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## Lt. Governor to meet with state's mayors to map out fireworks strategy

**Santa Fe** - Lt. Governor Diane D. Denish will meet with mayors from across the state on Wednesday, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, to discuss plans for restricting fireworks through this fire season and to get their input on ways to enhance cities' ability to restrict fireworks during future dry seasons.

Governor Bill Richardson has issued a fireworks ban on all state land last week in response to the Bosque fires and has asked the Lt. Governor to rally the state's mayors to impose similar restrictions.

"We are aware mayors have expressed frustration about their limited ability to restrict fireworks," Denish said. "We are asking them to do all that their charters and state law allow in curbing fireworks during this dry season."

"I will also seek their input on how the state and cities, working together, can reduce the threat of fireworks-caused fires," she said. "This could include changes to state law that allows mayors and the governor to ban fireworks during prolonged droughts."

**What:** Lt. Governor Denish and mayors press conference on fireworks restrictions

**Where:** Cabinet Room, State Capitol 4th Floor

**When:** Wednesday, July 2, at 2 p.m.

Below: List of Mayors and dignitaries confirmed to attend:

Lieutenant Governor Felix Chaves - Sandia Pueblo

John Hooker- Los Ranchos

Edward Fluhman-Roy

Bob Miller-Ruidoso Downs

Richard Lucero-Espanola

Louisa Gallegos-Encino

Craig Swagerty-Red River

John Garcia-Jemez Springs

Tony Roybal-Pecos

Jim Owen-Rio Rancho

Lorraine Wardell-Mountainair

Larry Delgado-Santa Fe

Demetrio Montoya-Tularosa  
Alvin Clanton-Angel Fire  
Rudolpho Martinez-Bayard  
Lauderite Quintana-Wagon Mound  
Tom Ortega-Milan  
Jesus Segura-Sunland Park  
Bob Forrest-Carlsbad  
Calvin Litchfield-Tucumcari  
Archie Vigil-Chama  
Gloria Chavez-Tijeras  
Elias Gonzales-Cimarron  
Gary Kanin- Corrales  
Howard Calkins-Edgewood  
Charles Aguilar-Bernalillo