

Implementing Decision

It is my decision to implement the proposed Stewardship Action, with all performance requirements as described, without the preparation of an environmental document. This decision is categorically excluded from such documentation under category 101.6 (l) *“Permitting of seasonal or short term back-country recreation or special use actions that do not result in more than incidental ground disturbing activities.”*

An environmental analysis was conducted by resource specialists in the employ of the Trust to ensure that no extraordinary circumstances are present and are likely to create an outcome of greater significance due to their presence. Extraordinary circumstances include but are not limited to a high level of public interest; extreme weather or climatic conditions; or the potential for effects on critical resources such as cultural resources or threatened or endangered species.

/s/

Dennis Trujillo
Preserve Manager

June 28, 2004

Date

Agencies and Persons Consulted

Valles Caldera Board of Trustees

Valles Caldera Trust Staff

Public outreach through an “Equestrian Group” formed with participants representing local equestrian groups, small business, and local government

- Connie Collis – CWW Feed and Jemez Valley area 4-H
- Corry Clinton – Pajarito Riding Club
- D.K. Brown – Bernalillo County 4-H
- George Mar – Back Country Horsemen of America
- Roger Taylor - National Endurance Horse Association
- Steve Lucero – Mayor, San Ysidro, NM
- Sabine Shurter – Back Country Horsemen of America
- Talisa Ralph – National Endurance Horse Association

Affected Tribal Governments

Back Country Horsemen, Santa Fe Chapter, 2/2/2004, Santa Fe Rodeo Grounds

Board of Trustees/Public Meeting March 12, 2004

Back Country Horsemen State Convention, 3/27/2004, Los Lunas, NM

Posted on VCNP web site

Public Lands Information Association

Valles Caldera Trust Executive Team

Valles Caldera Trust Resource Management Staff

Monitored Outcomes

Objectives	Metrics
Provide for public safety	Develop an orientation program that addresses equestrian safety.
Increase knowledge and appreciation for the Preserve and the Trust.	Provide a consistent message to all visitors
Provide a quality recreational experience	Limit the number and concentration of people participating in the activities.
Develop an appropriate fee structure that is commensurate with the experience and ensures a return to the trust.	<p>Review visitor comment forms to determine if the value of the experience was commensurate with the cost.</p> <p>Compile cost versus income to determine net profit or loss.</p>
Minimize adverse impacts associated with this program.	<p>Assess pre, mid, and post season monitoring results.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trail erosion • Concentrated areas of trampling • Occurrence of invasive plants • Effects to cultural resources

If you would like to comment on this decision you may do so by selecting the feedback option from our web site. Written correspondence should be addressed to the Valles Caldera Trust, 2201 Trinity Drive, Los Alamos, NM 87544. Your thoughts regarding any of our stewardship actions are welcome at any time.