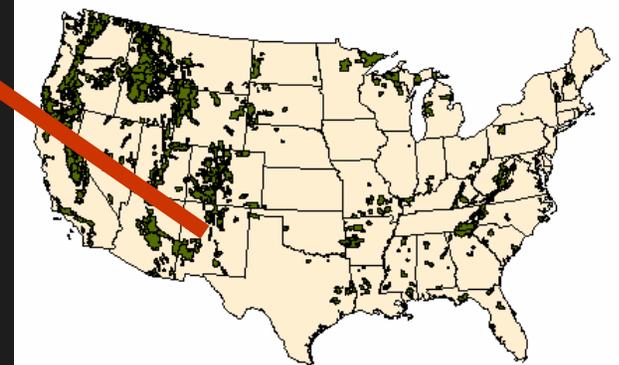
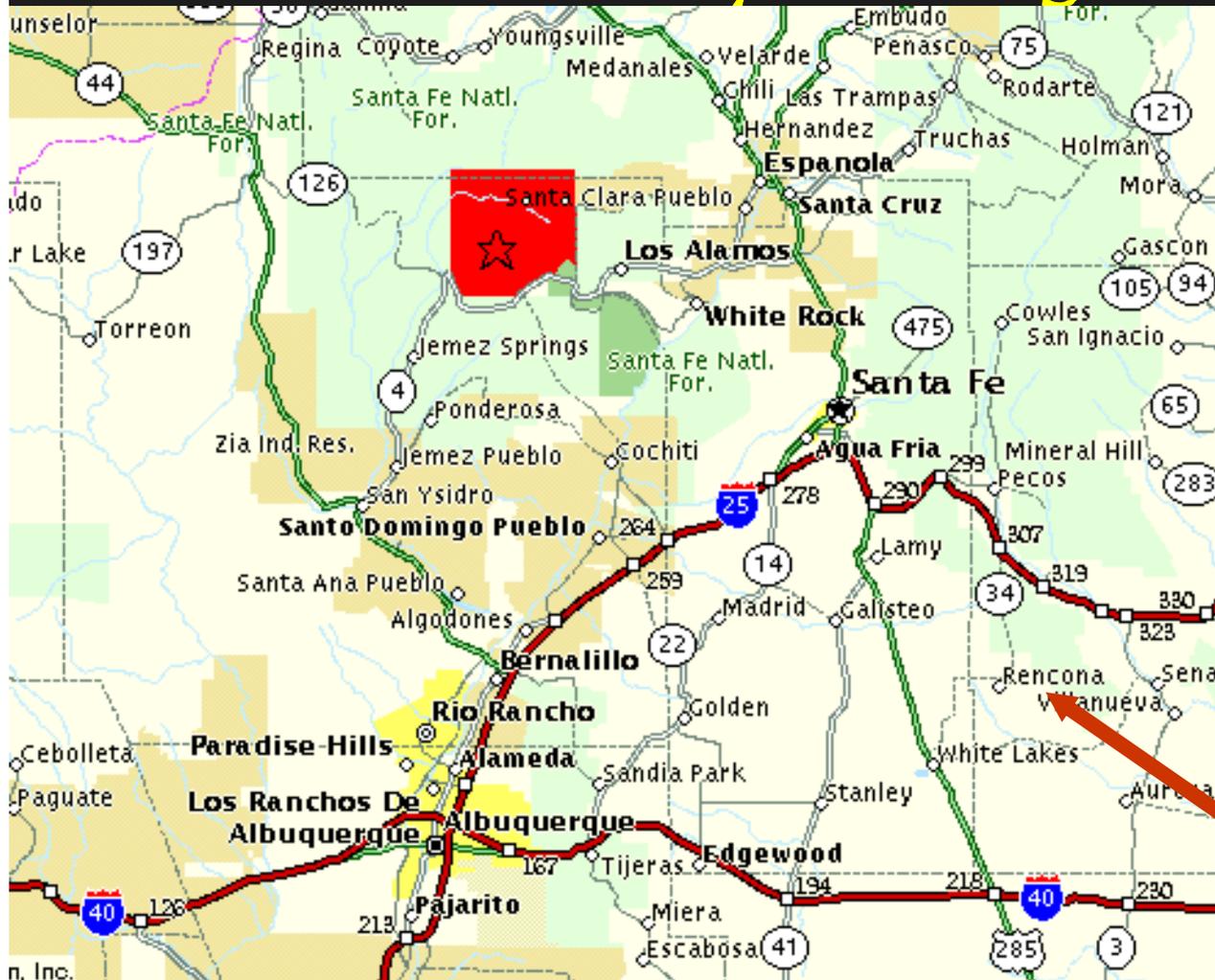


