

Minutes of the Valles Caldera National Preserve Board of Trustees
February 13, 2001 Santa Fe Community College, 1:00-5:00 pm

Trustees Present

Bob Armstrong
Leonard Atencio
William deBuys (Chair)
Karen Durkovich
Palemon Martinez
Steve Stoddard (Vice-Chair)
Thomas Swetnam
Dennis Vasquez
David R. Yepa (Secretary)

USFS Employees Present

Denise McCaig
Buck Sanchez
Jim Whittington

Audience

33 individual entries were on the sign-up sheets. At one point, 39 individuals were counted.
Organizations listed on the sign-up sheets:

Tierra Engineering
Trout Unlimited
Santa Fe Jeep Club
National Audubon, NM
New Mexico Department of Game and Fish
Orvis
VCSGLLC
New Mexico Winter Sports Alliance
Los Alamos Monitor
Jemez Mountain Trail Scenic Byway
Office of Congressman Tom Udall
Santa Fe New Mexican
Santa Clara Pueblo
Valles Caldera Coalition
New Mexico Audubon Council

Communities (and number of entries) listed on the sign-up sheets:

Santa Fe (7)-Santa Fe and Dallas, TX (2)
Jemez Springs (6)
Los Alamos (4)
Santa Clara Pueblo (2)
Montezuma (1)
Belen (1)
Albuquerque (1)
Tesuque (1)

Greetings and Introductions

William deBuys welcomed guests and the Trustees introduced themselves to the audience.

Approval of the Agenda

The Chair asked for a motion on the agenda. Steve Stoddard moved that the agenda be approved as written. Karen Durkovich seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous consent.

Approval of Minutes

The Chair then asked for a motion on the minutes of the January 23 meeting. Palemon Martinez moved that the minutes be approved as written pending the correction of one typographical error on page five. Thomas Swetnam seconded the motion, which passed by unanimous consent. The Chair noted that the approved minutes would be made available on the web site currently used by the Board.

Discussion of Upcoming Activities

The Chair asked Denise McCaig, USFS, to discuss the schedule of the upcoming listening sessions and future meetings. McCaig mentioned the next public meeting of the Board would be March 9 at Fuller Lodge in Los Alamos. The Listening Sessions are as follows:

February 21, 6:30-9:30 pm, in Albuquerque at the Alameda Community Center, 9800 4th Street

February 22, 6:00-9:00 in Jemez Springs at the Jemez Valley Community Center

March 8, 6:00-9:00 in Santa Fe at the College of Santa Fe in "The Forum"

March 9, 6:30-9:30 in Los Alamos at the Betty Ehart Senior Center

March 10, 1:00-4:00 at Ghost Ranch in the Social Center

McCaig also mentioned the web site address. The Chair asked McCaig to place the schedule and the web site address on a flip chart so audience members would be able to copy the information down during the second half of the meeting. The Chair recommended that the time of the public meeting on March 9 be listed as from 1:00-4:00. This would give the Board a break between the public meeting and the listening session that evening.

Mr. deBuys mentioned the Executive Session held during the previous day and noted that the topics included personnel, organizational matters, and law enforcement. Mr. deBuys also provided notice that the Board will meet in Executive Session on the morning of March 9 at 10:00.

Committee Reports

Science-

Mr. Swetnam discussed a memorandum he previously presented to the Board.

The Board needs to focus on the inventory and monitoring of the Preserve's biotic, physical, and cultural resources. Mr. deBuys will be responsible for the cultural resources portion and Mr. Swetnam for the scientific aspects. Before the Board can make good decisions on the use of the

land, there is a need to understand what resources are included on the Preserve. Information is needed on species, roads, soils, and other subjects.

There are three reasons this information is important. First, the Board needs basic information about the resources. Second, the inventorying and monitoring will help meet the legal requirements of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), the Clean Water Act, and other laws. Third, the information can be used as a baseline for evaluating the future effects of management decisions on the resources.

Mr. Swetnam recommended the Board ask for the assignment of Craig Allen, United States Geological Survey (USGS), Jemez Mountains Field Station, for assistance in the coordination and planning of the inventory and monitoring projects needed for the Preserve. Allen would be asked to put together teams of scientists and technical experts needed to execute the identified projects. He would also be asked to develop a protocol for the review and approval of solicited and unsolicited proposals for inventory, survey, and other scientific work on the Preserve. Mr. Swetnam then discussed the idea of establishing a group of scientific advisors for the Preserve, but noted this would probably be a future endeavor.

