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Plant Trees in New Mexico with a Portion Of Your State Tax Refund

Santa Fe, NM – New Mexicans have an easy opportunity to turn just a few dollars of their state tax refund into trees for New Mexico communities through the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program. All it takes is filling out a simple form attached to the state tax return.

Funded exclusively through private donations, the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program is an environmental education tree planting grant program. Created by the New Mexico Legislature in 1990, more than \$600,000 has been granted to plant approximately 20,000 trees in parks, school yards, sports complexes and other public lands throughout 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 Forest Re-Leaf Program Manager Jennifer Dann. “I encourage New Mexicans to support the Forest Re-Leaf Program by making a donation this tax season.”

By filling out their New Mexico Tax Return documents, taxpayers have the opportunity to donate to the Re-Leaf Program. Toward the end of the personal income tax form, there is a line for “**refund voluntary contributions.**” Selecting the “New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program” on the corresponding Voluntary Contributions form will direct any amount of your refund that you determine to the program. No donation is too small and every cent will be put toward planting trees around the state.

Citizens of New Mexico can contribute to this community tree planting program in several ways:

- Donating to New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf on your New Mexico State Tax Return Form;
- Volunteering at a tree planting event funded by the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program, or help coordinate a project for your community;
- Mailing a donation directly to the New Mexico Forest Re-Leaf Program using the address below.

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

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