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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 **Thursday, March 1, 2007 from 9:30 AM to 12:00 PM** at the **Marriott Courtyard, 5151 Journal Center Blvd., Albuquerque, New Mexico.**

The meeting agenda includes reports on Trust operations, forage resources, the State of the Preserve and the 2007 spring turkey hunt. 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 authorizes all proposed stewardship actions for managing Preserve lands, resources and facilities in public meetings. The President of the United States appoints members of the Board of Trustees. Current members are: Tracy S. Hephner, Wagon Mound, NM; James Gosz, Albuquerque, NM; Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; William Keleher, Albuquerque, NM; Darlene Koontz, superintendent, Bandelier National Monument; and Dan Jiron, forest supervisor, Sante Fe National Forest.

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.

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