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NEWS RELEASE

The Valles Caldera National Preserve is Stage II Fire Restrictions

(Jemez Springs, NM) – The Valles Caldera Trust, the agency responsible for managing the Valles Caldera National Preserve, will be following suite with the Santa Fe National Forest and imposing Stage II Fire Restrictions.

Under Stage II Fire Restrictions the following activities will be prohibited on the Valles Caldera National Preserve:

1. Building, maintaining, attending or using a fire, campfire, charcoal, coal, or wood stove.
2. Smoking.
3. Possessing, discharging or using any kind of firework or other pyrotechnic device.
4. Using an explosive.
5. Operating a chainsaw, or other equipment powered by an internal combustion engine, is prohibited from 10:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
6. Operating or using any internal or external combustion engine without spark arresters.
7. Welding or operating acetylene or other torch with open flame.
8. Possessing or using a motor vehicle off open roads.

Violation of these regulations are punishable as a Class B misdemeanor, by a fine of not more than \$5000 for an individual or \$10,000 for an organization, or imprisonment for not more than six (6) months or both.

For additional fire information on fire activity and restrictions in New Mexico, please visit the Southwest Coordination Center website at www.nmfireinfo.com.

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