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NEWS RELEASE

VALLES CALDERA TRUST BOARD TO MEET PUBLIC INVITED

(Jemez Springs, NM) – The Board of Trustees of the Valles Caldera Trust will meet on Thursday June 11, 2009 from 6:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Best Western Hilltop House Hotel, 400 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, New Mexico. Earlier that day from 9:00 am – 12:00 noon the Trust will host a public open house at the Trust business offices at 18161 State Highway 4 in Jemez Springs, New Mexico. The public will be able to visit with Trust Chairman Stephen Henry, management and personnel at our facility which is directly across the road from Jemez State Monument.

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: Stephen E. Henry, Las Cruces, NM; Virgil Trujillo, Abiquiu, NM; Dan Jiron, Forest Supervisor, Santa Fe National Forest; Raymond Loretto, Jemez Pueblo, NM; Edward R. Tinsley III, Capitan, NM; and Jason Lott, 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. Additional information about the Preserve can be found at www.vallescaldera.gov.