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## TREE FARM BULLETIN

Greetings;

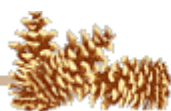
The recent rains have been nice. Almost every area that I travel to has received at least one good rain and things are greening up. We are still in a drought situation but the danger from wildfires has at least decreased for the time being.

It seems that every year there will be a lot of news about wildfire in the spring and then during the active fire season. After that there does not seem to be much on the news about fire. This is understandable since with no active fires and decreased risk of a fire there is no "news" to report.

Tree Farmers recognize that with the end of the fire season now is the time to start planning and doing projects that will reduce the risk of fires in the future. It's never too late or too early to start working with your forest to thin trees down to a level that the land can support. Without thinning projects Tree Farmers recognize that the forest can become overcrowded which leads to slow growth, increased insects and disease problems, and mortality, all leading to greater risk of a destructive wildfire occurring on their property. With thinning, the forest will have greater growth potential, will retain more moisture, and will have a lower risk of insects or disease wiping out your forest.

It would be nice if forest projects were deemed more newsworthy and were mentioned in the general media more often. It might build more support for forest thinning on public and private lands. Keeping news of what's going on in the forest year round would increase awareness with the general public of what needs to be done to have forests that are productive and at less risk of destruction. As a society we value forests but the general public has little understanding of what it means to manage a forest.

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

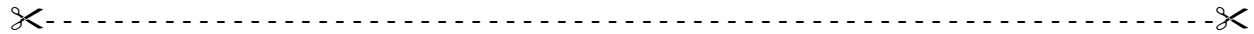


FROM THE CHAIRMAN:

NOTE: THE TREE FARM COMMITTEE MEETING ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 14 AUGUST HAS BEEN RESCHEDULED FOR 11 SEPTEMBER. WE ARE LOOKING IN THE ESPANOLA AREA. Put this meeting on your calendar and plan on attending. We will be drawing for the elk permit at that meeting. There is still time to buy a raffle ticket or make a tax deductible donation to your tree farm committee.

I attended the annual Tree Farm convention in Minneapolis in July along with Carlos Ramirez from Rociada, north of Las Vegas, NM. The event was superbly orchestrated. The field day was beautifully set up. Unfortunately a severe cold rain storm put an end to touring the various stations set up in the woods and the wood craft vendors that were displaying beautiful items made from the timber produced on the tree farm. The various educational sessions were also well done and varied from non-timber products, to managing your woodlands for songbirds and deer, to designing hiking trails, to estate taxes and forest legacy. I urge you to think about attending the 2014 convention in Pittsburg. Make it a family vacation.

Cut on line below and mail to the address below with payment/donation



**NEW MEXICO TREE FARM COMMITTEE 2013 COW ELK TAG RAFFLE AND REQUEST FOR FUNDS.**



**\$10.00 per raffle ticket**



Winning ticket wins a Cow Elk Hunt on the Buchanan Ranch near Pie Town, New Mexico. Permits may be used Unit Wide (Unit 15), (Hunts are subject to NM G&F regulations and hunt dates. Winners will be responsible to validate the Tag with the NM Game & Fish Department (+/- \$70.00) does not include butcher cost).

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Number of raffle tickets \_\_\_\_\_ x \$10.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ and/or Donation\$ \_\_\_\_\_ Check# \_\_\_\_\_

Drawing will be held at our thrice yearly meeting in Albuquerque on 14 August.

I do not want raffle tickets; tax deductible donation enclosed.

Please return this form to: Doug Boykin, NMTFC Administrator  
1701 Enterprise  
Socorro, New Mexico 87801

Once we have received your request your ticket will be entered into the raffle; we will send you a receipt for your cash donation.

