

NEW MEXICO TREE FARM

BULLETIN




GOATS TO THE RESCUE

PRESCRIBED AND TARGETED GOAT GRAZING FOR LAND MANAGEMENT



Max Wade, owner of Galloping Goat Grazing, presenting at SAF meeting

Recently, Max Wade, better known as Cowboy Max, presented at the Southwest Society of American Forester's (SAF) chapter meeting about his business, Galloping Goat Grazing. He talked about what prescribed and targeted goat grazing is and the benefits of this type of land management.

 Watch the full presentation from the SAF meeting.

Targeted goat grazing is a sustainable and eco-friendly practice that involves the use of goats to manage vegetation in a specific area. Instead of relying on heavy machinery or chemicals to clear brush, invasive plants, and other unwanted vegetation, goats are used

to naturally control the growth and spread of these plants. [Read more about targeted goat grazing and](#)



contact Max Wade to learn more if you are interested.

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OUR MISSION

To promote the growing of renewable forest resources on private lands while protecting environmental benefits and increasing public understanding of all benefits of productive forestry.

The American Tree Farm System (ATFS), a program of the American Forest Foundation, is committed to sustaining forests, watershed and healthy habitats through the power of private stewardship.

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TAX TIPS FOR FOREST LANDOWNERS

IF YOU OWN FORESTED LAND, YOU SHOULD UNDERSTAND HOW U.S. TAX LAWS PERTAIN TO YOU.

How you treat income and expenses associated with your forest property for tax purposes depends on your purpose for owning the property, your actual use of it, your taxpayer classification with respect to the property, and the nature of the income or expense itself.

[Tax Tips for Forest Landowners: 2023 Tax Year](#) can help forest owners understand the basics of forest-related federal tax provisions and how that relates to income tax planning. This is an annual information and educational publication developed by the Forest Service in partnership with the Warnell School of Forestry & Natural Resources, University of Georgia, and the Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences Extension at the University of Florida.

WILDLIFE PONDS: IF YOU BUILD IT, THEY WILL COME

An article written by New Mexico Soil Health Champion Carl Struck, NM Tree Farm #2.



Remember the line in the movie “Field of Dreams” when Kevin Costner’s character hears a voice in his head saying, “if you build it, he will come”? I think of a slight variation on that line when I look out on our 1/3-acre wildlife pond in the high Ponderosa pine forests of Northern New Mexico. In 2010 my wife, Johanne Riddick, and I decided to take the plunge and invest in a huge hole in the ground on the edge of our natural mountain meadow hoping to catch some of the often-abundant Spring run-off. [Read the full article here.](#)



NEW MEXICO LANDOWNERS CAN GET CERTIFIED TO CONDUCT PRESCRIBED BURNS

The state's Forestry Division is offering a [free online certification](#) to learn safe burning practices. The program is not required by law, but getting the certification will reduce your legal liability under state law should a burn get out of control. Once landowners complete the self-paced online certification program, a committee will review the work and determine if criteria to get the certification has been met.

A link to the official press release is available [here](#).

Additional questions may be directed to Brian Filip, Prescribed Burn Coordinator, brian.filip@emnrd.nm.gov.



Learn safety methods and critical concepts of timing and fire behavior for both pile burns and broadcast burns.

The [Prescribed Burning Act](#) responded to a statewide need to clarify liability and provide training for New Mexico landowners and contractors who wish to conduct pile or broadcast burns on private land. A pile burn involves moving vegetation into a pile and then burning it; a broadcast burn lights a fire across an area.

The prescribed burn certification provides landowners and contractors with the knowledge and training to reduce hazardous fuel on private property through prescribed fire, which helps reduce the threat of catastrophic wildfires on the specific property and the surrounding community.



HELPFUL RESOURCES

[New Mexico Tree Farm Program website](#)

[New Mexico Tree Farm Committee Members](#)

[National Association of State Foresters | NM website](#)

[Guide to Resources for Private Forest Landowners in NM](#)

[NM Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Department \(EMNRD\)](#)

[American Tree Farm System | National website](#)

[American Forest Foundation website](#)



A Virtual Community for Forest Landowners: The Family Forest

[The Family Forest](#) is a virtual community the American Forest Foundation has created to encourage valuable interactions between family forest owners. This platform is designed to bring forest and woodland owners and the people who support them into closer proximity, to share advice and resources, and to recognize and celebrate one another.

This exciting virtual community is open to family forest owners, conservation professionals and people who are invested in the stewardship of family forest lands. It gives members the opportunity to build relationships using various content formats: question forums, polls, threaded conversations, and live events, all in one place and on their terms.

To join, simply visit community.forestfoundation.org and complete the registration form.

