

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



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FINAL Approval August 8, 2008

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**Name of Marker:** Monica Fuentes Gallegos (1851–1909) and Carlota Fuentes Gallegos (1857–1936)

**County:** Harding

**Review:**  Original Text/Replacement Marker  Revised Text  
 Move of Existing Marker  New Marker

**NMDOT District:** 4

**NMDOT Highway:** NM 39

**Suggested Site for Installation:** NM 39 at Gallegos

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**Existing or Proposed Text:**

Monica and Carlota Gallegos, widowed sisters, ranched 375,000 acres. Monica operated a general store and saloon and issued scrip in her name. When Black Jack Ketchum raided the ranch in 1890, Monica shot him in the arm. The sisters built a school and, in 1876, the Church of the Immaculate Conception, furnished with large Italian statues. Their vision ensured economic and social stability in Gallegos.

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**Previous Title and Text:**  N/A

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**Source(s):**

Callon, Milton and C. M. Montgomery (photographer). "The Red Corner." *New Mexico Magazine*, August 1964, pp. 12-15, 31, 35.

Criswell, Elvin. "Gallegos Ranch: Portrait of a Dynasty and its Matron," *New Mexico Magazine*, June 1998, pp. 64-68.

Davis Ellis Arthur, ed. *The Historical Encyclopedia of New Mexico*. Albuquerque: New Mexico Historical Association, 1918-19, 824, 826-27, 834-35.

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Personal Communication. Alberto Gallegos, July 24, 2007.

**Supporting Information Attached with original application:** Photos, family biographies, and New Mexico Magazine articles from August, 1964, June 1998, and October 2004

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**CPRC Comments:** No

**For Referral to:** NMHWMI; Dee Beingessner, NMDOT GO

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