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Adopt-A-Highway Spring Litter Cleanup
Keep Southeast New Mexico Beautiful

ROSWELL – Volunteers participating in the New Mexico Department of Transportation (NMDOT) District Two Adopt-A-Highway program should schedule their first litter cleanup event before summer.

“Adopt-A-Highway volunteers take tremendous pride in keeping New Mexico looking beautiful,” said District Two Maintenance Engineer Francesco Sanchez. “During these challenging financial times as we all try to maintain our highway assets with fewer funds, we rely on volunteers to help us keep our New Mexico roads clean and beautiful.”

This past year approximately 700 tons of trash was collected. District Two has 165 volunteer groups. The program saves NMDOT thousands of dollars, promotes civic responsibility, and removes trash from state highways. Volunteers wear safety vests when working within a highway right-of-way. NMDOT provides the vests and trash bags for free, and arranges to haul away the trash bags. Current volunteers include members of various civic groups, businesses and families.

Sections of highway are still available for adoption. Interested groups should check with the NMDOT District Two Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator Candace Buechner at (575) 626-7416 for more information. Groups are asked to sign an agreement with the NMDOT to adopt a mile of highway, clean their adopted mile twice a year, and report cleanup results to the Adopt-A-Highway Coordinator. There is no fee to participate in the program. Adopt-A-Highway signs bearing a group’s name are posted along the stretches of adopted highway.

Litter pickup events can take place any time during the spring, summer, and fall, or in coordination with any Keep New Mexico Clean and Beautiful event, also known as “Toss No Mas.”

Scheduled litter events currently include the City of Alamogordo in March. Please watch for volunteers and drive with caution.

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