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## **NEWS RELEASE**

### **VALLES CALDERA TRUST BOARD TO MEET – PUBLIC INVITED**

(Jemez Springs, NM) – The Valles Caldera Trust Board of Trustees will meet on Friday, September 29, 2006 from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm at the Trust offices at 18,161 Highway 4 in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. The public meeting will be preceded by a 9:00 am reception and an opportunity to speak informally with the Board and Trust staff.

The meeting agenda will include a draft budget for 2007, a report on the August 26<sup>th</sup> open house ('Drive and Discover') at the Preserve and a request to authorize the staff to begin a comprehensive recreation management plan. The agenda will be posted on the Trust's website.

Public comments will be heard at the close of the meeting.

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: Tracy S. Hephner, Wagon Mound, NM; Larry Icerman, Santa Fe, NM; Barbara Johnson, Santa Fe, NM; John Caid, Pine Top, AZ; James Gosz, Albuquerque, NM; Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; William Keleher, Albuquerque, NM; and Darlene Koontz, superintendent, Bandelier National Monument. The supervisor of the Santa Fe National Forest also serves on the Board.

*The Valles Caldera Trust oversees the Valles Caldera National Preserve, formerly the privately owned "Baca Ranch." The 88,900 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](http://www.vallescaldera.gov).*

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