Allen is a USGS employee but works under Dennis Vasquez, Bandelier National Monument Superintendent. This may necessitate discussions and arrangements with USGS and Mr. Vasquez in order to reach an accord on the use of Allen's time.

Leonard Atencio asked Mr. Swetnam what kind of time frame was envisioned for this assignment. Mr. Swetnam responded that it could be a 3-6 month time frame, but this would not be full-time work for Allen, who would continue with some of his current duties.

Mr. Atencio asked about the budget for both Allen's time and the inventorying and monitoring projects. Mr. Swetnam said there would be contributed time from some sources, but he realized the need to work on developing a budget for the studies.

Mr. Swetnam then made a recommendation that the Board formally respond in favor to the draft proposal from the Surface Water Quality Board of the New Mexico State Environmental Department. The proposal is for water quality testing and includes the establishment of water quality testing stations, assessments of stream bank conditions, and aquatic vertebrate and invertebrate inventories. Water quality is a key environmental variable and can be used to gauge a broad range of ecological and watershed conditions. Through continuous water quality studies, the Board will be able to understand the changes resulting from resource use. Water quality is also important to downstream users throughout the Jemez Mountains.

In response to a question from the floor, Mr. Swetnam noted the strengths and qualifications of the Surface Water Quality Board and reiterated the importance of water quality studies.

Another question from the floor concerned water rights. Mr. deBuys answered that all water rights available to the previous owner were transferred to the Preserve. The Chair then asked for any other comments from the floor related to Mr. Swetnam's proposals.

Jerry Burton, a retired United States Fish and Wildlife Service employee, spoke in favor of the inventorying and monitoring project and compared the effort to a project he participated in during the establishment of a refuge.

David Henderson of the Valles Caldera Coalition spoke in full support of the inventorying and monitoring proposal and offered volunteers to help in the effort.

Tom Jervis of the New Mexico Audubon Council rose in favor of the projects outlined by Mr. Swetnam and suggested adding the current and past state of fire activity on the Preserve, including the effects on conifer invasions of the meadows. Jervis also stressed the importance of cultural resources.

Bill Huey echoed previous comments in his support of the project and emphasized a wildlife survey.

Dale Jones asked if the Preserve would utilize past scientific studies. Mr. Swetnam replied in the affirmative but noted that since the Preserve was private land, there is not as much information available as one would find for other properties.

R. Low from the Santa Fe Jeep Club expressed a desire to inventory all the trails and tracks in the Preserve.

The Chair asked for other comments on the topic. When there were none, Mr. Swetnam moved that the Board request the assignment of Craig Allen, USGS, Jemez Mountains Field Station, to assist the Board in the coordination and planning of scientific activities on the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The motion was seconded by Ms. Durkovich and passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Swetnam then moved that the Board positively respond to the offer from the Surface Water Quality Bureau of the New Mexico State Environmental Department. Bob Armstrong seconded and the motion carried by unanimous consent.

Mr. Swetnam then addressed other kinds of surveys that would be necessary:

Roads Survey-This will identify potential problems, such as erosion, that need attention, provide updated information for mapping, and prioritize road maintenance.

Range Survey-This survey will document baseline conditions and identify trends related to the impact of livestock and wildlife use of the range resource. Mr. Swetnam has contacted experts at New Mexico State University and the Jornada Experimental Range who have offered to assist the Board. Mr. Swetnam is also consulting with the Bureau of Land Management and the Forest Service, including the Jemez Ranger District.

Flora Survey-A survey of flora will identify plant species found on the Preserve. This is important for sensitive, threatened, and endangered species that might reside within the boundaries of the Preserve. Maps showing the location and abundance of species would be one useful product of the survey. Mr. Swetnam has made contacts with the New Mexico Department of Minerals, Energy and Resource, The Nature Conservancy, and the Rocky Mountain Herbarium at the University of Wyoming. The Herbarium is interested in assisting with floral surveys.

