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## NEWS BRIEF

### VALLES CALDERA REOPENS RABBIT MOUNTAIN

**Jemez Springs, NM**-The Valles Caldera Trust has expanded public access and use to the Rabbit Mountain area of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Free hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing will now be available on all existing logging roads and trails including Coyote Call trail.

Rabbit Mountain is bordered by New Mexico Highway 4, Bandelier National Monument, and the Santa Fe National Forest. Access to the expanded area is possible from Forest Roads 289, 268 and 36. Overnight camping, the use of motorized vehicles, or any other outdoor recreation activity except hiking, cross country skiing, and snowshoeing is prohibited.

Recreation access and parking regulations within the bordering public lands will be monitored and strictly enforced. For more information on hiking at the Valles Caldera National Preserve go to <http://www.vallescaldera.gov/comevisit/hike/>.

*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](http://www.vallescaldera.gov).*

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