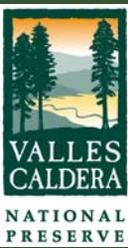


# THE TRUST

## An Experiment in Public Land Management



### Why is the Valles Caldera Trust described as an experiment in public land management?

The 4<sup>th</sup> purpose of the VALLES CALDERA PRESERVATION ACT (2000) is:

(4) to establish a demonstration area for an experimental management regime...which incorporates elements of public and private administration in order to promote long term financial sustainability consistent with the other purposes...

### Goals of the Valles Caldera Trust (from the Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2000):

- 1) Operate the Preserve as a working ranch
- 2) Protect and preserve the scientific, scenic, geologic, natural, historic, cultural and recreational values
- 3) Manage renewable resources for multiple use and sustained yield
- 4) Provide for public access and use for recreation
- 5) Use and manage renewable resources to benefit local communities and enhance Forest Service management objectives on surrounding lands
- 6) Optimize income generation as long as it does not diminish scenic and natural values, and sustained yield



### KEY CHALLENGE: Achieving Financial Self-sufficiency by 2015

Sources of Revenues:

- Fees for public and commercial access
- Multiple use and sustained yield of renewable resources
- Donations from individuals and organizations
- Interest on funds deposited at U.S. Treasury

### VISITATION AND REVENUES

YEAR	<u>2002*</u>	<u>2003</u>	<u>2004</u>	<u>2005</u>	<u>2006</u>
VISITORS	~690	4,672	7,500	9,220	9,938
REVENUES**	\$320,750	\$647,350	\$517,461	\$652,219	\$794,844

\* management authority was transferred from the US Forest Service to the Valles Caldera Trust in August 2002

\*\* includes public access fees; fees for various commercial operations, such as advertising shoots; product visitor center sales; and grants received by the Trust that offset the cost of operational activities, such as monitoring and research



### Valles Caldera Trust is a government corporation

Government corporations:

- Provide a public service
- Are governed by a board of trustees
- Raise some or all of their finances
- Have more control over budgets and spending than most federal agencies
- Are exempt from some procurement, accounting and personnel regulations

### Valles Caldera Board of Trustees (expertise)

- 1) Tracy Hephner\*, Chair (livestock management)
- 2) William Keleher\*, Vice Chair (history)
- 3) Raymond Loretto\*, Secretary (local government)
- 4) James Gosz\* (sustainable management of forest lands)
- 5) Stephen Henry\* (wildlife management)
- 6) James Range\* (nonprofit conservation organization)
- 7) Ed Tinsley\* (financial management)
- 8) Dan Jiron, Supervisor, Santa Fe Natl. Forest (ex-officio)
- 9) Darlene Koontz, Supt. of Bandelier NM (ex-officio)

\* *Presidential Appointee*