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Dear Friends,

The Valles Caldera Trust is proposing two Stewardship Actions to improve public access to the Preserve from NM 4.

1. The Valle Grande Entrance Upgrade – The Trust is proposing to upgrade the main entrance to the Preserve off NM 4, near mile-marker 39. The upgrades to this ancillary facility of the Preserve are being proposed to provide safe access to and from the Preserve and increase the safety for motorists traveling along NM 4 in the vicinity of the Preserve.
2. The Valle Grande Overlook – This stewardship action proposes the development of an area for people to stop and enjoy the vistas and wildlife of the Valle Grande. This project will also support winter recreation and increase opportunities for visitors to access the Rabbit Mountain area south of the Preserve.

The Valles Caldera Trust has posted information including maps for these two Stewardship Actions on our web site (www.vallescaldera.gov). These actions are being proposed to improve the quality of the visitors' experience as well as to provide for the safety of our visitors and neighbors. We are very interested in hearing your comments and ideas regarding these proposals.

There are several ways you can participate in the planning and development of these Stewardship Actions.

- The project manager for these projects is Rourke McDermott, Preserve Landscape Architect. All comments should be sent to his attention. You may comment by e-mail, surface mail, by telephone or in person.

Comments submitted in writing or by e-mail should present each comment or question in a complete sentence to ensure its meaning is understood. All comments will be considered, however, if you wish to receive a response to your comments from the Trust, be sure to request your desire for a response in your correspondence. In addition, if you are providing multiple comments and requesting a response it is helpful to number each comment for reference.

Rourke is also available to receive your comments or discuss these projects by phone or in person. Simply call our office at 505.661.3333 ex218, please leave your name and phone number and Rourke will contact you as soon as possible. E-mails may be sent to rmcdermott@vallescaldera.gov.

Written comments can be submitted to the Valles Caldera Trust, 2201 Trinity Drive, Suite C, Los Alamos, NM 87544.

- You may also comment in person at any public meeting. Check our web site (www.vallescaldera.gov) or call 505.661.3333 to find out when and where the next scheduled public meeting is.

The Trust will accept any comment at any time; however your comments will be most effective if received before October 21st, 2005. We appreciate and thank you for your time and interest in the Valles Caldera National Preserve.

Sincerely,

/s/Dennis Trujillo
Preserve Manager