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CORRECTIONS CELEBRATES NATIONAL VICTIMS' RIGHTS WEEK
Statewide tree-planting ceremonies honor crime victims

Santa Fe, NM – April 18-24 is National Victims' Rights Week. The New Mexico Corrections Department (NMCD) and the New Mexico Victims' Rights Legal Assistance Project are hosting tree-planting ceremonies to pay tribute to crime victims and their families. All NMCD prisons and the Central Office will participate in simultaneous tree-planting ceremonies, Tuesday April 20, 2010, at 2:00 p.m. Crime victims and community dignitaries have been invited to attend and speak.

The Corrections Department's Victim Services Office provides a direct point-of-contact for crime victims and their families who have concerns related to offenders in prison and/or parole supervision. Last year, NMCD's crime victim's coordinator responded to nearly 4,000 inquiries. The department's Victim Services Office can be reached by calling a toll-free telephone number: 1-877-842-8464.

The New Mexico Victim's Rights Legal Assistance Project provides victims of violent crime pro bono legal representation in New Mexico Courts. Since 2003, the organization has represented the interests of over 400 crime victims. The advocacy group can be reached at its toll-free telephone number: 1-888-410-1084.

Media representatives interested in attending the tree-planting ceremonies should contact the following persons at each facility.

Central NM Correctional Facility/Los Lunas: Deputy Warden Ken Sandlin at 505-401-1461

Lea County Correctional Facility/Hobbs: Security Warden Vince Horton at 575-392-4055 ext. 124

Penitentiary of New Mexico/Santa Fe: Deputy Warden Brian Reshetnik at 505-699-5409

Southern NM Correctional Facility/Las Cruces: Deputy Warden German Franco at 575-312-0489

Guadalupe County Correctional Facility/Santa Rosa: Associate Warden Lynn Baade at 575-472-1001

Northeast NM Detention Facility/Clayton: Associate Warden Mike Martin at 575-374-4005 ext.1003

New Mexico Women's Correctional Facility/Grants: Education Dir. Dennis Patterson at 505-287-2941 ext. 23450

Western NM Correctional Facility/Grants: Deputy Warden Deanna Hoisington at 505-876-8301

Roswell Correctional Center/Hagerman: Deputy Warden Bill Hendrix at 575-625-3137

Springer Correctional Center/Springer: Deputy Warden Ken Tremko at 575-643-6245

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