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NEWS RELEASE

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Dennis Trujillo, Current Preserve Manager, Named as Interim Executive Director for the Valles Caldera Trust

Jemez Springs, NM—The Valles Caldera Trust Board of Trustees has named Dennis Trujillo, the current Preserve Manager, as the interim Executive Director of the Valles Caldera Trust. Trujillo has been the Preserve Manager since 2002 and he directly supervises the management of natural resources, recreation, roads, facilities, fleet, fire, law enforcement, safety, merchandizing, and special uses. Mr. Trujillo has overseen the development of the proposed plans for landscape restoration and management and public access and use, including leading comprehensive planning for the Preserve.

Most recently, Mr. Trujillo has represented the Trust in the collaborative planning effort leading to the successful award of funding through the Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration Program. Anne Bradley, Forest and Fire Program Manager for New Mexico Chapter of The Nature Conservancy, commented, *“Over the last seven years, The Nature Conservancy has enjoyed a close partnership with Dennis and his staff as we have sought ways to accelerate the restoration of forests in the Jemez Mountains. We congratulate Dennis on his new assignment and look forward to further collaborative conservation efforts under his leadership.”*

Trujillo was born and raised in Ponderosa, a small community in the Jemez Valley. He graduated from the University of New Mexico and went on to a rewarding career with the U.S. Forest Service. He served as the District Ranger for the Coyote Ranger District and oversaw the lands and recreation programs on the Jemez Ranger District before coming to the Trust. Trujillo has also been active in wildland fire management both nationally and internationally for many years.