Greetings;

I am pleased to announce that New Mexico will be hosting the National Tree Farmer Convention in 2011. The convention will be held August 9-11 at the Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort and Spa located at Santa Ana Pueblo, just north of Bernalillo. This award-winning resort is situated along the edge of the bosque with sweeping views of the Rio Grande valley with the Sandias as a backdrop. It is the perfect setting for New Mexico to showcase what makes us unique to the upwards of 500 forest landowners from all over the nation who will attend. 2011 is the 70th anniversary of the Tree Farm system so we want to ensure a relaxing and rewarding experience for all as they celebrate this event.

The key feature of any Tree Farm Convention is the field day where attendees visit a Tree Farm close to the convention site. Starfire Day Camp in the Manzanos has been selected to host the field day. This all-day affair will give us a chance to demonstrate forest management techniques used in our Ponderosa pine/ Pinon forest in the southwest. We will showcase some of the specialty products that come from our New Mexico. How many of our guests will know what a latilla or viga is?

The convention is held in the summer to encourage families to attend so there will be plenty to see and do for the younger set. The older set will enjoy strolling along the level paths that wind through the forest. Stihl Inc. will bring their lumberjack show to the field day. This is always a hit with all ages.

We will be announcing more features of the convention in this bulletin. I hope you will be able to attend and meet the many fellow forest landowners who will be here. I guarantee the convention will be a good forum for exchanging views, tips, etc. with a group of very interesting folks.

As with any such event, we are depending on volunteers to fill many roles in the planning and execution of the convention. The NM Tree Farm Committee has begun a list of Tree Farmers who are interested in participating. If you would like to get on the list please let me know. August 9-11. Save the date!
Hyatt Regency Tamaya Resort & Spa
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Santa Ana Pueblo, New Mexico, USA 87004
Tel: 505 867 1234
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ACCOMMODATION
• 350 guestrooms, including 23 suites / parlors, 158 kings, 169 double / doubles, and 15 accessible rooms available;
  All accommodations offer:
  • Private patios or balconies (most), featuring southwestern style décor
  • High-speed wire and wireless Internet available
  • Two-line telephone and dataport
  • Desk
  • In-room safety-deposit box
  • Quality toiletry items
  • Hairdryer
  • Plush bathrobes (Upon request)
  • Vanity
  • Coffee maker
  • Refrigerator
  • Iron / ironing board
  • Check-in Time: 4pm. Check-out Time: noon.

SERVICES & FACILITIES
• In-room dining
• Concierge
• The Trading Post, a general store complete with deli, drinks, snacks, and toiletry articles
• Multilingual staff
• Assistive devices for persons with disabilities
• Safe deposit boxes at front desk
• Laundry / dry cleaning
• Valet parking
• Valet service
• Galleria Tamaya
• Pro Shop at Twin Warriors
• Ice machines

RESTAURANTS & BARS
• Corn Maiden—fine dining
• Santa Ana Cafe—Southwestern
• Rio Grande Lounge—casual fare
• Trading Post—light fare
• Plaza Poolside Bar & Grille—seasonal pool grill
• Atush—golf course grill

CONFERENCES & BANQUETS
• A total of 21,650 square feet of function space, 2,250 square feet of prefunction space and over 50,000 square feet of outdoor function space
• Some meeting rooms and the prefunction ballroom space have adjoining terraces to facilitate outdoor breaks and luncheons
• Abundant outdoor venues available
• 12,000 square-foot Tamaya Ballroom production friendly with numerous hang points
• State-of-the art multimedia support
• Six meeting rooms, and executive board room
• High-speed Internet available
• The Cottonwoods, 8,000 square feet of outdoor function space along the Rio Grande
• On-site audio visual department
• On-site business center
• On-site destination management company

RECREATIONAL FACILITIES
• Nationally ranked Twin Warriors 18-hole championship golf club
• Preferential access to nearby Santa Ana’s Golf Club’s 27-hole golf course
• Award winning 16,000 square foot Tamaya Mist Spa and Salon featuring
  12 treatment rooms and private courtyards
• Full-service salon
• Fitness center
• Two tennis courts
• Three outdoor heated pools
• Camp Hyatt® activities for kids
• Horseback riding, hot air ballooning and nature trails
• Family and Cultural activities

POINTS OF INTEREST
• Tamaya Cultural Museum & Learning Center
• Nearby Santa Ana Star Casino
• Skiing at Sandia and Santa Fe mountains
• Historic Santa Fe
• Albuquerque Old Town
• Coronado State Monument
• Numerous galleries and museums