



## Announcement!



*Calling all Consultant Foresters*

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) and the New Mexico State Forestry Division (NMSFD) are sponsoring a training to get forestry consultants on the road to becoming NRCS contractors. In case you hadn't heard, the 2008 Farm Bill is putting forest management money in the hands of the NRCS. They're even going to pay for forest management plans to be written ..... by you! (i.e. qualified forest consultants).

**When:** May 13<sup>th</sup> 2009 – (8:30am – 5pm)

**Where:** USDA building at 6200 Jefferson St NE, Albuquerque, NM

**Why:** To learn how to register to be an NRCS technical service provider (TSP), to enhance your management plan writing toolbox, and learn about the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy.

**What:** This training focuses on both the process for becoming and being an NRCS technical service provider (TSP), and provides an introduction to the newly created Conservation Activity Plan - forest management plan criteria, including some of the newest tools available for writing plans. The NM Department of Game and Fish will cover wildlife concerns including how to use the Comprehensive Wildlife Conservation Strategy when writing forest management plans for private landowners. Foresters may attend morning and/or afternoon sessions, depending on their training needs and availability.

For more information, to sign up (*it's free!*), and get a more complete agenda to determine that this training is right for you, please contact:

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### Training and Qualifications for NRCS Technical Service Provider's for Forest Management Plans (FMP's)

How to read the table: There are two primary options, listed in the top row. The second row are requirements for everyone regardless of whether they chose Option A or B.

Option A) Certification by Society of American Foresters or Consulting Foresters of America, Inc.		Option B) Forestry Education, Experience, References (Bachelor's or higher, 5 yrs experience, two locations or customer references)		
<u>Forestry License:</u> (n/a in NM)	<u>Training in AgLearn:</u> FMP Development Trng, Conservation Planning Training	<u>Proficiency with forest inventory and planning tools:</u> Provide documentation	<u>eFOTG Knowledge:</u> <a href="http://www.nm.nrc.usda.gov/technical/fotgintro.html">http://www.nm.nrc.usda.gov/technical/fotgintro.html</a>	<u>National Planning Procedures Handbook:</u> Title 180 – Part 600 <a href="http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/handbooks/handbooks.html">http://www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/handbooks/handbooks.html</a>

What steps do you have to take to become an NRCS technical service provider?  
(to get a jump on the process, visit <http://techreg.usda.gov> and get started on your Eauthentication account)