The Silva Property has been a certified Tree Farm for over 20 years. The property came to the Silva Family in 1928 when it was purchased from the railroad for sheep grazing. The land has stayed in the family and been passed down over time to family members. One thing has been consistent with the land, and that is it has been a well-managed forest.

The western Zuni Mountains are very scenic, especially in the fall, so we look forward to visiting the property for the 2013 Tree Farm recognition. This will also be an excellent showcase for forestry on a traditional level with numerous types of cutting all accessible with a short walk from the meeting site.

This year’s Tree Farm of the Year celebration is slated for October 18. From 10:00 – 2:00 and will include a walking tour of some of the recent management, a classic Tree Farm style lunch and a chance to talk with fellow Tree Farmers about their forests.

Take interstate 40 to the Fort Wingate Exit. Proceed South along State Road 400 approximately 10 miles until the road becomes gravel (this will be Forest Road 50). Proceed along Forest Road 50 approximately 2.2 miles until you reach Forest Road 402. Turn right and proceed 1.25 miles until it takes a sharp left turn. Look right and you are at the gate. We will have a sign!! See map below.

Tree Farmer of the Year Mathew Silva

Please RSVP Todd Haines by 10/11/14
And for additional questions contact Todd Haines
867-2334 Ext 101 or todd.haines@state.nm.us
Please join us for this field day and award presentation:

**When:** Saturday, October 18, 2014  
**Where:** Silva Tree Farm  
**Time:** 10:00 AM – 2:00  
Lunch will be served

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: Here is a great opportunity for educators. Project Learning Tree is sponsoring a PreK-8 Training for Educators at Philmont Scout Ranch. Project Learning Tree the environmental education program of the American Forest Foundation, uses forests as a window on the world and provides educators with environmental education curriculum resources that can be integrated into lesson plans for all grades and subject areas. Developed in 1976, PLT’s 50-state network includes more than 500,000 trained educators using PLT materials that cover the total environment. Its curriculum is peer-reviewed and award-winning.