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VALLES CALDERA TRUST BOARD TO MEET PUBLIC INVITED

(Jemez Springs, NM) – The Valles Caldera Trust Board of Trustees will meet on Thursday September 6, 2007 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Rio Arriba County Complex, State Road 531 #1, Tierra Amarilla, New Mexico.

The meeting agenda includes reports on Trust operations, approval of fiscal year 2008 budget and election of Board officers. Lorenzo Valdez, Rio Arriba County Manager, and Alfredo Montoya, District II Commissioner, will introduce a discussion of the issues facing northern New Mexico. Public comments will be heard at the close of the meeting. The agenda will be posted on the Trust's website.

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; Stephen E. Henry, Las Cruces; Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; William Keleher, Albuquerque, NM; Darlene Koontz, superintendent, Bandelier National Monument; Dan Jiron, forest supervisor, Sante Fe National Forest; James D. Range, Washington, D.C.; and Edward R. Tinsley III, Capitan NM.

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 vast meadows, abundant wildlife, meandering streams and remarkable scenery. More information about the Preserve can be found at www.vallescaldera.gov.

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