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Greetings,

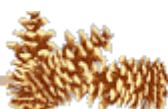
Every year the New Mexico Tree Farm Committee (NMTFC) selects a Tree Farmer to honor as "Tree Farmer of the Year". This award recognizes the work that the Tree Farmer has done over the years to manage their forests using the principles of good forestry that the Tree Farm program stands for. The award also recognizes the Tree Farmer for work done to educate the public on what good forestry means.

This year I am pleased to announce that the NMTFC has selected the Bartley family, Editha, John, and Tamara, of the Gascon Ranch, as Tree Farmers of the Year. The Bartley's have managed their beautiful 4,000-acre forested property to provide logs for their sawmill and for grazing, hunting and other uses. In 2002 they also agreed to host a Tree Farm Demonstration Forest. This 10-acre tract of Ponderosa pine was established to show different forest management techniques used to harvest timber and is available to school groups and others interested in learning about forest management. A trail winds through the Demonstration Forest and a series of "learning stations" explains aspects of the forest and the management techniques that have been conducted.

You are cordially invited to attend an open house on the Gascon Ranch to honor the Bartleys and visit the Demonstration Forest on Saturday, October 14th. We will meet at 11:00 a.m. at the Gascon Ranch at the Demonstration Forest. Guests will have time to take the self-guided tour of the Demonstration Forest. A delicious barbeque lunch will be provided followed by a short presentation to the Bartley's of their reward.

I sincerely hope that you can make it and enjoy a fall day in some beautiful woods. Please RSVP by October 1st with the number that will be attending so we can plan lunch. Call, write or e-mail to Harry A. Morrison to let us know you are coming.

I look forward to seeing you.



DIRECTIONS TO BARTLEY MILL & LUMBER (John, Tamera & Editha Bartley)

*I-25 to Las Vegas, Take exit 245 into Las Vegas.

*Go straight until you get to 7th street, and then turn right (7th street is also SR 518).

*Follow Hwy 518 through Las Vegas, past Storrie Lake State Park and approximately 10 miles north of Las Vegas you will turn left in Sapello onto SR 94 (just past the gas station).

*Stay on SR 94 for 8.7 miles.

*At 8.7 miles go straight on SR-105 (SR-94 turns sharply to the right- do not take the turn-go straight on SR-105).

*3.5 miles down SR-105 you will take the right fork in the road onto SR-105 (the fork is just past the county solid waste transfer station or “trash dump”).

*4.4 miles down this road is Rancho Gascon. There is a sign on the right hand side of the road that reads “Bartley Mill and Lumber”.

