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## **NEW VALLES CALDERA BOARD OF TRUSTEES TAKING SHAPE Loretto and Trujillo Appointed**

**Jemez Springs, New Mexico-** A seasoned veterinarian and a local rancher will add their expertise to an already talent laden Board of Trustees at the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Raymond Loretto, DVM, of Jemez Pueblo and Virgil Trujillo of the Genizaro Pueblo in Abiquiu were recently appointed to the board by outgoing president George Bush.

Trujillo is a long time rancher who has a strong background in natural resource management. He is a newcomer to the board and fills the seat reserved for a member with expertise in domesticated livestock management. He is appointed to a four year term.

Loretto is a former governor and first lieutenant governor of the Jemez Pueblo where he serves as Chief Executive Officer for the Jemez Pueblo Health and Human Services. He occupies the seat designated for a member active in state or local government and expertise in local customs. Loretto is appointed for a second consecutive four year term.

“Every one of our trustees serves a key role in the ultimate success of this noble experiment” said Gary Bratcher, Executive Director of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. “I am elated about these two appointments and look forward to working with them and their colleagues.”

The Valles Caldera Trust was created by the Valles Caldera Preservation Act of 2000 as an experiment in public land management. The ultimate

goal is to maintain the environmental integrity and public use of the land while becoming financially self-sufficient and a benefit to neighboring communities.

So far six of the nine board seats are filled with the remaining three expected to be named by President Barack Obama in the near future. For more information on The Valles Caldera National Preserve go to [www.vallescaldera.gov](http://www.vallescaldera.gov).