



# NEW MEXICO TREE FARM NEWS



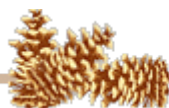
They're first! The first regional Tree Farm Committee came into being in the Sixteen Springs Canyon area near Cloudcroft, New Mexico. Officers were elected and they conducted their first business meeting with Chairman Ray Genuske presiding. They adopted the Sacramento Mountain Tree Farm Committee as their official name, decided on a field day for the summer and were to work on a set of by-laws.

## STATE TREE FARM COMMITTEE MEETING

The spring meeting of the State Tree Farm Committee was held at the Salina Missions National Monument Visitor Center in Mountainair, New Mexico on March 25, 2000. During the executive session, proceeding the regular business meeting, Doug Boykin discussed the proposed New Mexico Tree Farm Program budget for Calendar Year 2000. Then Doug and Will Stapleton discussed ways of saving some money back from projects to invest in short-term, high-interest bearing accounts. The Executive Committee voted to invest \$5500.00, sixty percent in a CD and forty percent in mutual funds. A sub-committee selected Camp Chimney Spring as New Mexico Tree Farmer of the Year for 1999.

The highlights of the regular business meeting were as follows:

- The Calendar Year 2000 budget, the \$6500 grant from the American Forest Foundation and the Executive Committee's decision to invest a major portion of unused funds in short-term, high-interest bearing accounts.
- The Sacramento Mountain Regional Tree Farm Committee became a chartered Chapter of the New Mexico Tree Farm Committee. The Chapter has 60 charter members on its roster. The charter was signed by State Tree Farm Advisor, Doug Boykin, State Tree Farm Committee Chairman, Will Stapleton, and Regional Tree Farm Chairman, Ray Genuske.
- It was announced that the Executive sub-committee selected Camp Chimney Spring as New Mexico's Tree Farmer of the Year for 1999. Marsha and Terry Slane were ecstatic and the rest of us were very proud.
- The next New Mexico Tree Farm Committee (Executive only) Meeting and Fall Field Day will be held at Camp Chimney Spring on September 23, 2000 at 10:00 a.m.
- The regularly scheduled Fall meeting of the New Mexico Tree Farm Committee will be held in Grants, New Mexico on October 13, 2000. One of main items of business will be to organize the West Central Regional Tree Farm Committee.



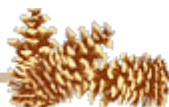


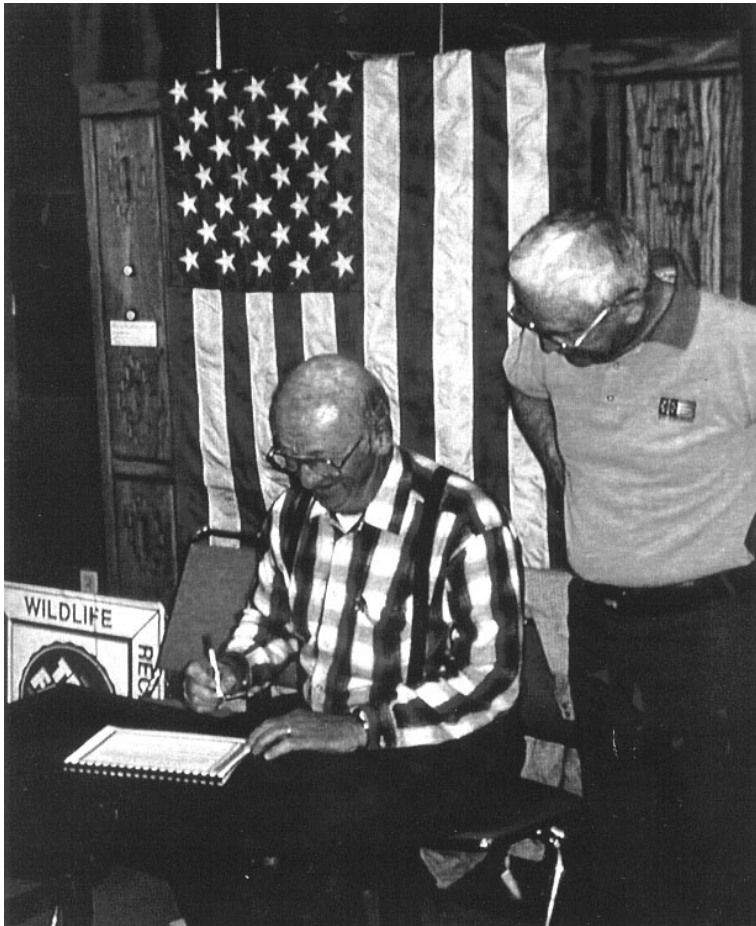
Seated around the table at Sixteen Springs Canyon Fire Station (l-r) Cheryl Denny, Advisor-Bill Duemling, Chairman-Ray Genuske, Vice Chairman-Charles Walker, Reporter-Marsha Shane, Historian-Sara Jo Patterson, (see insert), and Treasurer-Jason Evers (not Present).

