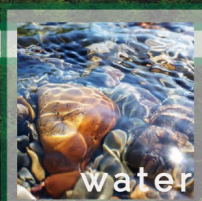


NEW MEXICO TREE FARM

BULLETIN



CELEBRATING DAVE AND KIM ROLAND

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2023



The Tree Farm of the Year is an award given by the New Mexico Tree Farm System to recognize an individual or family that manages their Tree Farm in a way that best exemplifies the values of good forest management.

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.

On September 23, the NM Tree Farm Committee held a celebration event in honor of Dave and Kim Roland being chosen as the NM Tree Farm of the Year. Their 80-acre property became a certified Tree Farm in 2013 and since then, Dave and Kim continue to work on portions of the property to improve forest conditions. They worked all summer to thin 7-acres of the property, opening the stand, improving the health and wildlife habitat, and reducing wildfire threat.

The event was attended by neighboring ranches, owners of other NM Tree Farms, Federal and State Forestry, the NM Tree Farm Committee Board, and several others.



Dave gave a demonstration of his sawmill and provided wood cookies to all.



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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.

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THE VALUE OF TRADITIONAL PLANTING PRACTICES PAIRED WITH INNOVATIVE NURSERY OPERATIONS

This is the third in a four-part Forest Professional Friday series contributed by [Mast Reforestation](#).

Traditional reforestation practices have been used for over a century, and the thoughtful selection of seed and seedlings for planting remains the most effective means of forest restoration. However, given the current lack of seed supply and nursery capacity on the American landscape, we must combine these traditional planting practices with innovative, improved nursery operations to ensure the long-term success of a reforestation project. If approached with the latest science in mind, and great care, reforestation activities can move us toward more renewed forested acres while promoting biodiversity and ecosystem services beyond timber and fiber products. Read the full article [here](#).



RESTORE FISH AND WILDLIFE HABITAT ON YOUR LAND WITH THE HELP OF THE PARTNERS FOR FISH AND WILDLIFE PROGRAM

The Partners for Fish and Wildlife (PFW) Program is a voluntary partnership program that provides technical and financial assistance to non-Federal landowners to improve fish and wildlife habitats for Federal trust species (e.g., threatened, endangered, and candidate species, migratory birds, and other declining species). Any privately-owned land is potentially eligible for restoration. "Privately-owned" for the purposes of the PFW Program includes any land not owned by the Federal Government or a State. [Learn more about the program](#) today.



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](#)



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