

'Dark Winds' blowing into Gallup

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A dark wind will blow through Gallup Jan. 20, but it's nothing to be afraid of. It's just a film crew for the AMC TV series *Dark Winds*.

The series is based on the late Tony Hillerman's novels of murder in the Four Corners in the 1970s. The location crew has asked for permission to shoot local color – small scenes and establishing shots – around town during the day.

Those shots will include street vignettes and other images that help to set the scene for the stories. Landmarks on the list include the El Rancho Motel, Rex Museum and the Lexington Hotel “including the reflections of the train through Lex windows at Golden Hour” according to a permit request.

The Stalwart Productions crew has requested permission to shut down parking lanes on Fifth Street between Historic Highway 66 and Coal Avenue and the alleyway between Highway 66 and Coal Avenue from 3rd Street to 5th Street between 6 a.m. and 8 p.m. to avoid having modern cars in their period shots. They'll also use the parking lot west of the Rex Museum.

The filming is expected to be minimally intrusive, with little impediment to vehicle or pedestrian traffic. The biggest inconvenience for Gallupians may be limited parking downtown.