Wildlife Survey-Needed to identify species, including sensitive, threatened and endangered. Using initial population measurements, the Board will be able to track trends over time. For elk population and movement studies, the Board will need the cooperation of the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, Bandelier National Monument, and Los Alamos National Laboratory (LANL). In addition to elk, other studies of interest include amphibians, raptors, birds, and small mammals.

Forest Resources Survey-It is necessary to know the current state of forest resources to ensure proper management decisions are reached. Surveys were taken in 1978 and just prior to the Federal

acquisition of the property. There was also a survey done in the 1960's that may be available. This survey will also help the Board understand the fire ecology of the Preserve and identify needed forest or grassland restoration activities.

Geological Survey-LANL, the New Mexico Bureau of Mines and Mineral Resources, New Mexico Tech, and the University of New Mexico have proposed an effort to map the geological features of the Preserve. Such a project would be of considerable value for scientists and assist the Board in understanding the Preserve's unique geologic resources. This Survey may not be as important as some of the others that are critical to NEPA.

Vegetation Mapping-The Board needs to know the location of plants and cover types. A high-resolution dataset utilizing both orthophoto and satellite data is necessary.

Mr. Swetnam also commented that the Board will need staff expertise in geographic information systems and data management in order to build data layers, archive data, and attend to data management issues.

Cultural resources-

Mr. deBuys reported on a meeting with the State Historic Preservation Office (SHPO). The February 7 meeting included representatives from SHPO, heritage staff from the Santa Fe National Forest, and the Jemez Ranger District archaeologist. The discussion centered around compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the need to protect and interpret the cultural resources on the Preserve.

Under NHPA, an agency cannot approve actions that will impact the land until an inventory of cultural resources is completed. This is done to ensure the management action will not adversely affect a cultural resource. The immediate concern is a clearance for the major roads on the Preserve so that the Board may use and maintain a durable road system during the upcoming field season.

Mr. deBuys noted the Board needs to take action towards pursuing an agreement with SHPO on the near-term issues, such as roads maintenance. It may be necessary to hire a consultant to develop the agreement with SHPO. Additionally, the Board needs to start the process for placing an archaeological crew in the field at the earliest date possible to survey sites along the major roads. The crew may be needed for six months and include a chief and 3-5 others. There is a need to move quickly on this item, as the demand for field crews will be great due to the rehabilitation and restoration work associated with last season's wildfires. The Jemez Ranger District has offered assistance in finding personnel.

The Board also needs to develop a historic preservation plan. The first step would be to identify priorities for an inventory. A literature search on the cultural resources would also be of importance. The Board may want to host a symposium where existing authors and experts come together to share knowledge and help the Board in prioritizing tasks.

David R. Yepa asked Mr. deBuys whether the neighboring pueblos will be consulted in regard to the inventory. Mr. deBuys replied that the initial agreement with SHPO will address consultations with the pueblos, the Jicarilla Apache Tribe, and the Navajo Chapter Houses west of Cuba.

Mr. Atencio asked if the costs for the surveys were known and estimated that the Board may need to commit \$30,000. Mr. deBuys responded that the cost could be as much as \$55-60,000 and that over 50% of the budget was set aside for inventories and monitoring.

Mr. deBuys stressed the importance of having an agreement with SHPO in place as soon as

possible. The agreement would have to acknowledge that some roadwork might be necessary before completion of the surveys.

The Chair asked for comments from the floor. Jervis suggested there were resources for archaeological surveys available through the National Park Service.

Mr. Stoddard moved that the Board instruct Mr. deBuys to move forward with obtaining assistance in meeting the SHPO requirements. Mr. Martinez seconded and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Mr. Armstrong moved that the Board instruct Mr. deBuys to work with the Jemez Ranger District to acquire an archaeological field crew for site surveys. Ms. Durkovich offered a second and the motion passed by unanimous consent.

Communications-

Mr. Vasquez reported on the activities of the Communications Committee. The committee has established a draft document to address communications issues, a Frequently Asked Questions page that will soon be available on the web site, and talking points for the Board members. The committee organized a series of listening sessions, mentioned earlier. One issue of concern is the web page. The Board is currently using a secondary page on the Santa Fe National Forest web site, but there is a need to acquire a domain name and create a new web page specific to the Preserve.

