

must evaluate each monitored outcome identified in the stewardship register. As information from monitoring is obtained and interpreted, conclusions are to be recorded in the appropriate stewardship register by the responsible Trust staff.

Paragraph (b) is a requirement to consider new information and the influence that information may have upon ongoing or completed stewardship actions.

101.10 Preparing and Approving the Comprehensive Management Program.

This is the final section of the proposed procedures. In paragraphs (a) to (c), this section describes the content, preparation, and approval of the comprehensive management program for the Preserve. The comprehensive management program is intended to provide an easy to use record of the management of the Preserve and a readily available reference for interested citizens. Paragraph (a) states that the comprehensive management program summarizes monitored outcomes, describes past and ongoing stewardship actions of the Preserve, and displays the strategic guidance for the Preserve adopted by the Board of Trustees. The comprehensive management program provides a basis for determining the cumulative effects of the management of the Preserve and provides convenient public communication of accomplishments and desired outcomes.

Paragraph (b) has the requirement that a comprehensive management program must be prepared by the Responsible Official two years after the Trust assumes management responsibility of the Preserve, thereafter, it must be reviewed and appropriately updated at least once every five years or when appropriate as determined by the Board of Trustees.

The section concludes in paragraph (c) with a requirement that upon completion by the Responsible Official, the comprehensive management program must be reviewed and approved by the Board of Trustees or returned to the Responsible Official for additional preparation.

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100 Authority and Purpose

100.1 Authority. The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA), Pub. L. 91–190, the Environmental Quality Improvement Act of 1970, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4371 *et seq.*), sec. 309 of the Clean Air Act, as amended (42 U.S.C. 7609), E.O. 11514, Mar. 5, 1970, as amended by E.O. 11991, May 24, 1977, CEQ regulations at 40 CFR Parts 1500 through 1508, and The Valles Caldera Preservation Act, Pub. L. 106–248.

100.2 Purpose. To implement the comprehensive program for the management of the lands, resources, and facilities of the Valles Caldera National Preserve and achieve the purposes of NEPA, it is necessary and appropriate to establish these procedures. It is the intent of the Trust and managers of the Preserve to:

(a) Integrate the principles and requirements of NEPA with the planning and decisionmaking processes of the Trust;

(b) Implement these procedures to make the NEPA process more useful to decisionmakers and citizens by eliminating unwanted paperwork and utilizing a wide variety of means to gain understanding of the human environment and natural resources of the Preserve and communicate this to the public;

(c) Ensure that environmental information is readily available in a variety of useful forms to decisionmakers and citizens before decisions are made, and ensure that environmental information is utilized to guide adaptive management during and after actions are taken; and

(d) Adopt these procedures in supplement to the regulations at 40 CFR parts 1500 through 1508, referred to as the CEQ regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the NEPA.

101 Integration of NEPA With Planning and Decisionmaking of the Trust

101.1 Purposes and Principles.

(a) The findings of Congress (Public Law 106–248, Title I, section 102)

describe the unique character of the Valles Caldera. The purposes for management of the Preserve and the management authorities of the Valles Caldera Trust are described in Title I, section 105 and section 106 of Public Law 106–248. The comprehensive management of the lands, resources, and facilities of the Preserve is achieved through stewardship actions authorized by the Trust's Board of Trustees.

(b) Citizens play a vital role in the overall management, use, and enjoyment of the Preserve.

(c) Monitoring and evaluation of stewardship actions, research, and detailed studies provide the public and the Trust with the basis for adapting future stewardship actions to achieve the goals of the Trust and the requirements of NEPA.

(d) Stewardship of the Preserve addresses all programs of the Preserve with the recognition that the whole is greater than the sum of the parts. Management of the Preserve is guided by the following values of the Trust and vision adopted by Board of Trustees on December 13, 2001:

(1) We will administer the Preserve with the long view in mind, directing our efforts toward the benefit of future generations;

(2) Recognizing that the Preserve imparts a rich sense of place and qualities not to be found anywhere else, we commit ourselves to the protection of its ecological, cultural, and aesthetic integrity;

(3) We will strive to achieve a high level of integrity in our stewardship of the lands, programs, and other assets in our care. This includes adopting an ethic of financial thrift and discipline and exercising good business sense;

(4) We will exercise restraint in the implementation of all programs, basing them on sound science and adjusting them consistent with the principles of adaptive management;

(5) Recognizing the unique heritage of northern New Mexico's traditional cultures, we will be a good neighbor to surrounding communities, striving to avoid negative impacts from Preserve activities and to generate positive impacts;

(6) Recognizing the religious significance of the Preserve to Native Americans, the Trust bears a special responsibility to accommodate the religious practices of nearby tribes and pueblos, and to protect sites of special significance;

(7) Recognizing the importance of clear and open communication, we commit ourselves to maintaining a productive dialogue with those who would advance the purposes of the