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TREE FARM BULLETIN

Greetings:

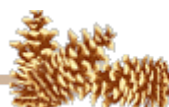
I had hoped to make the Spring Tree Farm event at the Goodloe place but the press of business in Chama prevented me from attending.

Sid spoke at the very first Tree Farm event I attended back in the early nineties and I have always felt he makes a lot of sense when speaking about land management in the Southwest. His long years of hands on management have paid off with some real common sense solutions to natural resource management in the Southwest.

His emphasis on water management goes to the core of what's needed with our dry conditions whether managing for trees or grass. Making more water available to plants is the number one thing people should be looking at with management of their lands. Many times the limited precipitation that falls out of the sky is unavailable to plants because of run-off or evaporation. One inch of rainfall that falls on an acre of ground is equivalent to about 27,000 gallons of water. An acre of trees that are overstocked, with little ground vegetation, and on a slope will capture very little of this water to make available to plants. Soil will be poor with such little water available. Anything that can be done to capture the water and get it into the ground is the most important thing that will determine productivity.

Sid's insistence on proper maintenance of treated areas is also very important and something that people don't always think of. All too often there is no follow through on projects which means the initial treatment will not be effective. If we are to improve productivity of our forests and woodlands it's important to not lose sight of the fact that in forestry and range management the job is never done. Hope everyone has a good summer.

Harry A. Morrison, Vice Chairman, NM Tree Farm Committee



New Post-Wildfire Guide for Communities Now Available

SANTA FE, NM – As wildfires continue to impact the western United States, a new guide has been developed to help those impacted by wildfire in New Mexico start on the path to recovery. New Mexico State Forestry, along with many interagency partners, has created this guide and a companion website called “After Wildfire: A Guide for New Mexico Communities,” according to New Mexico Forest and Watershed Health Office Coordinator Susan Rich, who led the project.

“We developed this guide for New Mexicans affected by wildfire and for the emergency personnel and civic leaders they turn to in a time of crisis,” said Rich. “The initial request for this guide came from people in the trenches, individuals helping communities hard-hit by wildfire and post-fire flooding. We wrote it for them.”

Funded in part by the USDA Forest Service, the new After Wildfire New Mexico Guide and website provides information on subjects such as technical guides to post-wildfire mitigation and land treatments; links to post-wildfire and flooding funding and financial tips for individuals and communities; how to mobilize communities and working with volunteer organizations; post-fire and flooding safety; and resources for emotional support.

“After Wildfire: A Guide for New Mexico Communities” is now available through the After Wildfire website: www.afterwildfirenm.org.

In addition to the information found in the new guide, the website provides links to wildfire guides published by other sources as well as links to social media sites, active wildfire information, contact information to the agencies who have contributed information to the guide and materials for fire prevention and preparedness.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: Two events to put on your calendar:

- New Mexico Outdoor Expo, August 16 and 17 at the Albuquerque Shooting Range Park. Let me know if you want more information.
- Our next Committee meeting is scheduled for 12 August in the Department of Agriculture building on Jefferson Street in Albuquerque. I would like to introduce our new secretary at that meeting. Anyone to step forth?

With our continuing dry weather, keep working on your defensible space. If you would like any information on making your home or property more fire safe, let me know. Remember that an ember can fly over one mile and ignite anything flammable it comes in contact with.

