

Official Scenic Historic Marker Program Application Form



CPRC meeting: DRAFT

Name of Marker:

Sadie Orchard
1860-1943

County: Sierra

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker
 Move of Existing Marker

Revised Text
XX New Marker

NMDOT District: _____

NMDOT Highway: _____

Suggested Site for Installation:

Hillsboro, along Main Street, perhaps close to existing Hillsboro Historic District
Historic Marker near the intersection of NM152 and NM 27.

Existing or Proposed Text:

Arriving around 1886 to the mining town of Kingston, Sadie Jane Creech Orchard is arguably the most colorful woman in New Mexico history. Sadie opened brothels, worked as a prostitute, built and operated hotels and restaurants and co-owned and drove for a stagecoach line. Later in life she became a humanist, caring for children and for the sick and dying during the flu epidemics.

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Text Approved by CPRC on Date: _____

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