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NMCD to convert additional private prison

GRANTS— The New Mexico Corrections Department on Friday announced plans to transition the Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center from privately to publicly operated by entering into a lease agreement with CoreCivic.

The Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center (NWNMCC) is a privately owned and operated medium-level prison facility housing incarcerated individuals in state custody. The facility was built in 1989 and opened as the first private women's prison in the U.S., transitioning in 2015 to a male prison facility.

NMCD and CoreCivic leadership traveled to the facility today to announce the transition to facility staff and the inmate population. The Department anticipates the transition to be complete by November of this year.

In November of 2019, NMCD converted the Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility from privately to publicly operated. In recent weeks, the Department also announced the conversion of the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility, set to take place by November of this year.

At the outset of the Lujan Grisham administration, 49.58 percent of prison beds in New Mexico were in privately operated facilities. After these transitions are completed, the administration will have reduced that rate by more than half, to 24.5 percent.

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