

1 A MEMORIAL

2 REQUESTING THAT CONGRESS BE URGED TO HOLD HEARINGS ON A NEW
3 MANAGEMENT SYSTEM FOR THE VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE.
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5 WHEREAS, the Valles Caldera national preserve is one of
6 New Mexico's most spectacular places and important wildlife
7 habitats, consisting of eighty-nine thousand acres of forest,
8 high-mountain grassland and clear streams nestled into the
9 caldera of an ancient volcano; and

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

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

15 WHEREAS, the current management experiment at the Valles
16 Caldera national preserve is based on a system set up for the
17 Presidio, an urban area located in San Francisco, California;
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19 WHEREAS, it has become clear that the experimental
20 management system for the Valles Caldera national preserve
21 will never generate adequate funding without developing, and
22 thereby destroying, the Valles Caldera itself; and

23 WHEREAS, the current experimental management system has
24 failed to provide adequate access to the public for
25 responsible use and enjoyment of the area; and

1 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve
2 opportunity for the public to responsibly enjoy the Valles
3 Caldera national preserve, thereby benefiting all residents
4 and helping the local economy; and

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

8 WHEREAS, a new management system would improve natural
9 resource management at the Valles Caldera national preserve
10 and put it on more solid financial footing, ensuring that
11 this spectacular place can be enjoyed by present and future
12 generations;

13 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE
14 STATE OF NEW MEXICO that congress be urged to hold hearings
15 as soon as possible on the establishment of a new management
16 system for the Valles Caldera national preserve, in which the
17 United States forest service, the national park service or
18 the United States fish and wildlife service provide
19 management to improve responsible public access, expand
20 hunting, fishing and outdoor recreational opportunities for
21 the public and place the Valles Caldera national preserve on
22 firm financial footing so that present and future generations
23 can enjoy and experience this spectacular place and benefits
24 to the economy can be fully realized; and

25 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that copies of this memorial be

1 transmitted to the New Mexico congressional delegation and the
2 chief clerks of the United States house of representatives and
3 senate for distribution to the appropriate committees. _____

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