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## **Governor Richardson Announces Fort Stanton Renovations**

SANTA FE – Governor Bill Richardson announced projects to stabilize and renovate several historic buildings at Fort Stanton State Monument will get under way this spring.

“I commend Secretary Arturo Jaramillo and his staff at the General Services Department for their work in implementing these projects,” Said Governor Richardson. “Work on historically significant buildings presents particular difficulties in design and implementation to ensure that the historical integrity is maintained.”

The GSD staff worked in close coordination with historic preservation experts from the Department of Cultural Affairs in finalizing the design-development documents for these projects. They will be implemented with \$1.76 million in funding secured from the Legislature and from foundation grants.

Pending projects, slated to go to bid are:

- Renovation of the administration building on the Fort Stanton Quadrangle for museum and office space. The legislature appropriated \$1 million for this project at Governor Richardson’s request in the 2007 session. This project will likely be bid in May.
- Stabilization of the old Pershing Quarters, the commandant’s quarters and the old officers quarters next to the hospital on the main fort quadrangle. General John “Black Jack” Pershing, commander of the expeditionary force that pursued Pancho Villa in Mexico following the raid on Columbus, New Mexico in 1916, and later the commander of U.S. forces in World War I in Europe, was quartered in the building now identified as the old Pershing Quarters during his tour of duty at Fort Stanton. This project is projected to go to bid in mid April.
- Continuation of the stabilization and renovation of the stone stables at Fort Stanton.

“These projects are only the first stage in implementing my goal of making Fort Stanton a major piece in the living history of the town of Lincoln and the state,” Governor

Richardson said. “Lincoln and Fort Stanton were where the events of the Lincoln County War of the 1880s, in which the world-renowned outlaw Billy the Kid played a prominent role, took place.”

Fort Stanton was established in 1855, and has served as a military outpost, an internment camp for German sailors, and as the nation’s first federal tuberculosis hospital.