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Los Lunas Manager Garners National Award

ALBUQUERQUE, NM – Gregory Fenchel, Los Lunas Plant Materials Center manager, on March 12, 2007 was named Plant Materials Outstanding Employee for 2006 by the national headquarters for the United States Department of Agriculture-Natural Resources Conservation Service.

The award is presented to Fenchel in recognition for his outstanding leadership, skill, and dedication in contributing to the Plant Materials Program both in New Mexico and nationally. His plant materials expertise, which has focused in recent years on the development of riparian plant materials and associated practices, has been well documented and implemented throughout the region.

The Los Lunas Plant Materials Center develops native plants and new technologies for the United States Department of Agriculture that can be used in conservation applications throughout New Mexico and neighboring areas. Fenchel has made a special effort to ensure the Plant Materials Center has a very active outreach program that will make conservationists throughout the region aware of the products the Center is developing and how they may be used.

His expertise has been solicited by those involved in critical area treatment, mine reclamation, and riparian restoration. He is called upon to be part of any program, workshop, tour, committee, or symposium on riparian restoration being held in the area.

His passion for his work reflects a deeply held believe that we all leave footprints on the earth, and he wants his to demonstrate positive landscapes we all, as Southwesterns, can take pride in.

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