- Speaker Sid Goodloe presented a special program feature entitled “ Lessons Learned on My Ranch”. Most of the lessons focused on the use of controlled fire as a tool in eradicating pinyon-juniper forest and restoring rangeland to its natural state.
- After lunch at the Schaffer Hotel, we toured the runner-up Tree Farm of the year, owned by Lloyd and Deborah Basha. The main feature of this Tree Farm on the plains east of Mountainair.

### **NOMINEE FOR WESTERN REGION TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR 2000**

Camp Chimney Spring was nominated for the Western Region Tree Farmer of the year 2000. They will compete against California and Oregon for this honor. An interviewer from the American Forest Foundation visited Marsha and Terry at their Tree Farm on July 10<sup>th</sup>. The winner will be announced at the National Tree Farm Convention in Missoula, Montana in September. Let's rally behind Marsha and Terry with our prayers and well wishes.





Ray signs the Charter as Will looks on.

## THE BIG BURN

Over 370,000 acres have burned in New Mexico so far this year. However, we can be thankful that none of those fires touched Tree Farms.

## ROCKS AND BOULDERS AND MULCH

Rocks and boulders make excellent mulch. Placing rocks around seedlings helps to hold moisture and reduces competing vegetation.

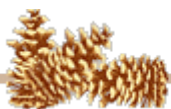
Unlike wood chips and other mulches, rocks do not soak up moisture and are readily available on most Tree Farms.

## THE ERNEST SANCHEZ PROPERTY CEBOLLA, NEW MEXICO

Ernest Sanchez's grandparents settled on a beautiful piece of land just east of Cebolla, New Mexico in 1870. The family made their living from the land by tending a garden, raising livestock, and cutting wood for personal use. In 1898, President Teddy Roosevelt signed a deed over to Ernest's grandfather granting the family official title to the land. This document, with Roosevelt's signature, makes for an interesting piece of history and is still in possession of the family.

Ernest and his father, Jose, began working with New Mexico State Forestry in 1965. The family thinned and pruned a parcel of ponderosa pine at this time, and also entered the Tree Farm Program as Certified Tree Farmers. As conscientious stewards of the land, a thinning and pruning operation was conducted again in the 1980's.

Today, Ernest is managing the property. He follows in the footsteps of his grandfather and father by practicing sustainable forestry and responsible stewardship. A commercial harvest is currently being conducted to reduce overstocked stands and promote forest health. Three generations of stewardship have resulted in a premier stands of healthy, vigorous ponderosa pine. The property and its forest continue to provide multiple benefits to the family and serve as a positive example of responsible land ownership.

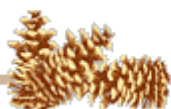






## **MEET BETSY FRANCOIS, BACKYARD TREE FARMER AT LARGE**

Betsy lives in Escondida, New Mexico, a village just a few miles north of Socorro, New Mexico. She grows Afghanistan pines for sale as Christmas trees. She has a well so she can water her seedlings and give them a good start. She uses a lot of water-retaining mulch. Rabbits have been a problem and weeds too, to some degree. We hope to have Backyard Tree Farm Chapters in this part of the state, so that Betsy and other tree growers will have others to relate to.





NEW MEXICO TREE FARM COMMITTEE  
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SETEMBER 23,FALL FIELD DAY-CAMP CHIMNEY SPRING  
(Located 9 ½ miles east of Cloudcroft, NM on Hwy 82)

10:00 am to 2:00 pm

RSVP - Marsha Slane (505) 687-3520

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OCTOBER 13, 2000- FALL MEETING-GALLUP CULTURAL CENTER 10:00 A.M.

NOVEMBER 1, 2000-TREE FARM INSPECTIONS DUE FOR 2000

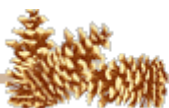
NOVEMBER 2, 2000-NOMINATIONS DUE FOR 2000 TREE FARMER OF THE YEAR

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