

# State of New Mexico

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### **GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON TO TOUR NORTHWEST, SOUTHWEST NEW MEXICO**

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will continue his "Moving New Mexico Forward" tour next week. Governor Richardson will visit four northwest New Mexico communities on Tuesday. He will be in southwest New Mexico on Thursday.

Governor Richardson will discuss the recent legislative session, and talk about upcoming initiatives, such as the education-reform election in September and a planned special session of the Legislature to overhaul the state's tax system.

"More than anything, I want to hear from New Mexicans, especially those constituents who aren't able to make it to Santa Fe to visit with me personally," Governor Bill Richardson said. "I value the opinions of every New Mexican, and I am open to all suggestions that will help move New Mexico forward."

A representative from the Governor's constituent services office will also attend the events. Constituents who need help dealing with a state service or agency should be at the events early, so they can talk directly with the Governor's staff. If possible, constituents should put their concerns in writing in order to expedite a response from the Governor's Office.

Governor Richardson will visit several communities, and hold town hall meetings during the tours. Governor Richardson visited 11 communities in southeast New Mexico earlier this month.

Governor Richardson will tour every region of the state throughout the summer.

Here is the tentative public schedule for the trip:

## **TUESDAY, MAY 20**

### **Grants**

10:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. Town Hall meeting at the convention center, 515 West High Street

### **Farmington**

12:45 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. Luncheon with local officials, San Juan Country Club, 5775 Country Club Drive

1:25 p.m. - 2:00 p.m. Town Hall meeting at the City Council chambers, 900 Municipal

### **Shiprock**

3:30 p.m. - 4:15 p.m. Town Hall meeting at the Chapter House

### **Gallup**

6:00 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. at the City Council chambers, 110 W. Aztec Avenue

6:30 p.m. - 6:45 p.m. Meeting with city officials at the City Council chambers, 110 W. Aztec Avenue

## **THURSDAY, MAY 22**

### **Silver City**

Noon - 12:45 p.m. Speech to Economic Development Corp., Western New Mexico University cafeteria, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor

1:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. Town Hall meeting (Location to be determined)

### **Lordsburg**

3:00 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. Town Hall meeting (Location to be determined)

### **Deming**

4:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. Town Hall meeting (Location to be determined)