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NMCD converts private prison facilities

SANTA FE— The New Mexico Corrections Department on Monday announced the conversion of the Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center and the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility from privately to public operated.

Both conversions became official on November 1st ending over 30 years of private operation by CoreCivic at the Northwest New Mexico Correctional Center (NWNMCC) in Grants and 20 years by the GEO Group at the Guadalupe County Correctional Facility (GCCF) in Santa Rosa. NMCD has entered into lease agreements for both medium-level prison facilities, with the Department taking over operations and the private operators continuing ownership and maintenance responsibility.

“I am grateful for our staff and their diligent efforts in transitioning these two facilities,” said Cabinet Secretary Alisha Tafoya Lucero. “We look forward to our ongoing partnership with the cities of Grants and Santa Rosa as we continue to operate safe institutions and provide those entrusted to our care with opportunities for success upon their release.”

In November of 2019, NMCD converted the Northeast New Mexico Correctional Facility in Clayton from privately to publicly operated. At the outset of the Lujan Grisham administration, 49.58 percent of prison beds in New Mexico were in privately operated facilities. As of today, the administration has reduced that rate by more than half, to 24.5 percent.

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