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FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 2/27/09

SPONSOR Eichenberg LAST UPDATED _____ HB _____

SHORT TITLE Valles Caldera Management Hearings SJM 49

ANALYST Hoffmann

APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY09	FY10		
	NFI		

(Parenthesis () Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

Senate Joint Memorial relates to House Bill 11; please see the narrative.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

SUMMARY

Synopsis of Bill

Senate Joint Memorial 49 requests that Congress be urged to hold hearings on a new management system for the Valles Caldera National Preserve. The memorial cites the importance of this 98,000 acre preserve as a spectacular and important wildlife habitat, and notes the importance of hunting, fishing, and outdoor recreation to New Mexico citizens.

The memorial specifically notes that the current management system is based on one that was designed for the Presidio, a part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in San Francisco, California. The memorial further notes that the current experimental management system has failed to provide adequate access to the public for responsible use and enjoyment of the area.

The memorial urges Congress to hold hearings on the possible establishment of a new management system for the Valles Caldera National Preserve, and that copies of the memorial are transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and to the chief clerks of the United States House of Representatives and Senate for distribution to the appropriate committees.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

Senate Joint Memorial 49 makes no appropriations.

RELATIONSHIP

Senate Joint Memorial 49 is related to House Bill 11 as amended by the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee in that both address the current management of the Valles Caldera National Preserve. House Bill 11 as amended by the House Energy and Natural Resources Committee would require the Department of Game and Fish to issue not less than 15 and no more than 20 bull elk hunting enhancement authorizations to the Valles Caldera National Preserve to be issued through auction, lottery or as otherwise determined by the board of trustees of the preserve.

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