

Arizona Becomes 36th Tree Farm State

Arizona became the 36th state in the American Tree Farm System July 1 when a farmer's tract near Parks, in the north central part of the state, was approved by the Western Pine Association's Arizona-New Mexico forest practice committee.

The 60-acre tract is part of the 224-acre farm of William G. Scholz, Coconino County conservation leader, near highway 66 about midway between Flagstaff and Williams.

It is a pure ponderosa pine forest of all age classes from seedlings to scattered old growth trees, with a substantial volume in saw timber classes. Tree Farmer Scholz plans to improve the tract by thinning, pruning, salvage logging and selective harvesting of mature trees until

he achieves a fully stocked, maximum income producing woodland to supplement his regular farming income.

Mr. Scholz has laid out a 10- to 15-year woodlot improvement program during which he hopes to bring his timber crops up to full capacity growth and top income-producing levels. Harvested trees will be converted to lumber in his own small sawmill. He has a good local market for various products of his Tree Farm.

Arthur Upson, Tucson, district forest engineer for Western Pine, inspected the tract and helped Tree Farmer Scholz lay out his long-range timber crops program. Final step in certification comes in September

when Western Pine's main conservation committee meets in Portland to act on recent state committee approvals, it was explained by E. L. Kolbe, chief forester of the association.

With Arizona now in the Tree Farm column, only Utah among the 12 Western states remains to be brought in. Acreage in certified Tree Farms in the West is approaching the 10,000,000-acre mark, and the number of Tree Farms is crowding the 600-mark. These figures include all Western regions. Certifying agencies are the Industrial Forestry Assn. for the Douglas fir region, California Redwood Assn. for the Redwood region and Western Pine for the inland forest areas.