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## **New Mexico State Forester Appointed to National Forest Committee**

SANTA FE, NM— New Mexico State Forester Tony Delfin has been appointed to the United States Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Forest Resource Coordinating Committee by Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack.

Delfin, who has served as State Forester since 2011, is a native of Silver City and a graduate of Western New Mexico University. He joins seven new members and eight previous members on the committee, which focuses on areas such as wildfires, insect and disease outbreaks, natural disasters, economic development and impacts of forest ownership, as well as forestry related public policy matters. Appointments to the committee are for one to three years.

“The Forest Resource Coordinating Committee works to help owners and managers of community forests manage their land, as well as enhance community protection from wildfires,” said Delfin. “I’m looking forward to sharing our concerns, in addition to the practices we’ve used in New Mexico, to help landowners across the country enhance the productivity and ecological health of their forests.”

The Forest Resource Coordinating Committee is made up of foresters, wildlife specialists, conservation experts and government agency representatives from across the United States that provide technical assistance and advice on activities and funding allocation that enhance the public benefits of forested land.

“This national appointment recognized the dedication and professionalism that Tony Delfin displays every day in his job as State Forester, said New Mexico Energy, Minerals and Natural Resources Secretary John Bemis. “It is a credit to him and his entire Forestry staff to receive this national recognition.”

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