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## **Partners for a Clean New Mexico Launch “Restore the Enchantment” Plan to Combat Illegal Dumping**

**Santa Fe, New Mexico** – More than 30 stakeholder organizations and individuals have joined together today as Partners for a Clean New Mexico to protect the State of New Mexico by leveraging resources—staff time, technical expertise, legal authority, and funding—to address illegal dumping. This effort begins with today’s official signing of a statewide “Restore the Enchantment” strategic plan.

The Partners have agreed to work together to provide education on proper waste disposal and recycling methods, address illegal dump clean up and maintenance, and support increased prosecution and conviction of violators. Each organizations resources, strengths and authorities will be tapped to provide a new collaborative approach to an old problem.

“The beauty of New Mexico is being tarnished by illegal dumping and we’re all very tired of individually battling the problem” said Linda Rundell, BLM State Director. “This partnership signals a commitment to confront the problem that affects every resident and every visitor to our state. We’re saying to those who continue to trash New Mexico, enough already!”

The founding Partners look forward to other interested state, federal, tribal, private, not-for-profit entities joining the effort. The New Mexico Association of Counties will serve as fiscal agent for this initiative and will work closely with the New Mexico Recycling Coalition to receive funds for implementation of the plan.

“New Mexico is a beautiful and scenic state,” said Michael D. Anaya, President, New Mexico Association of Counties. “By forming this remarkable partnership with local, state and federal agencies and private organizations, we have created an alliance that will keep New Mexico an enchanted place to live and visit.”

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