

# FINAL SENT TO NMDOT

## Official Scenic Historic Marker Program



**CPRC meeting: Final Approval August 8, 2008**

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**Name of Marker:** *Curanderas—Women Who Heal*

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

**County:** Mora County

**NMDOT District:** 4

**NMDOT Highway:** To be determined

**Suggested Site for Installation:** To be determined

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### **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

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**Source(s): Books:**

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Gregorita Rodríguez, *Singing for My Echo: Memories of Gregorita Rodríguez, A Native Healer of Santa Fe*, as told to Edith Powers, Santa Fe; Cota Editions, 1987.

Lyle Saunders, *Cultural Difference and Medical Care*, New York; Russell Sage Foundation, 1954.

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**CPRC Comments:** Yes

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