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2 49TH LEGISLATURE - STATE OF NEW MEXICO - FIRST SESSION, 2009

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10 A JOINT MEMORIAL

11 REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS BE URGED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON A NEW
12 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE.

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14 WHEREAS, the Valles Caldera national preserve is one of
15 New Mexico's most spectacular places and important wildlife
16 habitats, consisting of eighty-nine thousand acres of forest,
17 high-mountain grassland and clear streams nestled into the
18 caldera of an ancient volcano; and

19 WHEREAS, hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation are
20 important parts of the way of life in New Mexico; and

21 WHEREAS, accessible and protected public lands benefit
22 local economies by offering a higher quality of life that
23 attracts tourism and high-wage jobs; and

24 WHEREAS, the current management experiment at the Valles
25 Caldera national preserve is based on a system set up for the

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1 Presidio, an urban area located in San Francisco, California;
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3 WHEREAS, it has become clear that the experimental
4 management system for the Valles Caldera national preserve will
5 never generate adequate funding without developing, and thereby
6 destroying, the Valles Caldera itself; and

7 WHEREAS, the current experimental management system has
8 failed to provide adequate access to the public for responsible
9 use and enjoyment of the area; and

10 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve opportunity
11 for the public to responsibly enjoy the Valles Caldera national
12 preserve, thereby benefiting all residents and helping the
13 local economy; and

14 WHEREAS, a new management system would expand access to
15 hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities for all
16 residents regardless of financial means; and

17 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve natural
18 resource management at the Valles Caldera national preserve and
19 put it on more solid financial footing, ensuring that this
20 spectacular place can be enjoyed by present and future
21 generations;

22 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE
23 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be urged to hold hearings as
24 soon as possible on the establishment of a new management
25 system for the Valles Caldera national preserve, in which the

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1 United States forest service, the national park service or the
2 United States fish and wildlife service provide management to
3 improve responsible public access, expand hunting, fishing and
4 outdoor recreational opportunities for the public and place the
5 Valles Caldera national preserve on firm financial footing so
6 that present and future generations can enjoy and experience
7 this spectacular place and benefits to the economy can be fully
8 realized; and

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be
10 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and the
11 chief clerks of the United States house of representatives and
12 senate for distribution to the appropriate committees.

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