Mr. Vasquez recommended that a contest be held to develop a logo for the Preserve to be placed on signs, stationary, and similar items. In the near future a contest will be announced that will target the artistic community, university art departments, graphics designers and others. The reward for selection may be monetary or perhaps a private tour of the Preserve. The Board may copyright any logo or emblem that is selected.

Mr. Vasquez also noted that there is a strong contact list for publicizing the future activities of the Board.

A comment from the floor suggested nameplates for the Trustees. Mr. Vasquez mentioned that issue had been discussed and nameplates would be acquired.

Tours-

Ms. Durkovich discussed the Board's desire to have tours this summer, but also listed concerns that need to be addressed:

Some roads are not safe and need basic maintenance, culverts, and other types of work

Cultural surveys need to be completed

Monsoons may make the roads impassable

Calving season will influence the timing of tours

Possible routes need to be evaluated

A staging area needs to be selected

Issues concerning tour contracts

Ms. Durkovich said the Board would, in some way, let the public on the Preserve this year, but it will probably be through bus or van tours and not hiking or other kinds of access.

In response to a question from the floor, Ms. Durkovich noted that the planning for limited public access included the fall, but not the winter of 2002.

In response to a question from the floor on guided hikes or tours, Ms. Durkovich responded that these were not currently under consideration, but would eventually be included in the Board's approach to public access.

Mr. deBuys emphasized that the Board wanted to get people on the Preserve, but it would probably be under a reservation system.

A comment from the floor implored the Board to place importance on the scientific surveys.

Ms. Durkovich replied to another question from the floor by saying that the Board hopes to have the process for public tours solidified in the next few months.

A representative of the Santa Clara Pueblo asked about access for religious purposes. Mr. deBuys said that the topic had not yet been considered by the Board but Mr. Yepa is in the process of setting up meetings to address the issue. Mr. Atencio noted that the Santa Fe National Forest still has interim management responsibilities and tribes could work with the Forest on religious access.

Mr. Yepa then provided the Board with an update on his efforts to arrange meetings with the pueblos.

From the floor, Bill Huey said that he recognized that everyone wants to go on the Preserve while it is still new, but the Board does not need to meet all demands. The Board also needs to make sure the Preserve is not irreparably harmed during the first, and probably most intense, phase of use. Judy Cunningham shared observations on the state of the roads during wet periods saying that vehicles traveling over muddy roads can leave significant tracks.

In answer to a question, Ms. Durkovich noted that there will be a fee for the tours and while the amount has yet to be determined, it will be affordable to the average citizen.

Finance-

Mr. Stoddard reported on a meeting with Forest Service financial personnel and described the Forest Service financial system. Under the Act, the Board has an option to develop their own financial system, but until management responsibility is assumed, the Board must use the Forest Service system. The Forest Service will set up the accounts so that the Preserve is treated as a separate entity within the agency. Mr. Stoddard would like to see how much time the Forest Service devotes to managing the accounts during the remainder of the fiscal year. Mr. Stoddard will work to identify all of the Federal requirements that must be considered in any financial system design.

In response to a question from the floor, Mr. Stoddard noted that interim management costs are, to some degree, charged to the Preserve's account, though there are some charges that the Santa Fe National Forest will not pursue.

Mr. Atencio commented that the Act provides for Federal agencies to assist the Board for up to 30 days.

In answer to questions, Mr. Stoddard said the current budget covers all activities, though there may be a supplemental budget at a later date, and, the Board may eventually look to the private sector for assistance.

Mr. Atencio addressed a question from the floor by describing the situations where funds can be carried over from one fiscal year to the next.

Bylaws--

Mr. Yepa described the committee's product, a draft of the bylaws. Mr. Yepa will submit a revised draft to the Office of General Counsel in the Department of Agriculture.

Proposed 2001 Elk Hunt

The Chair addressed the audience and offered opportunities to comment on the proposal in increments of 3 minutes or less.

Bill Huey made the following points:

The Board should not get pushed into something prematurely.

The Board should wait until a better elk inventory is available.

Elk deserve sophisticated levels of management.

Prefers that the Board not reduce elk to favor cattle.

The Board needs to devise a fee system that is equitable to both elk and grazing.

Charlie Allen said there are elk on the Preserve year-round and the Board should not implement policies that favor the wealthy.

