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Albuquerque, Rio Rancho residents recycled more than 5,000 Christmas trees *PNM Vegetation Management mulched more than 36,000 pounds of mulch*

(Albuquerque, N.M.) – With the help of PNM’s Vegetation Management Department, Albuquerque and Rio Rancho residents recycled 5,190 Christmas trees at only four locations after the holidays, resulting in more than 36,000 pounds of mulch that PNM chipped with its equipment.

For more than 30 years, crews from the PNM Vegetation Management Department have been partnering with the City of Albuquerque's Solid Waste Management Department and Rio Rancho's Keep Rio Rancho Beautiful Division to grind Christmas trees into mulch after



the holidays, which can be used to provide a better growing environment for plants in city common areas and residential landscapes.

PNM recycled Christmas trees at the following locations:

- **Albuquerque Eagle Rock Convenience Center**, located at 6301 Eagle Rock NE, 4370 trees were chipped.
- **Albuquerque Montessa Convenience Center**, located at 3512 Los Picaros SE, 250 trees were chipped.
- **Rio Rancho Sports Complex** located at 3501 High Resort Blvd SE, 570 trees were chipped.

In total, this generated about 13 total PNM chipper dumps, resulting in about 36,000 pounds of mulch.

“Most people may not think there is a correlation between PNM and vegetation, but it is an important part of the company’s work,” said Thaddeus Petzold, PNM Vegetation Management Manager. “As part of our reliability to customers, PNM proactively trims trees and monitors tree growth around powerlines throughout the company’s service areas in the state and, each year, volunteers its time and equipment for this environmentally friendly Christmas tree recycling project with the City of Albuquerque and the City of Rio Rancho.”

In addition to PNM, the City of Albuquerque worked with their Parks and Recreation Department at the Ladera Golf Course location to recycle additional Christmas trees, increasing the total amount recycled.

“We’re grateful for another successful year with our Treecycling program,” said Matthew Whelan, City of Albuquerque Solid Waste Department Director. “Thanks to everyone who participated, we were able to collect more than 6,400 Christmas trees in Albuquerque and keep them out of our landfill. We look forward to continuing partnering with PNM and the Parks and Recreation Department.”

The public can still pick up free mulch at the Albuquerque Eagle Rock Convenience Center, while supplies last.

About PNM

With headquarters in Albuquerque, PNM is the largest electricity provider in New Mexico, serving more than 530,000 customers in dozens of communities across the state. PNM strives to create enduring value for customers, communities and shareholders built on a foundation of Environmental, Social and Governance Principles. At the core of our business, we are focused on our vision of creating a clean and bright energy future, our purpose of working together with our customers and community to serve their energy needs, and our values of safety, caring, and integrity. PNM is a subsidiary of PNM Resources, an energy holding company also headquartered in Albuquerque. Visit PNM.com for more information.

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