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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **NM State Forester Recognizes New Mexico's Tree City USA Communities**

**Santa Fe** – As part of Earth Day 2009, the New Mexico State Forestry Division and State Forester, Arthur "Butch" Blazer are recognizing communities throughout the state for their participation in the National Arbor Day Foundation's Tree City USA Program.

"Tree City USA acknowledges communities throughout the US who sustain community based urban forestry programs," said Blazer. "A sustainable urban forestry program improves quality of life as well as the overall beauty of New Mexico, so I'm proud to recognize the cities and towns in our state who have made this a priority."

New Mexico's Tree City USA communities include:

Albuquerque	12 years	Cannon AFB	11 years
Clovis	10 years	Holloman AFB	6 years
Kirtland AFB	9 years	Las Vegas	10 years
San Jon	10 years	Tucumcari	10 years
Roswell	19 years		

In addition to receiving recognition as a Tree City USA, the following communities also received a 'Growth Award' for their exemplary efforts to plan for, manage, and celebrate the trees within their community: Las Vegas, Cannon AFB, Roswell, Albuquerque.

Urban forests provide our citizens with immense benefits, such as: improved quality of life, reduced heat intensity and building energy use, reduced storm water run-off, and increased property values. The New Mexico State Forestry Division, Urban and Community Forestry Program empowers communities to develop and sustain their urban forests for the benefit of their citizens and the environment.

For further information about Tree City USA and Urban Forestry in your community contact Lance Davisson, NM State Urban and Community Forestry Program Manager at 505-476-3332 or e-mail

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