David Henderson opined that the proposed hunt would not make a big difference in the elk population. Henderson then emphasized that planning and data collection activities should have priority over hunting. Concerns were expressed over access, road uses, and how the hunt might impact the inventorying and monitoring activities. He urged the Board to move cautiously.

The Chair described the hunting proposal before the Board and asked the Trustees to summarize their thoughts on the matter.

Mr. Atencio began by stressing the importance of cooperation with other agencies, including the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. Mr. Atencio continued by saying that while the hunt would be an opportunity for the Board to learn, there are also associated burdens. Mr. Atencio said the infrastructure to support a hunt, such as water, roads, and signage is not in place. In conclusion, Mr. Atencio said the Preserve is not ready for a hunt this year, but the Board needs to move forward in developing a permanent hunt structure.

Mr. Stoddard noted he had heard from many people on the subject and he initially favored a shortened hunt. Mr. Stoddard also felt it was essential to learn about the hunt process and build a relationship with the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish. He stated the Board is interested in all recreational resources and that the proposal for a youth and handicapped hunt had substantial merit, but the Board needed more time to organize. In conclusion, Mr. Stoddard said he would prefer to wait one year before implementing a hunt on the Preserve.

Mr. Yepa referenced Bill Huey's comments and said that there is currently no inventory of elk or

other resources on the Preserve. Mr. Yepa emphasized the Board needs data before making a management decision. He felt the hunt would have minimal impact on the elk, but there is no way of knowing what impacts other resources will receive during a hunt. In conclusion, Mr. Yepa said the Board needed to answer the necessary questions before making a decision rather than approving of the hunt and addressing the issues after the choice has been made.

Mr. Armstrong expressed his great interest in hunting and noted that while elk is a resource that will be needed, it is not the prime resource of the Preserve. Mr. Armstrong said the Board will approve hunting, but now is not the time, as there are many other more important issues to address in the near future. Mr. Armstrong noted the Board is six weeks old and has not had the time or developed the expertise to make a good decision on hunting. He emphasized the primacy of the resource surveys and described the challenge of developing priorities. In conclusion, Mr. Armstrong said he would vote against a hunt, but his vote will contain no prejudice towards a future hunt.

Mr. Swetnam advised the attendees that he had not reached a decision on the matter until the last 24 hours. He recognized the need to learn about hunts and allow public access to the Preserve. Mr. Swetnam also mentioned the importance of the scientific work and the issue of fairness to all potential user groups. In conclusion, Mr. Swetnam said his colleagues articulated well the reasons why it is premature to proceed with a hunt, though in the future the Board will have to consider hunting.

Ms. Durkovich agreed with the other statements and stressed the necessity of addressing other priorities.

Mr. Vasquez began by thanking the New Mexico Department of Game and Fish, but noted that the timelines for the Board and the Department were in conflict. Mr. Vasquez said the Board is in the early stages of development and has no ability to manage an event that called for such an expenditure of time and money. Mr. Vasquez said the Board wants to be careful and deliberative and make decisions in the best interest of the public and the land. Towards that end, he would like the public and the land to inform the Board, but there has been little time for that to take place. In conclusion, Mr. Vasquez decided the time was too early to favor a hunt in 2001.

Mr. Martinez said his first disappointment was that the Board would not be allowed to permit grazing on the Preserve in 2001. Mr. Martinez recognizes the interests of the people of Northern New Mexico and supports elk hunts on the Preserve, but also believes there are many issues to be addressed and the timeline of the Department of Game and Fish influenced the decision of the Board. In conclusion, Mr. Martinez said the Board cannot meet the hunting deadline, but may have reached a different decision later in the year.

Mr. deBuys concurred with the sense of the Board and thanked the Trustees for their thoughtful consideration of the issue. Mr. deBuys then thanked the Department of Game and Fish and expressed a desire on behalf of the Board to continue a relationship with the Department.

Ms. Durkovich then moved the following resolution for consideration:

The Board recommends that the closure of the Valles Caldera National Preserve to hunting be continued in 2001. We further asks that the matter of hunting in Unit 6b (the Preserve) be removed from the agenda of the Game and Fish Commission at their meeting on February 21, 2001.

Mr. Yepa offered a second. The Chair then asked Glen Case of the Department of Game and Fish if

the resolution was acceptable to the Department and the Game and Fish Commission. Case answered in the affirmative and requested a copy of the resolution be sent to the Department. The Chair agreed and then asked for a vote. The resolution passed by unanimous consent.

