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NEWS RELEASE

VALLES CALDERA TRUST BOARD TO MEET PUBLIC INVITED

(Santa Fe, NM) – The Board of Trustees of the Valles Caldera Trust will meet on Thursday December 11, 2008 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM at Marriott Courtyard, 3347 Cerrillos Road, Santa Fe, New Mexico.

The meeting agenda includes business operation updates on the Government Accounting Office (GAO) review, FY08 Budget, and the financial audit. Other agenda items are reports and updates from the Preserve Manager and Preserve Scientist. These include updates on stewardship planning, recreation and resource programs, along with monitoring reports on vegetation and wildlife studies. Public comments will be heard at the end of the meeting. The agenda is available at www.vallescaldera.gov.

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, Santa 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. Additional information about the Preserve can be found at www.vallescaldera.gov.