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NEWS BRIEF

VALLES CALDERA COMPLETES PRESCRIBED BURN

Jemez Springs, NM- The Valles Caldera Trust has completed the prescribed burn of a 360 acre area near mile marker 30 of New Mexico Highway 4. Although no additional burn areas will be ignited some residual smoke from the original burn will continue to be visible on the highway. Crews will continue to monitor the burn area.

Fire practitioners from the Santa Fe National Forest, Bandelier National Monument, the Bureau of Indian Affairs, the City of Santa Fe, and the Nature Conservancy assisted the Valles Caldera Trust with the prescribed burn. The Nature Conservancy crews included land managers from Argentina, Mexico, Spain, and Costa Rica who came to learn from, and share knowledge with, their U.S. counterparts.

Information on health impacts from smoke can be found by calling the New Mexico Department of Health at 1-888-878-8992, or visit:

https://nmtracking.unm.edu/eh_alerts/

The Valles Caldera Trust oversees the Valles Caldera National Preserve, formerly the privately owned "Baca Ranch." The 89,000 acre property is located in the Jemez Mountains in northern New Mexico. It was purchased by the federal government in 2000 under the Valles Caldera National Preservation Act. The property is known for its huge meadows, abundant wildlife, meandering streams and remarkable scenery. More information about the Preserve can be found at www.vallescaldera.gov.

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