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State Forestry Announces Spring Conservation Tree Seedling Sales

Santa Fe, NM – Winter may be knocking on New Mexico’s door, but it is not too early to think about spring planting.

More than 65,000 tree and shrub seedlings are now available for purchase through the New Mexico State Forestry Division’s 2016 Spring Conservation Seedling Program. Seedling sales began earlier this week, with distribution for spring planting beginning on March 7, 2016.

Careful planting of tree and shrub species is an important part of New Mexico’s healthy forests and watersheds. Conservation Seedling Forester Carol Bada says, “Tree seedlings help rehabilitate areas affected by fires and protect crops. They promote energy conservation and improve the health of lands throughout New Mexico.”

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. These include reforestation, riparian restoration, windbreak establishment, tree plantations, erosion control, and wildlife habitat. Seedlings can be ordered on-line at www.nmforestry.com and by mail-in application form. All proceeds are re-invested into the program.

Bare root seedlings are sold in bundles of 25, with a minimum order of 50 plants for \$62. **Small** container seedlings of one-year-old plants are sold in 10 in.³ containers in minimum lots of 49 of the same species for \$80. Packages with a mixture of seedling types are also available in the 10 in.³ containers of 49 trees for \$80. **Large** container seedlings of serviceberry are available in 16 in.³ containers in minimum lots of 20 of the same species for \$57.

Application forms and secure **on-line ordering** are available at www.nmforestry.com. Payment must be made by **Visa, Master Card** or **Discover Card**. Checks are accepted with mail-in order forms. To receive an application through the mail, contact the New Mexico Forestry Division at (505) 476-3325. Three methods of delivery are available: UPS, pick up in Santa Fe, or retrieval at other designated locations in state. There is a handling fee of \$5 per order.

More than 60 tree and shrub species are available including: Ponderosa pine, white fir, desert willow, native plum, piñon, golden currant, Nanking cherry, Manchurian apricot, and Arizona cypress.