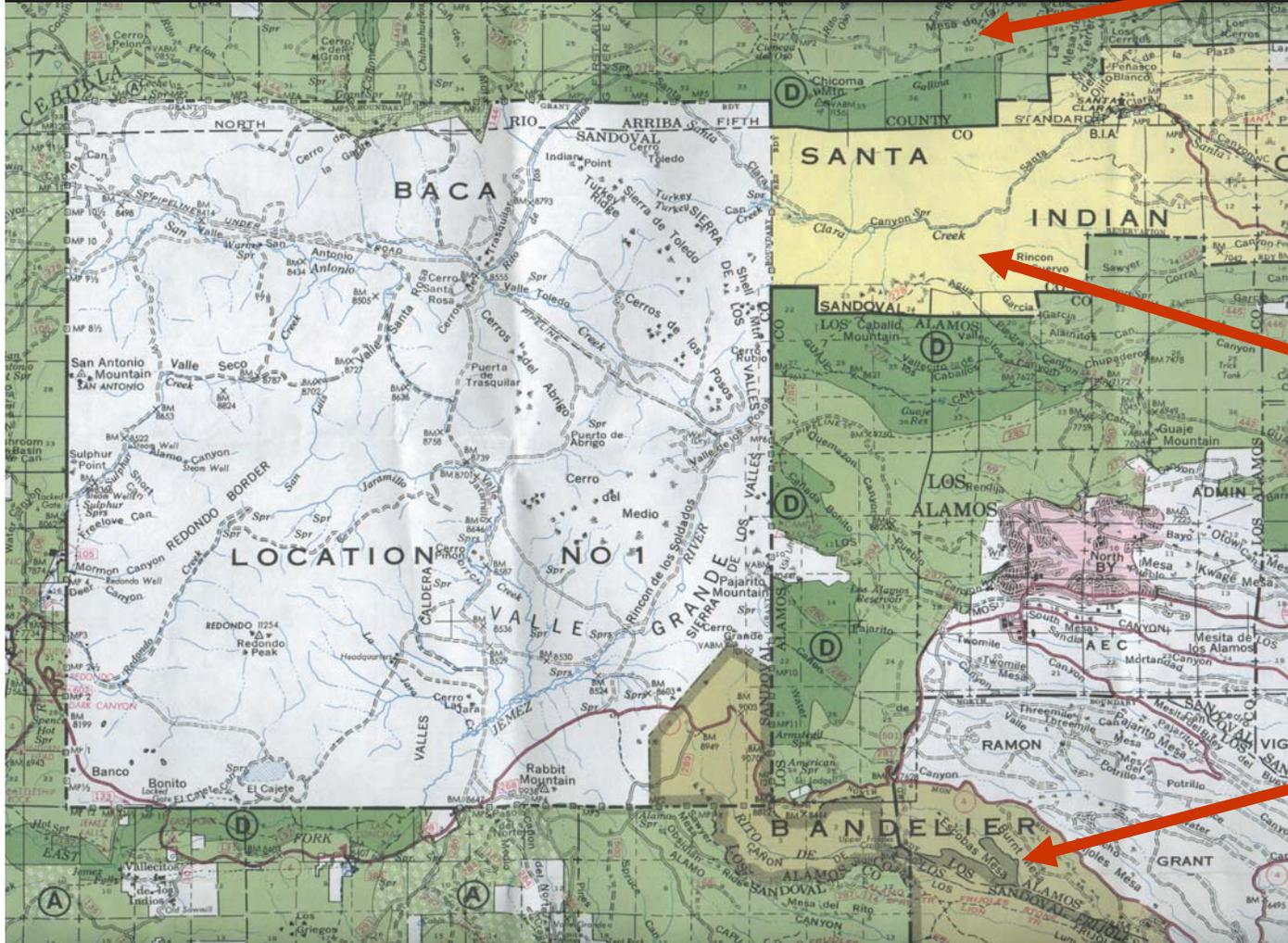
The volcano erupted in New Mexico
over 2 million years ago...



