

COLORADO, NEVADA, WYOMING JOIN TREE FARM PROGRAM

The American Tree Farm System welcomed three new member states as 1951 drew to a close. They were Colorado, Nevada and Wyoming.

The three states came in under the Western Pine Association's banner during the Tree Farm program's tenth anniversary year, bringing national Tree Farm enrollment to 33. The program is encouraged nationally by American Forest Products Industries with headquarters in Washington, D. C.

Nevada's first certificates went to Fibreboard Products Inc., owners of the 12,784-acre Floriston Tree Farm in Washoe County, and Sierra Pacific Power Company's Tahoe-Sierra Tree Farm of 14,460-acres. Only 200 acres of this property are in Nevada.

Colorado's first Tree Farm certificate went to Broderick Wood Products Co., of Denver, for a 3,200-acre woodland tract in Larimer county.

Wyoming's first Tree Farm is a 240-acre tract in Carbon county owned by N. A. Swenson, coal and woodland operator. His objective is continuous production of forest crops through wise management and planned harvests.

All four properties were inspected and approved by the Western Pine Association's forest practices committees in accord with standard certifying procedure. Certification announcement was made in Portland, Ore., by E. L. Kolbe, chief forester for the association. District forest engineers helping process applications were Ralph Hodges, for the Nevada area, and Arthur T. Upson, for Colorado and Wyoming.

Fibreboard Products' new Tree Farm lies just north of Lake Tahoe bordering the California line. C. L. Morey is manager of the firm's timber division. The Sierra Pacific Power Company's tract is operated and managed by the Tahoe Timber Co., of Reno. Long range management plans for the tract have been outlined by C. E. Favre and John Ohlsen, of the timber company and F. K. Tracy of the power firm.

Manager S. A. Tait, of Broderick Wood Products Co., has an intensive tree-cropping program in action on Colorado's first Tree Farm. All cutting operations are on a thinning basis. Stumps are never more than 12 inches high. Young growth is protected. Brush is scattered and all fires are suppressed. Part of the area is under lease from the Union Pacific Railroad. Currently timber harvests go into various treated items. The Broderick Wood Products Co., is expanding into sawing and treating of lumber.

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