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CID Warns New Mexicans to Be Wary of Unscrupulous Contractors Following Dog Head Fire

ALBUQUERQUE, N.M. – The Construction Industries Division (CID) of the Regulation and Licensing Department warns New Mexicans, especially those who live in areas recently affected by the Dog Head Fire, to be wary of unlicensed contractors and contractors performing unpermitted work.

“When contracting services after a disaster, you need to be cautious not to be taken advantage of by unlicensed or unqualified contractors,” said Mike Unthank, Superintendent of the New Mexico Regulation and Licensing Department. “Please call our office to check on a contractor’s credentials so we can help protect you from dishonest individuals trying to make a quick buck.”

Many homes and buildings may have sustained fire and smoke damage in the Dog Head Fire and will require repairs. To ensure that contractors are properly licensed, please contact CID.

CID can be contacted online at www.rld.state.nm.us or by phone at each CID Regional Office:

Santa Fe Office: 1-505-476-4869
Albuquerque Office: 1-505-222-9801
Las Cruces Office: 1-575-524-6320

CID protects consumers by regulating the industry through policies that promote business growth, safety, and general welfare of the public. The Division strives to provide excellent customer service, every time, while:

- Ensuring that construction is performed in a safe, competent, and professional manner;
- Licensing contractors and enforcing licensing laws;
- Requiring licensure for any person practicing or offering to practice construction contracting;
- Enforcing the laws, regulations, and standards governing construction contracting in a fair and uniform manner;

- Providing resolution to disputes that arise from construction activities.

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