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NEWS BRIEF

VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE

BEGINS FALL SCHEDULE

Jemez Springs, NM- The Valles Caldera National Preserve will begin its fall and winter schedule of operations Monday, October 15th. Normal business hours at the Valle Grande Staging Area will be from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Visitors can access the staging area through the Preserve's main gate, which is located at mile marker 39.2 along State Highway 4. There is no entrance fee to visit the staging area.

The staging area includes a gift shop, information center, picnic tables and spotting scopes to view elk and other wildlife. From the staging area visitors can also board a van for the Magma to Magpie Tour or access three hiking trails. More information on events and activities can be found at www.vallescaldera.gov or by calling 1-866-382-5537.

A full schedule of cross country skiing, snowshoeing and other winter activities will also be posted in the near future.

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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