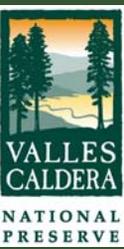


Workshop Series

Purpose



Within two years of Federal acquisition the Trust began providing "reasonable public access to the Preserve..." as mandated by the Act. That first year three types of activities were enjoyed by around 500 visitors.

In 2006 the Trust hosted nearly 10,000 visitors. People participated in over 20 core activities as well as workshops, clinics, and a variety of special events.



During the past 5 years of interim management, the Trust has collected data and information about the Preserve and its infrastructure. This information is necessary to plan and make long-term decisions about the Preserve's future.

During this period you - the members of the public - including visitors, teachers, scientists, hunters, mountain bikers, equestrians, runners, artists, (the list goes on!), have been getting to know the Preserve more intimately. We believe that you have a much better idea about what you would like to see take place on the Preserve then you did three or four years ago.

During this series of meetings, the Trust would like to share with you what we have learned and want to hear about what you have learned and experienced, as well as what you would like to see in the future.



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This series of workshops is the first step towards making long-term decisions about public access and use of the Preserve, including but not limited to:

- What types of programs and activities should be offered on the Preserve?
- What is the appropriate capacity for visitors? By day? By activity? On an annual basis?
- What type of infrastructure is needed to support visitor programs, including recreation, education, scientific and commercial activities?
- What is the appropriate scale of infrastructure development? What is the best location of new infrastructure?

➤ **We will not answer all these questions in the next few weeks! During this early phase of planning, we will synthesize what we have learned and what you have learned as well as what you would like to see and experience.**

➤ **Coming out of this process, we will develop scenarios for public access and use of the Preserve for all the various purposes. The Trust will consider several scenarios and develop reasonable alternatives for a comprehensive plan for public access use and of the Preserve.**

➤ **The alternatives will differ in the levels of visitor capacity, the types of programs and activities offered and the type, scale and location of infrastructure development. However, all of the alternatives will meet the goals of the Trust, including protecting the natural and cultural resources, attaining financial self-sufficiency and fulfilling the Management Principals adopted by the Board of Trustees.**



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MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES OF THE VALLES CALDERA TRUST Adopted: December 13, 2001

1. **FUTURE GENERATIONS.** We will administer the Preserve with the long term in mind, directing our efforts toward the benefit of future generations.
2. **PROTECTION.** Recognizing that the Preserve possesses a rich sense of place and qualities not to be found anywhere else, we commit ourselves to the protection of its ecological, cultural, and aesthetic integrity.
3. **INTEGRITY.** We will strive to achieve a high level of integrity in our stewardship of the lands, programs and other assets in our care. This includes adopting an ethic of financial thrift and discipline and exercising good business sense.
4. **SCIENCE AND ADAPTIVE MANAGEMENT.** We will exercise restraint in the implementation of all programs, basing them on sound science and adjusting them consistent with the principles of adaptive management.
5. **GOOD NEIGHBOR.** Recognizing the unique heritage of northern New Mexico's traditional cultures, we will be a good neighbor to surrounding communities, striving to avoid negative impacts from Preserve activities and to generate positive impacts.
6. **RELIGIOUS SIGNIFICANCE.** Recognizing the religious significance of the Preserve to Native Americans, the Trust bears a special responsibility to accommodate the religious practices of nearby tribes and pueblos, and to protect sites of special significance.
7. **OPEN COMMUNICATION.** Recognizing the importance of clear and open communication, we commit ourselves to maintaining a productive dialogue with those who would advance the purposes of the Preserve and, where appropriate, to developing partnerships with them.
8. **PART OF A LARGER WHOLE.** Recognizing that the Preserve is part of a larger ecological whole, we will cooperate with adjacent landowners and managers to achieve a healthy regional ecosystem.
9. **LEARNING AND INSPIRATION.** Recognizing the great potential of the Preserve for learning and inspiration, we will strive to integrate opportunities for research, reflection and education in the programs of the Preserve.
10. **QUALITY OF EXPERIENCE.** In providing opportunities to the public, we will emphasize quality of experience over quantity of experiences. In doing so, while we reserve the right to limit participation or to maximize revenue in certain instances, we commit ourselves to providing fair and affordable access for all permitted activities.



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