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Leftover material from Mesa Verde road paving helps Southwest Colorado Community College

CORTEZ/MANCOS – The asphalt millings from the road paving project at Mesa Verde National Park did not end up in a landfill and did not have far to go before being put to good use. Southwest Colorado Community College (SCCC) was pleased to accept this donated material from Ledcor CMI Inc. Ledcor, based out of Phoenix, was the company responsible for the road paving at Mesa Verde which ended last week. Gregg Smith from Ledcor arranged for the donation of approximately 740 yards of asphalt millings to be delivered to SCCC.

SCCC recycled this material and put it to great use on its West campus near Mancos. The material was graded and compacted on the roads outside the shop areas on the east and the driveway on the north side of campus.



Gregg Smith, left, with Ledcor discusses the donated material with Shannon South, Dean of SCCC's West Campus.



There was enough donated asphalt millings to cover the entire road on the north and east sides of campus.

“The newly compacted areas will hold up much better to rain and snow,” said Bobby Sitton, Facilities Coordinator at SCCC. “We’ll have a lot less mud to deal with now with this fresh layer on top of the road.”

“What a great example of partnerships at work,” said Shannon South, Dean of SCCC’s West Campus. “This generous donation, worth more than \$30,000, benefits our entire community and its integral relationship with Southwest Colorado Community College.”

“The timing of this project couldn’t be better,” said South. “All the work was completed just in time for the start of the fall semester!” Classes started Monday, Aug. 23.

Registration for the spring semester begins November 8. For more information, visit www.enrollsouthwest.org or call 970.564.6200.

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