General Comments

Tom Jervis-It is important to do inventorying and monitoring first. It is important to look at water quality and watershed health. Would like to know why are there no aspen in the uplands and willows in the riparian areas. Migratory birds are important to study and threatened and endangered species need to be monitored. There is a need for a prescribed fire program on the Preserve. Would urge the Board to look at closing logging roads and it is important to remember that the access issue will have an impact on the elk population. The Board should remember that many things are interconnected.

Manuel Monasterio-Would like to know about the opportunities for fishing on the Preserve. Guided fishing can be produce large profits for landowners and is a recreational endeavor that can provide for more people over a longer season than hunting. Understands that populations may be overpopulated and stunted and would like to see a catch and release program implemented on the Preserve.

Dale Jones offered the following guidelines for the Board.

The working ranch will:

Utilize multiple use management with watershed health as the bottom line. (No resource use will be permitted at the expense of watershed health.)

Utilize macro invertebrate sampling and analysis for the monitoring of watershed health. (The lab at Utah State has many samples of New Mexico streams.)

Adopt Aldo Leopold's Land Ethic message for consideration in all decision making. "A thing is right when it tends to preserve the integrity, stability, and beauty of the biotic community. It is wrong when it tends otherwise."

Employ coordination of all resources when making management decisions. (Coordination is the art of adjusting management of one resource to adequately protect the integrity of other resources affected by the decision.)

Favor quality over quantity and sustainability over total consumption.

Be a model for all multiple use land managers.

Strive to have sufficient inventory and analysis before making resource management decisions.

Be open to public suggestions, but will make decisions based on resource needs; not to satisfy public demands.

Jerry Burton-Fishing resource will bring in more monies than hunting. Suggested a Catch and Release program for large and small fish, with harvesting allowed for middle sizes. Stressed the importance of surveys.

Bill Huey--Need to do inventories on game and non-game species. All species will be impacted.

R. Low-Represents the 4X4 club in Santa F and is interested in access. Not in favor of closing any tracks that are already in existence or interested in making new tracks. Proposes an adopt-a-trail program. Off road events, such as the Chili Challenge, can generate revenue and put money back into the maintenance of trails. His group embraces Tread Lightly and provides volunteer services for guiding, road repair and other actions. Urged the Board to not close any roads and ask the 4X4

community for help.

Mr. Armstrong asked Low if his group includes All Terrain Vehicles. Low responded that he only represents street legal vehicles.

Mr. Swetnam left to catch a flight from the Albuquerque airport.

Bill Schudlich-Truchas Chapter Head of Trout Unlimited--Interested in cold-water conservation and restoring riparian areas to health, including stream banks. Would like to see habitat for the Rio Grande Cutthroat Trout established in the Preserve. The Board needs surveys of insects. Trout Unlimited can get funding and volunteers to do work on the Preserve if needed. Schudlich then submitted a position paper to the Board.

Tom Ribe-Urged decision be made on a landscape-wide basis. Consider needs and effects on nearby lands such as Bandelier and the Cerro Grande burn area. Bandelier needs to be consulted when making decisions on elk management. Knowledge needs to be gathered from a landscape architecture perspective, including visual assessments. Finally, public access my damage cultural resources.

In response to a question from the floor, the Chair stated that the Board would research any registered New Mexico livestock brands that may have been used on the property. Mr. Martinez offered to take on the task.

Courtney Barnes-Quivera Coalition-Informed the Board of new range ideas, including an assessment of soils, watersheds, and biotic integrity that will show biotic integrity. Advised the Board to do a similar analysis before the start of monitoring. The Chair asked that the map be shown to Craig Allen.

Additional comments from the floor addressed the need to do visual assessments and corridor studies as well as acquire the operating plan of the Baca Ranch.

New Business

Mr. Atencio said he was encouraged by the movement and dedication of the Board, but there needs to be a consideration of different management schemes. The planning process needs to start quickly and the Board may need to pursue NEPA planning and inventorying and monitoring concurrently.

The Chair asked for any other new business. Upon hearing no reply to the Chair's request, Mr. Stoddard offered a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by many and passed 8-0, with Mr. Swetnam absent.

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