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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 Friday March 14 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at the Hilton Garden Inn, 5320 San Antonio Drive NE, Albuquerque, New Mexico.

The meeting agenda includes reports on Trust operations and management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Action items include a wetlands restoration project. Other agenda items are forage management, fishing on the East Fork of the Jemez River, and interim overnight camping. Public comments will be heard at the close of the meeting. The agenda is available 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: James Gosz, Albuquerque, NM; Stephen E. Henry, Las Cruces, NM; Tracy S. Hephner, Wagon Mound, NM; Dan Jiron, forest supervisor, Sante Fe National Forest; William Keleher, Albuquerque, NM; Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; James D. Range, Washington, D.C.; Edward R. Tinsley III, Capitan, NM; and Brad Traver, superintendent, Bandelier National Monument.

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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