2.5-day workshop will cover basic principles of community asset mapping and guide individuals and groups in devising ways to apply hands-on practices where they live and work. Participants will develop a practical understanding of how community asset mapping can support and advance their fire adaptation goals, and how to avoid common pitfalls of working with grass-roots initiatives. While the workshop will emphasize fire adaptation and resilience, community asset mapping is a useful approach to addressing other community planning challenges.

The workshop will be facilitated by Jana Carp, who has been working in asset-based community development for 20 years and now works with communities threatened by wildfire in Northern California.

No specific prior knowledge or experience is needed.

<https://facnm.org/news/2018/4/26/save-the-date-mapping-community-assets-to-build-wildfire-resilience>



Drought and Fire in Taos Canyon

Thursday, May 24, 5:30 – 7:30 pm

Bataan Hall, 121 Civic Plaza Drive, Taos NM

PROGRAM

5:30 Welcome! Opening remarks, Candyce O'Donnell, Taos County Commissioner

5:45 Keynote Speaker: ***"Preparing for a Hotter Future in the Taos Watersheds: Forest, Fire and Water."*** Craig D. Allen, Ph.D. Research Ecologist & Station Leader, U.S. Geological Survey, New Mexico Landscapes Field Station <https://www.usgs.gov/staff-profiles/craig-d-allen>

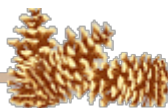
6:15 Panel presentations: panelists will describe their work in the Rio Fernando de Taos Corridor, how members of the audience can get involved and how they can prepare now and for the future.

- ***Forest Restoration on the Carson National Forest***, Erica Enjady, Forestry & Fuels Program Manager, US Forest Service
- ***Taos County Wildfire Protection Plan***, Nathan Sanchez, Chief Planner, Taos County
- ***Firewise Communities***, Chris Coté, Wildland/Urban Interface Coordinator, Taos County

6:55 Panel discussion: questions from the audience

7:30 Adjourn

Drought and Fire in Taos Canyon is brought to you by the Rio Fernando de Taos (RFdT) Revitalization Project, a dynamic collaborative of individuals, organizations, and government entities working to revitalize the RFdT Corridor by improving water quality and ecological function, restoring acequias, strengthening working land capacity and connecting people to the river and its watershed.



1) 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

2) 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

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4) COMMITTEE MEETING Out-of-towners! It is on a Friday!!!

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 Friday, August 10th, 2018 at the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish office located at 3841 Midway Place NE, Albuquerque, NM. 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

