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## TREE FARM BULLETIN



### LEGACY?

*By Matthew Silva*

For me, the forest has many reminders of the life of others that came before us. On occasion, I will come across the remaining evidence of an old rail bed. Of course, the rails are long gone. But sometimes, there are a few ties and a rotting trestle still in place. These little reminders from the forest usually prompt me to see if anyone documented the event. Fortunately, the use of railroad transport by the logging industry in the Zuni Mountains was documented by Vernon Glover and Joseph Hereford in 1990. Their compilation of logging by rail in the Zuni Mountains was first published in 1986 with a second, and final, printing in 1990. If you cannot find a copy of the original reports, the information is available at;

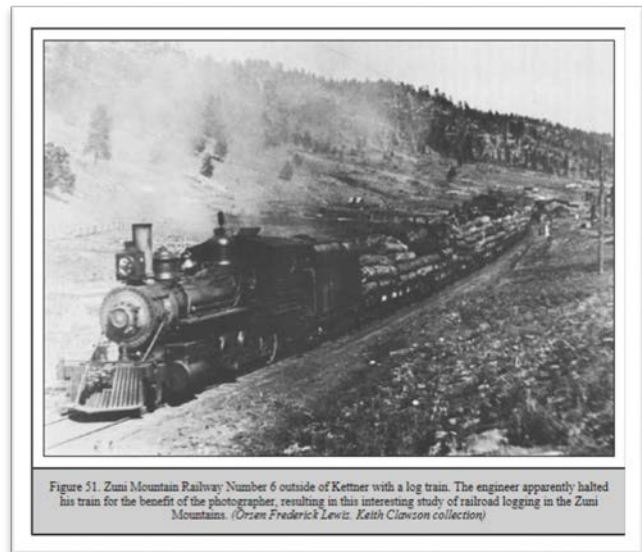


Figure 51. Zuni Mountain Railway Number 6 outside of Kettner with a log train. The engineer apparently halted his train for the benefit of the photographer, resulting in this interesting study of railroad logging in the Zuni Mountains. (Orsen Frederick Levitz. Keith Clawson collection)

<http://www.foresthistory.org/ASPNET/Publications/region/3/cibola/cultres6/contents.htm>

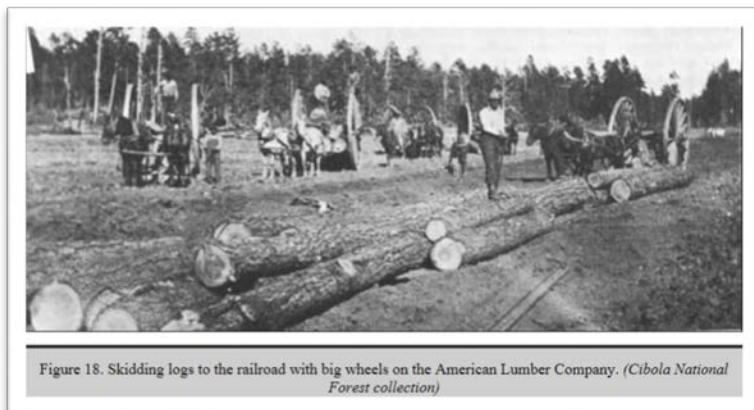
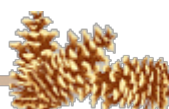


Figure 18. Skidding logs to the railroad with big wheels on the American Lumber Company. (Cibola National Forest collection)

There are some wonderful pictures of the harvesting, loading, and transportation of timbers and the horses and train engines that were put into service. I highly recommend setting aside an evening or two to peruse this story. Of course, the stories and pictures serve as a reminder that, one day, perhaps a century from now, someone may stumble across evidence of our activities and say, "look at these pictures of old chain saws and skidders."



## **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? 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](mailto: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](mailto:arnie.friedt@state.nm.us)

## **3) NEW WEBSITE ADDRESS**

The New Mexico Tree Farm Program is in the process of switching website addresses. Our current website is at <http://www.nmfamilyforests.org/> and will be discontinued at the close of this year (2016). Our new website is at <https://www.treefarmssystem.org/new-mexico> and is already active. Current features include: contact information, resources, newsletters, bulletins and our calendar of events. Take a few minutes and check out our new website (provided to us by the American Tree Farm System).

## **4) NEW MEXICO TREE FARM 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 10, 2016 at the Corrales Fire Station #2 at 100 Paseo Tomas Montoya Road, Corrales, 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](mailto:arnie.friedt@state.nm.us)

