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To Whom It May Concern:

The Valles Caldera Trust is proposing to continue the Interim Grazing Program currently in place on the Valles Caldera National Preserve while we complete the comprehensive planning necessary to support the future management of livestock on the Preserve.

The previous decision for interim grazing (Valles Caldera Trust 2004) is not valid past the 2005 grazing season. The expiration of this decision requires the Trust to review the existing Environmental Assessment (EA) and Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) as well as current monitoring data and new resource information to determine the adequacy of the current analysis and decision.

The current inventory and monitoring program in the grassland ecosystems has been established to measure short-term (1-3 years), mid-term (3-10 years) and long-term (>10 years) outcomes. We will review this information to measure short-term outcomes that have occurred as a result of the program. We will measure these outcomes against the range of effects we predicted. We will also look for mid- or long- term trends that may be occurring.

The Environmental Consequences section of the EA will be reviewed for its adequacy in addressing issues significant to the decision.

We will also assess the purpose and need, the proposed action and alternatives considered to determine if the scope of the current EA is appropriate.

Based on this review, the Trust will decide whether to continue with the interim grazing program as described in the EA, to supplement the EA with new information or a change in the program, to discontinue the program, or to develop a new short-term program and initiate a new environmental analysis.

If you have comments or questions regarding the proposed continuation of the interim grazing program or the review process there are several ways to submit them to the Trust:

1. If you are viewing this information on line simply select the "feedback" button.
2. Surface mail may be sent to: The Valle Caldera Trust, 2201 Trinity Drive, Suite C, Los Alamos, NM 87544
3. Emails may be sent directly to the project leader, Marie Rodriguez at [mrodriguez@vallescaldera.gov](mailto:mrodriguez@vallescaldera.gov) or to the Preserve Manager, [dtrujillo@vallescaldera.gov](mailto:dtrujillo@vallescaldera.gov).

To ensure that your comments or questions are understood, please state them as concisely as possible. If you have multiple questions or comments it is helpful if they are numbered.

Information posted at this time includes the March 2, 2004 Stewardship Register containing a description of the Interim Grazing Program and the FONSI. The monitoring report and the documentation of the review of the EA will be posted as they become available. To view this information, visit our website at [www.vallescaldera.gov](http://www.vallescaldera.gov), then select "Get Involved", "Stewardship", and "Proposals".

The Environmental Assessment is not electronically available however it can be viewed at our office in Los Alamos and copies may be distributed upon request.

Sincerely,

/s/Dennis Trujillo  
Preserve Manager