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"The Way We Carry Water" Flows into Production in Northern New Mexico
Short film by a local filmmaker showcases the bond between people and land

Santa Fe, NM—The New Mexico Film Office announced today that the production of the short film "The Way We Carry Water" will be filmed in Alcalde through June, showcasing the tranquil beauty of northern New Mexico.

This poignant film, created by Director Makaio Frazier and produced by Diego Joaquin Lopez ("Blaze You Out") and Fred Mady III, will employ 12 New Mexico crew members and four New Mexico principal actors, including Drew Lopez, Marcos Martinez, and Diego Lopez.

Amidst the rolling hills and ancient acequias, this film follows a young man named Marcos as he confronts the sudden loss of his grandfather. The weight of grief mirrors the flowing waters that sustain his family's land. Marcos navigates the complexities of grief while striving to preserve his family's acequia, a lifeline that nourishes their crops and cultural heritage.

Filmed across the changing seasons, "The Way We Carry Water" captures the cyclical beauty of nature, reflecting the themes of loss and renewal that weave through Marcos' journey. Through stunning visuals and an intimate narrative, the film explores the profound connection between family, culture, and the land, painting a portrait of resilience and the enduring legacy of tradition.

"As a filmmaker from northern New Mexico, 'The Way We Carry Water' is a deeply personal story that honors the land, culture, and traditions that have shaped my life," Frazier said. "This film celebrates the acequia heritage that has sustained our communities for generations, showcasing the beauty and resilience of our region on screen."

"The New Mexico Film Office is committed to supporting local filmmakers and fostering a thriving film industry that reflects the diverse voices and stories of our state," Steve Graham, director of the New Mexico Film Office, said. "'The Way We Carry Water' is a beautiful example of the incredible work being created by New Mexico filmmakers. We proudly support projects showcasing our state's talent, creativity, and cultural richness."

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The New Mexico Film Office (NMFO), a division of the Economic Development Department, works to ensure the longevity and progress of New Mexico's film incentive, grow the film, television, and digital media industry, and expand entertainment economic opportunities for New Mexico businesses and residents.

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