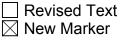
FINAL SENT TO NMDOT Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



CPRC meeting: Final Approval August 8, 2008

Name of Marker: Curanderas—Women Who Heal

Review: Original Text/Replacement Marker Move of Existing Marker County: Mora County NMDOT District: 4 NMDOT Highway: To be determined Suggested Site for Installation: To be determined



Proposed Text for August 8, 2008 CPRC Meeting:

In New Mexico, women blessed with special knowledge of herbs, household remedies, human health and strong faith are trusted to cure real or imagined maladies. Known as *Curanderas*, these women have been an integral part of the Hispanic fabric in Mora County and in the more remote communities around the state. They oversee the well-being of their respective villages where medical doctors and clinics are scarce.

Word Count: 67

Researcher/author: Thomas E. Chávez

Source(s): Books:

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