And this ancient volcano
became the Baca Ranch...



It was a special place
surrounded by public & tribal land



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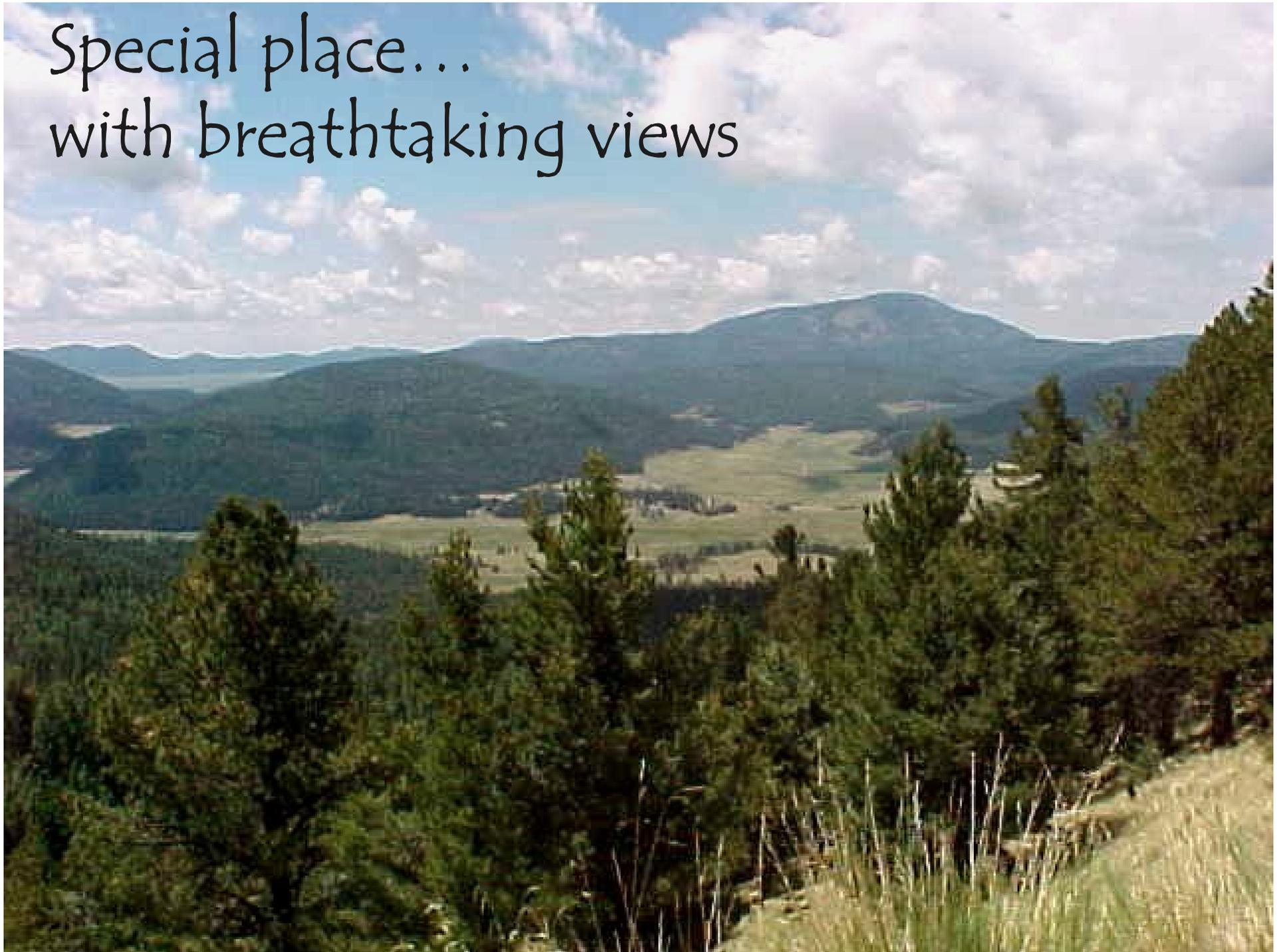
Special place...
with abundant wildlife

