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GOVERNOR BILL RICHARDSON TAKES “MOVING NEW MEXICO FORWARD” TOUR TO SOUTHWEST PART OF THE STATE

SANTA FE - Governor Bill Richardson will continue his “Moving New Mexico Forward” tour to Silver City, Lordsburg and Deming.

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 is visiting several communities, and holding town hall meetings during the tours. Governor Richardson toured four northwest New Mexico towns on Tuesday. The governor held town hall meetings earlier this month in 11 southeast New Mexico communities.

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

Here is the tentative public schedule for Thursday’s trip:

THURSDAY, MAY 22

Silver City

Noon -- 12:45 p.m. Speech to Economic Development Corp. in Silver City

Location: WNMU Student Memorial Center, Cafeteria, 2nd floor

1:15 p.m. -- 2:00 p.m. Town Hall meeting in Silver City

Location: Community Build Park, 1305 N. Grants St.

Lordsburg

3:00 p.m. -- 3:45 p.m. Town Hall meeting in Lordsburg

Location: City Council Chambers, 206 Main Street

Deming

5:15 p.m. -- 5:45 p.m. Town Hall in Deming

Location: Mimbres Valley Learning Center, 2300 E. Pine

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