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TREE FARM BULLETIN

ATFS OPENS SECOND 60-DAY PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD ON STANDARDS OF SUSTAINABILITY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (June 2, 2020) – The <u>American Tree Farm System</u> (ATFS), a program of the American Forest Foundation (AFF), today launched a second 60-day public comment period related to its Standards of Sustainability for Forest Certification.

The ATFS Standards of Sustainability are the benchmark guidelines that all ATFS forest certifications and certificate holders must meet to become certified in the program. All certifications are then subject to a third-party auditing process.

The Standards of Sustainability are reviewed and updated as needed every five years.

During this review period, running from June 2 through August 2, the public is encouraged to <u>provide</u> <u>feedback</u> on the proposed 2020-2025 Standards of Sustainability, which reflect comments submitted during a first public comment period, conducted earlier this year. In addition, the public is also invited to submit feedback on the Requirements for Independently Managed Groups (IMGs).

ATFS is an internationally known recognition and certification program that provides family and private forest owners with support and tools to keep their forests healthy and sustainable. This is done through 3 elements of the program: a wide community of Tree Farmers that can help each other learn, grow and share information to more sustainably manage; the established set of Standards of Sustainability, to guide landowners as the best practices of forest management; and a third-party assessment process to certify the practices are sustainable.

Currently, the program is administered by 42 state committees, with more than 70,000 Tree Farmers in the program, managing nearly 19 million acres.

About the American Forest Foundation

The American Forest Foundation (AFF) is a national non-profit conservation organization that protects and measurably increases the clean water, wildlife habitat, and sustainable wood supplies that come from family-owned forests. AFF works with partners, leading businesses, policymakers, and landowners directly, to address key issues such as conserving biodiversity, reducing risk of catastrophic wildfire, and addressing the threat of climate change. To learn more about the American Forest Foundation, visit www.forestfoundation.org.



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:

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

2) 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 12th, 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

3) 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

4) 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 Arnie Friedt at arnie.friedt@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.