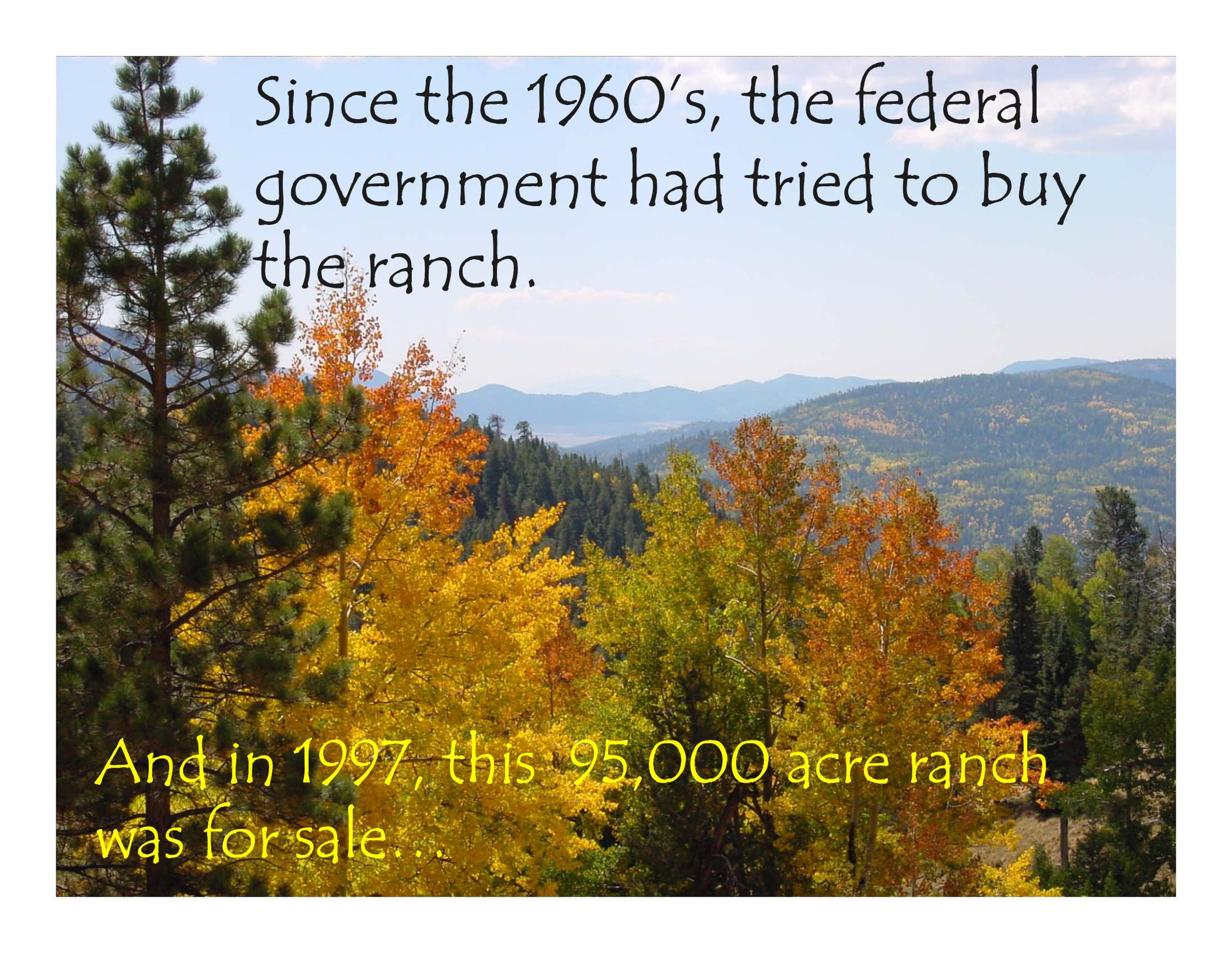


Special place...
the headwaters for three streams



