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Greetings;

New Mexico Tree Farmers are part of the American Tree Farm System (ATFS). The parent group for the ATFS is the American Forest Foundation (AFF). Each year the AFF offers small grants to each state organization. Grants are given to states that submit proposals to the national ATFS office that further the goals of the Tree Farm system. One goal of the Tree Farm system is educating the public on what good forestry is all about. This year the NM Tree Farm Committee submitted three grant proposals to ATFS for consideration.

The first proposal is to provide funding for the NM Forestry Camp. The NM Forestry Camp has been an annual event since 1989 in the Jemez Mountains at the Chaparral Girl Scout Camp, a Tree Farm member. Students, 13-18 year olds from throughout New Mexico come for a week of activities that teach them about the forest and forestry. The camp is sponsored by Cuba Soil and Water Conservation District, New Mexico State Forestry, Forest Service, and other natural resource agencies. Tree Farm grant money will go towards sponsorship of a number of events during the week. Total requested for NM Forestry Camp: \$3,000.00.

The second proposal is to provide funds for student groups to visit one of the New Mexico Tree Farm systems five demonstration forests. These are areas, established with grant money, on Tree Farms, that demonstrate good forestry techniques. Money would help pay school groups to visit these areas. A small portion of the money would also be used for maintenance on the Philmont Demonstration Forest. Total requested for demonstration forests: \$2,000.00.

The third proposal would pay for designing and printing a new Tree Farm brochure that explains the Tree Farm system to landowners who may be interested in joining. Our current brochure is ten years old and out of date. Total requested for brochure design and printing \$2,450.00.

We will find out in December if we have been successful in securing the grants. If you would like more information on the Tree Farm grant program please call, write, or e-mail to Harry A. Morrison. For more information on the New Mexico Forestry Camp you can visit [www.nmforestrycamp.org](http://www.nmforestrycamp.org). For more information on the American Forest Foundation visit [www.affoundation.org](http://www.affoundation.org).

