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TREE FARM BULLETIN, August 2007

Greetings,

We are a little late in getting this August bulletin to you. As a consulting forester, summer is always a busy time of the year for me. The long days are ideal for getting out to the woods for field work. Rain did not hamper our work much on the projects I have been working on in the Chama and Cimarron areas. It doesn't seem like we have had much of a rainy season, unfortunately.

You should soon be receiving a fund-raising letter from the American Tree Farm System's national office. In the past, the Tree Farm System has mostly been supported by donations from the wood products industry. Last year, as we reported to you, the American Forest Foundation (AFF), our parent organization, received \$150 million as part of the Canadian Softwood Lumber Agreement. This money is now being invested and the income will be used to support the Tree Farm System and the other programs of the AFF. The national office is working hard to ensure that corporate donations do not slow because of this new money being available. Tree Farmers have also been generous in their support. Last year about \$250,000 was raised in individual donations by Tree Farmers.

I hope you will take a minute to read the letter and consider a donation. Half of the money raised from New Mexico Tree Farmers will stay in the state and be used in our educational efforts. In New Mexico, we are an official 501C 3 non-profit which means any donation is tax deductible if you itemize your personal deductions.

If you have any questions about our program please give me a call.