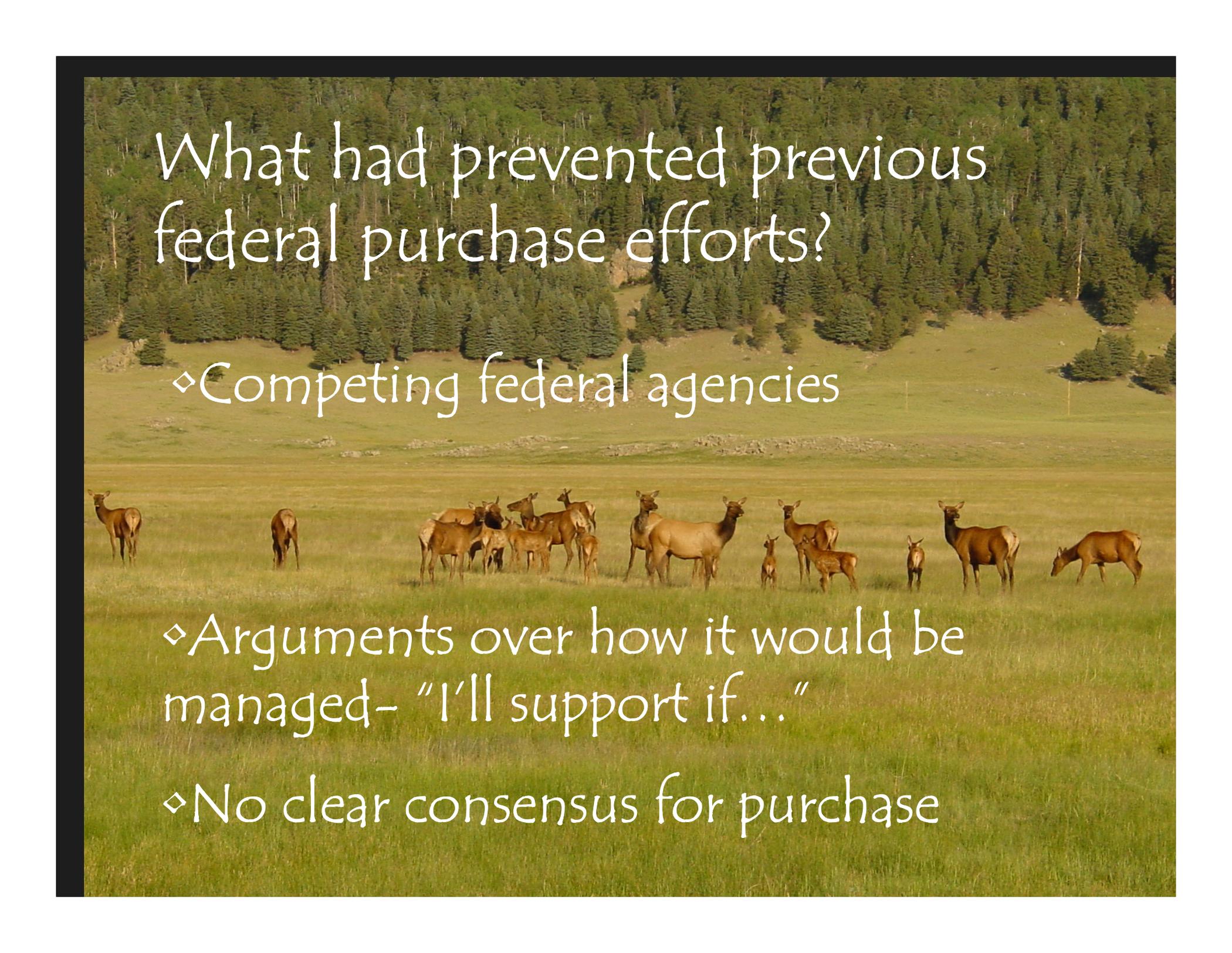
Special place...
with breathtaking views





