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**GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON APPOINTS STATE FAIR
DEPUTY MANAGER**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson has appointed Donda Wallace Pool as State Fair Deputy Manager.

“The cultural and economic benefits of the state fair are huge,” Richardson said. “We want bigger turnout and we want our vast history portrayed. That’s why I’m proud to appoint someone who is very familiar with the state fair.”

Wallace Pool’s experience includes working in the fair’s accounting and procurement departments in 2000 and 2001. She was also instrumental in coordinating the 2000 Tingley Coliseum renovation.

Most recently, she worked as a program coordinator in the juvenile criminal justice field, and has 20 years experience developing training and team building programs. Wallace Pool also served as a mediator for the Victim Offender Program at the Bernalillo County Juvenile Detention Center. She has a master’s degree in human resources from the University of Columbus in New Orleans, La.

“With Donda’s talent, there’s no doubt she’ll bring great things to this great New Mexico tradition,” said State Fair General Manager Mike Cerletti.

Wallace Pool is a native New Mexican who grew up in Lovington.

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