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TREE FARM BULLETIN

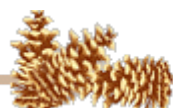
Greetings;

As another year comes to a close, the New Mexico Tree Farm system is alive and well. We currently have about 165 members with roughly 165,000 acres under management. To remain a member of the Tree Farm system a landowner needs to have a working forest management plan. The plan should address the standards found in the current Tree Farm certification program. Standards are set to ensure that landowners have a guide on how best to manage their forest in perpetuity (otherwise known as sustainable forestry). Forests are dynamic systems so a plan needs to be reviewed from time to time to respond to changes in the forest. At least once every five years Tree Farm inspectors (usually your local state forester) will visit with each Tree Farm member to see how things are going on their Tree Farm, find out what forest practices they have done, inform them of any revisions to the standards and finally offer advice on how best they can meet the goals and objectives set out in their plan. Of course your Tree Farm inspector is available at any time as a resource so feel free to contact them with your questions, concerns. As trained foresters they have a wealth of information to provide on your forest and are a good contact if looking for information on multiple use stuff such as wildlife, water, plants, etc. Many of you already work with Tree Farm inspectors but for those who don't a list is provided below.

NM State Forestry	Chama District	M. Stuever/J. Carrillo	575-588-7831
	Cimarron District	Arnie Friedt	575-376-2204
	Socorro District	D. Boykin/N. Smokovich	575-835-9359
	Las Vegas District	Shannon Atencio	505-425-7472
	Capitan District	Frank Silva	575-354-2231
	Bernalillo District	Haines/Crane/Smithson	505-867-2334

In the New Year the Tree Farm Committee will be working on ways for us to become more of a resource for Tree Farmers for all things related to forests. Wishing you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. See you next year!

Harry Morrison, New Mexico Tree Farm Committee Vice-Chairman



The New Mexico Tree Farm Committee recognizes the top 3 Inspecting Foresters each year for a job well done. This year, Shannon Atencio (NMSF, Las Vegas District), Joe Carrillo (NMSF, Chama District) and Todd Haines (NMSF, Bernalillo District) accomplished the most inspections and were awarded with gift certificates from Sportsman's Warehouse (awards were presented in Taos on 12/04/14).



Left to right: Todd Haines, Joe Carrillo and Shannon Atencio.

If you have not had a recent inspection (greater than 5 years), have accomplished some cool and meaningful projects/restoration work on your tree farm or just want to visit with your inspector, give him or her a call, as field foresters, we all love to get out in the woods, see what you are doing and showcase your work. You could also get nominated for Tree Farmer of the Year based on your recent work on your forested lands.

FROM THE CHAIRMAN: I would like to wish all a very Merry Christmas and/or Happy Chanukah. 2014 was a great year and I am looking forward to another great year in 2015. Please plan on attending at least one of our field days and committee meetings next year. We will provide notice of the dates for the events far enough in advance so you can put it on your calendar. We will be having a fund raiser next year as our Treasury is getting low. The funds pay for the lunch at the field days; Tree Farmer of the Year awards and inspector awards; for the board to travel to the field days and to national conferences. If you are looking for an end of year income tax deduction, send in a check. Finally, I am still in need of a Secretary and for nominations for a new Chairman and Vice Chairman. I would encourage you to get more involved with the committee. We work with a wonderfully talented group of foresters and tree farmers. It is actually fun!

