



## The National Park Service Wants to Hear From You!

Open House Location	Date And Time
<b>Virtual</b> A link to the virtual presentation is available via the project webpage ( <a href="https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP">https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP</a> ) under the 'Meeting Notices' tab	May 17, 2023 5 pm to 6:30 pm (MT)
<b>Española   Misión y Convento</b> 706 E Bond St., Española NM 87532	May 22, 2023 4 pm to 7 pm
<b>Bernalillo   El Zócalo Plaza</b> 264 S. Camino Del Pueblo, Bernalillo NM 87004	May 23, 2023 4 pm to 7 pm
<b>San Ysidro   Walatowa Visitor Center</b> 7413 New Mexico 4, Jemez Pueblo, NM 87024	May 24, 2023 4 pm to 7 pm

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The National Park Service (NPS) is preparing a general management plan/development concept plan for Valles Caldera National Preserve to establish long-term direction for resource protection and visitor experiences at the park, as well as high-level concepts to guide future development and facility investments. The plan aims to establish a management vision that balances the restoration and conservation of park resources with enhanced visitor opportunities, and builds on a 2021 management zoning effort which created a strategic direction for future planning. All members of the public with an interest in, or connection to, Valles Caldera are encouraged to participate in this effort.

Located in the Jemez Mountains of north-central New Mexico, the purpose of Valles Caldera is to protect, preserve, and restore ecosystems and cultural landscapes within an outstanding example of a volcanic caldera for the purpose of education, scientific research, public enjoyment and use, and cultural continuity. The park was established as a unit of the national park system on December 19, 2014, and is known for its expansive mountain meadows, abundant wildlife, and meandering streams. The area also preserves the homeland of ancestral native peoples and embraces a rich ranching history.

The plan is in the initial stages of development, and the NPS is seeking feedback on preliminary management ideas and development concepts from **May 8, 2023 to June 9, 2023**. By seeking public input prior to initiating the National Environmental Policy Act process, the National Park Service can refine, improve, and/or expand the various proposed ideas that will be included in the environmental analysis.

### Ways to participate

#### Attend an open house.

Learn about the plan, meet NPS staff, and ask questions in an open-house style setting. Details are in the table above and also available on the project webpage at: [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL\\_GMP](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP)

#### Learn about the plan through a digital storymap.

The storymap is available via the project webpage at: [https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL\\_GMP](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP)

#### Submit written feedback during the public comment period (May 8 to June 9, 2023).

We are particularly interested in your thoughts and ideas on any of the following topics:

- How do the various concepts the park is considering help your ability to access different locations or improve your overall experience? How might they hinder your access or experience?
- How do you feel the management ideas and development concepts being considered provide activities and experiences you would enjoy? What activity or experience is missing and why should it be considered?
- What specific steps could the National Park Service take to improve your experience or protect resources at any of the following locations: Cabin District, Banco Bonito, Sulphur Springs, the Valle Grande District, Valle San Antonio, Valle Toledo, Valle Jaramillo, Redondo Meadows.
- What do you like or dislike about the preliminary management ideas and development concepts the park is considering? Do any aspects of these initial ideas raise specific resource concerns?

You can submit comments in the following ways:

Online (preferred) via the project webpage:  
[https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL\\_GMP](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP)

By mail:

Valles Caldera National Preserve  
Attn: Brian Smith  
P.O. Box 359  
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

Hand delivery:

Valles Caldera National Preserve  
Attn: Brian Smith  
90 Villa Louis Martin  
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

The digital storymap and comment portal on the project webpage are in formats accessible to persons with disabilities.

Comments can only be accepted except as specified above. Bulk comments in any format (hard copy or electronic) submitted on behalf of others will not be accepted. Please note that your entire comment, including your personal information, may be made publicly available at any time. You can request that we withhold your personal identifying information from public view, but we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

The National Park Service will also provide the public an opportunity to review and comment on a future draft plan and the associated documents prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act, anticipated in winter of 2024.

The project webpage and storymap also include information on wilderness and wild & scenic river assessments which are underway.

### **Contact and More Information**

Phone: (575) 829-4100 ext. 9

Project Webpage:

[https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL\\_GMP](https://parkplanning.nps.gov/VALL_GMP)

Park Webpage: <https://www.nps.gov/vall>

Thank you for your interest in the future of Valles Caldera!

