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NMDOT employees collect 36,000 pounds of trash in single day event

SANTA FE – The New Mexico Department of Transportation held a statewide ‘Toss No Mas’ litter cleanup event on Saturday, June 5.

“The department is well aware there is a roadside litter issue in New Mexico,” said Transportation Secretary Mike Sandoval. “This event was coordinated internally with DOT employee participation only, but we hope to hold frequent Toss No Mas cleanup events in the future and eventually include municipalities and public volunteers. The event was incredibly successful.”

In total, 155 DOT employees participated.

- 1,082 bags of trash were collected
- Total weight equaled 18 tons
- Employees accrued 759 total labor hours
- \$26,969 spent on labor and equipment costs

Items collected include:

- Lumber
- Drywall
- Carpet
- Wood palettes
- Large cardboard boxes
- Lengths of pipe
- Semi tires
- Canvas tents
- Tools
- Disposable masks
- Household trash
- Cans
- Buckets
- Clothing

- Car parts
- A BBQ grill
- A couch
- A mattress
- A toilet
- Hypodermic needles/medical waste
- Water bottles filled with urine and spit
- One snake
- \$80

“All of the money spent on this single event could be spent on potholes or guardrail repair for example,” added Sandoval. “We need everyone to do their part to prevent roadside litter. Waste management workers and private citizens must securely tarp or cover their loads. People can help by tying up their garbage bags and making sure waste bins are securely closed. We all play a part in this battle to keep our state clean.”

Please reach out to PIO Kim Gallegos Kim.Gallegos@state.nm.us for interviews.

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