



## **Park Helps MacIntosh Fire Department Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument – New Mexico 2005**

Through the Rural Fire Assistance Program, Salinas Pueblo Missions National Monument purchased for the MacIntosh Fire Department ten complete sets of wildland firefighting clothing and protective gear – including coats, pants, boots, helmets, gloves and goggles. The \$5,000 grant, through a partnership Salinas Pueblo Missions, was a significant contribution to the fire department's annual budget, according to Chief Randal Arnold.

The 1,000-acre National Monument falls within the MacIntosh Fire Department's primary response area, and the MFD in some cases has primary responsibility for initial attack on this land. Salinas Pueblo Missions' Superintendent Glenn Fulfer said they were pleased to be able to help the community.

"MacIntosh's fire department has a long and distinguished history of service," he said, "to not only MacIntosh but other nearby towns and villages as well. We are all indebted to them for their willingness to risk their own personal safety to save the lives and property of others. The National Park Service is proud to be a partner with the MacIntosh Fire Department, and will continue to seek funding to purchase state-of-the art fire suppression and personal safety equipment for their use."

Last year, Marc LeFrancois, one of the Monument's wildland firefighters, worked with Chief Arnold on the grant proposal through the Department of the Interior's National Park Service Rural Fire Assistance Program. In 2003, the Park received \$4,000 to purchase personal protective equipment (PPE) for the Mountainair Volunteer Fire Department firefighters.

"The town appreciates the help provided our volunteer fire department," said Arnold. "The firefighters do a lot, and their work is strictly volunteer. We are proud to work closely with the Monument and very much appreciate all the help."

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