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File Code: PLAN1

Subject: Multiple Use and Sustained Yield of Forage  
Implementing Decision

Based on a review of the Environmental Assessment (EA) prepared for the *Multiple Use and Sustained Yield of Forage* (MUSY – Forage), the associated Finding of No Significant Impact, public comments, and administrative record it is my decision to implement the proposed Multiple Use and Sustained Yield of Forage on the Valles Caldera National Preserve. Programs for domestic livestock grazing will be implemented as described under Alternative D<sub>2</sub>.

I find this alternative to be most compliant with the Valles Caldera Preservation Act, specifically in the ability of “optimizing the generation of income based on existing market conditions, to the extent that it does not unreasonably diminish the long-term scenic and natural values of the area, or the multiple use and sustained yield capability of the land.” The ability of optimizing the generation of income is a key issue for the Trust in achieving the legislated goal of being financially self-sustaining.

Specifically this decision includes the following actions:

- Adopting goals and objectives as evaluated by monitored outcomes as described in the EA, *1.3.1 Proposed Action - Goals, Objectives and Monitored Outcomes*.
- The allocation of forage, programs for the multiple use and sustained yield of forage, and infrastructure management including all performance requirements as described in the EA, *1.3.2 Proposed Action, Multiple Uses of Forage and Infrastructure Management*.
- Programs for the multiple use of forage will be evaluated as described in the EA under 2.2.4 *Alternative D - Proposed Action with Programs that Emphasize Administrative and Economic Efficiencies*.
- In addition, facilities maintenance and upgrade activities can be implemented as described in the EA under 2.2.5 *Alternative C<sub>2</sub> and D<sub>2</sub> Facility Improvements*.

This decision is not subject to administrative appeals as per the Valles Caldera Preservation Act, Section 108, (f), (6) *No Administrative Appeals* which states, *The administrative appeals regulations of the Secretary shall not apply to activities of the Trust and decisions of the Board.*

/s/ Gary D. Bratcher

Signed April 7, 2009

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Gary D. Bratcher, Executive Director

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