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NEW MEXICO BULLETIN NO. 120-10-01

SUBJECT: ADS - Cooperative agreement between NRCS and NM State Forestry

TO: All Employees

Purpose. To advise all employees.

Expiration Date. September 30, 2011

Enclosed, please find a copy of the Cooperative Agreement signed between New Mexico NRCS and State Forestry Division, effective October 1, 2009. This agreement is intended to provide nonindustrial private forest land owners with greater technical assistance options when enrolled in Farm Bill programs. The agreement allows NRCS staff to request technical assistance from State Forestry district staff for the purpose of practice planning, design, layout, and/or checkout.

Short "roll-out" sessions are scheduled at annual NRCS Area Meetings this fall (October – December) to provide basic information on the agreement. (State Forestry staff is expected to receive information at those area meetings and / or at their annual Division Meeting in early December). More in-depth information for all staff can be expected in joint workshops covering policy, procedure, and technical forestry practice and program implementation. These workshops are planned for the spring of 2010. Dates are to be determined.

For more information or for assistance implementing the cooperative agreement, please contact Jessi Ouzts, State Staff Forester / Cooperative Forester, by phone (505-761-4436 or 505-345-2200) or email (jessica.ouzts@nm.usda.gov / @state.nm.us).

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