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EXPO New Mexico Donation Drive this Weekend to Benefit Wildfire Evacuees

Visitors to the Flea Market get in free with a donated item

In partnership with Houston Wholesale Cars and the New Mexico Department of Agriculture, EXPO New Mexico/State Fair officials announced today that the EXPO NM Flea Market will be accepting donations on behalf of Ruidoso and Mescalero families and community members who have been displaced by the South Fork and Salt Fires. In order to encourage donations, EXPO New Mexico will provide free entry into the flea market this Saturday (6/22/2024) and Sunday (6/23/2024) during regular flea market hours from 7 AM to 3 PM, with the donation of any of the items included in the list provided below.

“We’ve heard from the community that they are eager to donate on behalf of our neighbors in Southern New Mexico, and our flea market is a convenient, central location to facilitate these generous contributions. A fundamental component of our State Fair mission is based on bringing New Mexicans together and we are pleased to be a central repository for efforts of this kind,” stated Dan Mourning, state fair general manager. In addition to these efforts, EXPO New Mexico continues to be an evacuation site for livestock and other animals and has provided facilities for approximately 70 displaced racehorses from Ruidoso Downs to date.

Houston Wholesale Cars will be providing a truck on site at the flea market to load up with donation items. EXPO New Mexico requests and encourages donations of the following NEW items:

- Baby items
- Contact solution
- Personal hygiene items
- Socks and underwear
- Bottled water and sports drinks
- Nonperishable snack items
- Toilet paper and paper towels

- Cleaning supplies
- Toys and games

Donation sites are not accepting used items of any kind, nor will they accept household items or appliances.

EXPO New Mexico plans to continue the donation drive at the Flea Market in an ongoing and as needed basis and will update social media and other information channels as needed.

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