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**Environment Secretary to Speak Thursday in Santa Fe at Conference
on Environmental Issues Facing the Southwest**

Briefing Will Focus on Indigenous Peoples' Concerns, Climate Change, and Environmental Justice

WHAT: New Mexico Environment Department Secretary Ron Curry will speak at the 2009 Environmental Grantmakers Association Southwest Regional Briefing. Secretary Curry will discuss environmental regulations and how they affect indigenous people. The event, aimed at providing foundation leaders with a better understanding of environmental issues facing the Southwest, is cohosted by New Mexico Community Foundation and International Funders for Indigenous People. The briefing will focus on indigenous peoples' concerns, climate change, and environmental justice. EGA is an international organization of 240 private, public and corporate foundations contributing approximately \$700 million in grants last year to support the growing environmental movement.

WHERE: Hotel Santa Fe, 1501 Paseo de Peralta, Santa Fe, N.M.

WHEN: From 5 to 7 p.m., Thursday, April 2

WHO: Secretary Curry, New Mexico Department of Indian Affairs Secretary Alvin Warren, Kathy Wan Povi Sanchez of Tewa Women United, New Mexico Community Foundation and International Funders for Indigenous People

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