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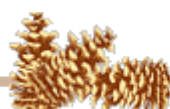
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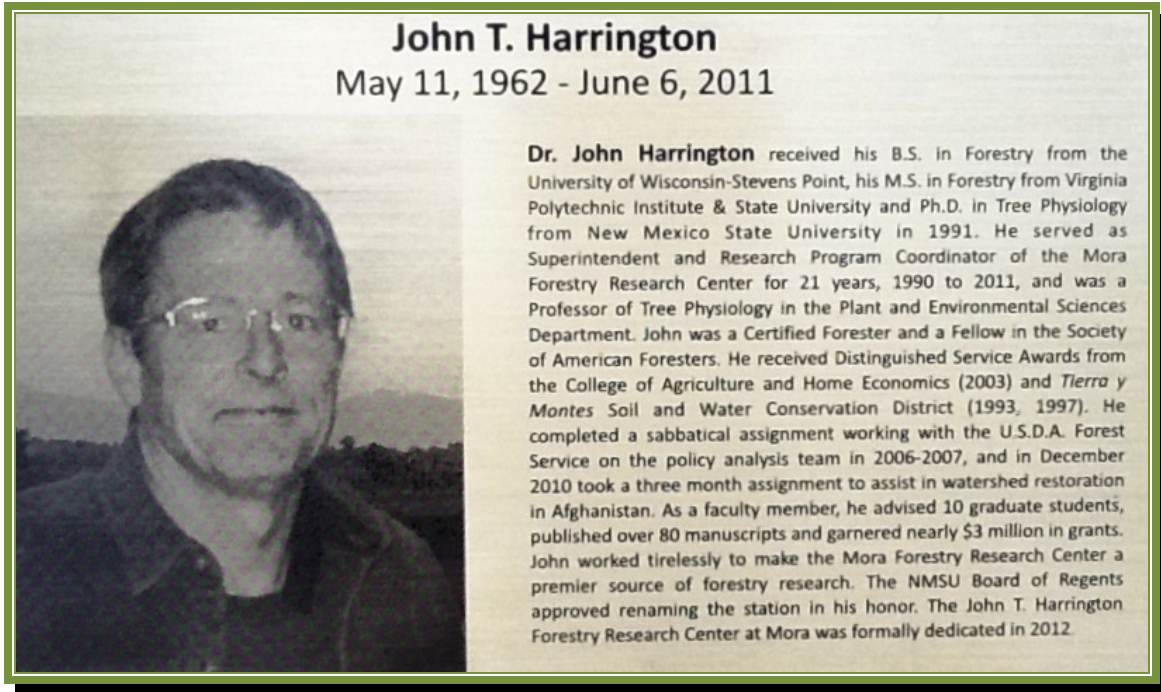


TREE FARM BULLETIN

Greeting;

On August 16th a large crowd (over 200 people) turned out at the Mora Research Center in Mora, New Mexico for the dedication of the research center as the John T. Harrington Forest Research Center at Mora. The research center was established over thirty years ago originally to investigate the potential of Christmas tree production but over the years expanded to a more general investigation of growing trees in New Mexico for reforestation, reclamation and other uses. Dr. Harrington had been the director of the research center for twenty years when he was tragically hit and killed by a vehicle while riding his bicycle home from work last year. He was a huge supporter of the New Mexico Tree Farm program and contributed in many ways to strengthening the program during the period that he was in Mora. His contributions and counsel have been missed in the year since his passing. The decision by New Mexico State University to rename the center in his honor is a fitting tribute to this exceptional individual. Tree Farmer John Bartley, who worked closely with Dr. Harrington on managing his Tree Farm, donated rock from his property to build a very nice entry sign to the station.





Our Chairman, Joe Stehling, is requesting that Tree Farmers write to tell him what they are doing on their Tree Farm. I hope that you will consider doing this so we can publish your story in future issues of this bulletin. In New Mexico we have a wide range of Tree Farms in size and habitats but the one thing that Tree Farmers have in common is a love of the land and a desire to improve their Tree Farm. We hope to hear your story. I'm sure other Tree Farmers will be very interested in what you have done and plan to do in the future.

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

Message from the Chairman: As mentioned by Harry, I would like to periodically feature one of our tree farmers in our monthly bulletin. In the last three bulletins you learned about Gene and Agnes Harling's tree farm because of the field day held at their farm. I would like to hear from those of you who like to feature your tree farm. You can use the write ups for the Harling farm as a guide (Tree Farm Bulletins, May, June & July 2012). Do not hesitate because of formatting, spelling, or grammar. We will take your input and put into journalistic excellence. Please consider telling your story so others in the New Mexico tree farm program can learn about other farms and issues, problems, and solutions you have attempted. If you do not have e-mail, just mail me a clean copy; I can scan it and modify as required.

Put 29 September, 2012 on your calendar for the Tree Farmer of the Year award and field day at the Tree Farm of Richard Spears and Carl Coker near Datil, New Mexico. Look for the September bulletin for information on this event.

NOTE: We are getting a number of undeliverable e-mail messages when we send out the bulletin. If you signed up for e-mail and are not getting the e-mails, please let me know. Of course you have to be on the snail mail list to get this to be able to respond.

