



Natural Resources Conservation Service
6200 Jefferson NE, Room 305
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87109
Phone: (505) 761-4400 Fax: (505) 761-4463
Web site: www.nm.nrcs.usda.gov

July 15, 2008

FORESTRY/WOODLAND TECHNICAL NOTE NO. NM-37

SUBJECT: ECS – SILVICULTURE OF MIXED CONIFER FORESTS IN THE CENTRAL ROCKY MOUNTAINS

Purpose: To distribute silvicultural publications that may be used in conjunction with the Forest Stand Improvement Specifications and Job Sheet to produce sound prescriptions for ponderosa pine forest management.

Effective Date: Effective when received.

Background: The technical note is a USDA Forest Service publication from the Rocky Mountain Research Station on silvicultural guidelines for ponderosa pine. While the text is rather old, it is not dated. The material is still very valid for today's forest managers. Thanks go to the Rocky Mountain Research Station Library in Fort Collins for their assistance in locating original copies and scanning them into electronic files. The original booklets were published with instructional slide-tape presentations to accompany them so they read like a play or dialog and numbers correspond to specific pictures.

This publication is divided into three parts. The first addresses the species considered part of mixed conifer forests and typical ecological and individual tree distribution, initial establishment of this type, and common damaging agents. The second part addresses regeneration silviculture and cutting guidelines. The last part includes information on single-, two-, three-, and multi-storied stands, as well as cutting modifications based on windfirmness, dwarf mistletoe, and insects.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "George Chavez", is written over a light blue horizontal line.

GEORGE CHAVEZ
State Resource Conservationist

