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Conservation Seedlings for Fall Distribution Available to NM Landowners

SANTA FE, NM – It won't be long before hot summer days give way to cooler fall weather. Fall is the perfect time to plant tree seedlings, to give them a chance to establish themselves in the ground before the first hard freeze sends them into dormancy. Tree seedlings from New Mexico State Forestry's Conservation Seedling Program will be going on sale for fall distribution on Monday, July 7, according to Conservation Seedling Forester Carol Bada.

"We will have 55 different species of trees and shrubs available, which will be shipped starting September 15, 2014," said Bada. "Planting native tree and shrub species in the fall will allow them to establish without having to deal with harsh summer heat and they will have a head start on growth as winter turns to spring."

Seedlings are available to landowners who own at least one acre of land in New Mexico and who agree to use the trees for conservation purposes including erosion control, wildlife habitat, reforestation, riparian restoration, windbreak establishment, tree plantations and other conservation needs. Seedlings are available on-line at www.nmforestry.com and by mail-in order form. All proceeds are re-invested into the long-running program. **Seedling sales will end on October 10, 2014 and distribution will end on October 17, 2014.**

Tree and shrub species available include:

Small container seedlings of one-year-old plants are sold in 10-cubic-inch containers in minimum lots of 49 of the same species for \$64. **Large**, 16-cubic-inch containers of two-year-old plants are sold in minimum lots of 20 of the same species for \$50.

Mail-in application forms may be downloaded from the State Forestry website. Secure **on-line ordering** is also available at www.nmforestry.com. Payment with a **Visa, Master Card or Discover Card** is accepted. Checks are accepted with mail-in order forms. Anyone who experiences problems downloading the application form may contact the New Mexico Forestry Division at (505) 476-3325 and it will be sent by mail. Two methods of delivery are available (**\$5 handling fee**): UPS or pick up in Santa Fe.

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