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It's Not Too Late To Donate!

Donate a Portion of Your 2012 Tax Refund To Help "Re-Leaf" New Mexico's Communities

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexicans have an opportunity to turn some of their 2012 state tax refund into trees for New Mexico communities through State Forestry's Forest Re-Leaf Program.

Funded exclusively through private and corporate donations, New Mexico State Forestry's Forest Re-Leaf is an environmental education tree planting grant program. Since created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1990, more than \$550,000 has been granted to plant over 19,000 trees on public lands throughout the state.

What many taxpayers might not know is that when they fill out their 2012 New Mexico Tax Return documents, they have the opportunity to donate to the Re-Leaf Program. At the end of the document, there is a check-off box that will direct any amount you determine to the program. No donation is too small and every cent will be put toward planting trees around the state.

"The New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf projects undertaken by communities around the state would not have been possible without the valuable financial contributions from private citizens, corporations, non-profit organizations, and small businesses." said New Mexico State Urban and Community Forester Kelly Washburn. "I encourage New Mexicans to support the Forest Re-Leaf Program by making a donation this tax season."

There are several ways that the citizens of New Mexico can contribute to this community tree planting program:

- Donate to New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf on your New Mexico State Tax Return Form;
- Volunteer at a tree planting event funded by the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program;
- Mail a donation directly to: New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program.

Instructions regarding the 2012 PIT-D form are located on-line, at:

<http://www.tax.newmexico.gov/SiteCollectionDocuments/2012pit-d-ins.pdf>

For more information or to contribute to the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program contact: Kelly Washburn, Program Manager at the New Mexico State Forestry Division; 1220 South St. Francis Dr.; Santa Fe, NM 87505. Telephone: (505) 476-3332; E-mail: kelly.washburn@state.nm.us .

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