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VALLES CALDERA TRUST BOARD TO MEET PUBLIC INVITED

Jemez Springs, NM – The Valles Caldera Trust Board of Trustees will conduct a meeting in public on Thursday, September 20, 2012, scheduled from 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm at the Santa Claran Hotel, in Espanola, New Mexico.

The meeting agenda will include a proposed operational budget for Fiscal Year 2013, a post Las Conchas fire monitoring report, and an account of restoration and stewardship actions. Additional agenda items include a presentation of possible overnight hiking, a group proposal on education, interpretation and recreation, and an update on pending legislation and litigation. Public comments will be heard after the last report with adjournment scheduled immediately thereafter. Links to the agenda and map to the Santa Claran Hotel are posted on the Trust's website at <http://ow.ly/dtWwl>.

The Board of the Valles Caldera Trust conducts all decision-making meetings in public. Board of Trustee members are appointed by the President of the United States. Current members are: Dr. Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; Dr. Melissa Savage, Santa Fe, NM; Virgil Trujillo, Abiquiu, NM; Dr. Ken Smith, Sewanee, TN; Kent Salazar, Albuquerque, NM; Karyn Stockdale, Santa Fe, NM; Jason Lott, Superintendent, Bandelier National Monument and Maria Garcia, Supervisor of the Santa Fe National Forest.

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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