Since the 1960's, the federal government had tried to buy the ranch.

And in 1997, this 95,000 acre ranch was for sale...

A photograph of a herd of elk in a grassy field. The elk are scattered across the foreground, some standing and some grazing. The background features a dense forest of evergreen trees on a hillside. The text is overlaid on the image in white font.

What had prevented previous federal purchase efforts?

◊ Competing federal agencies

◊ Arguments over how it would be managed- "I'll support if..."

◊ No clear consensus for purchase

What was different this time?

- ◆ Local agency “point person” to coordinate
- ◆ Focus on goal– protect for future generations



What was different this time...?

- ◇ Gain consensus for public purchase
- ◇ Defer management discussion





"It takes a village to save a volcano"

1. Forest Service & Park Service agree on goal
2. Provide tours of the Ranch
3. Give answers to questions and concerns

"It takes a village to save a volcano"

4. Build coalitions



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◇ environmental coalition- NPCA, Sierra Club, Audubon, The Nature Conservancy, TWS....

◇ cattle growers- Northern NM Stockmen

◇ conservation groups-RMEF, Trout Unlimited, Wild Turkey Federation...

◇ recreational groups-skiers, hikers, backcountry horsemen,...

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5. Meet with interest groups, elected officials, community groups, state agencies, media and tribes





“It takes a village to save a volcano”

- Resolutions of support from 3 counties
- Conservation groups lobby
- NM legislature resolution of support
- Santa Clara Pueblo purchase proposal
- Articles in newspapers & publications



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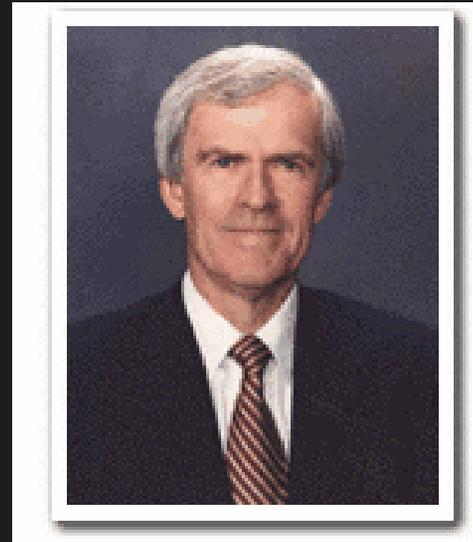
6. Work closely with Congressional representatives and Administration officials.

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◊ Bipartisan
Congressional support

◊ Agency, Secretary,
CEQ, White House
support



Congressman
Tom Udall



Representing New Mexico's 3rd District

And the result was ...

The "*Valles Caldera Preservation Act*" signed into law July 24, 2000



VALLES CALDERA NATIONAL PRESERVE

you are here ✱



Creating a National Preserve

The American people recently purchased approximately 48,900 acres of the spectacular Bata Ranch. This ancient volcano is now the "Valles Caldera National Preserve" a unit of the National Forest System.

The **Valles Caldera Preserve Act** established this National Preserve: "...To protect and preserve the scientific, scenic, geologic, watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural and recreational values of the Preserve, and to provide for multiple use and sustained yield of renewable resources within the Preserve..."

This National Preserve contains abundant wildlife, the headwaters of two watersheds, and endless opportunities for wildlife viewing, hiking, photography, camping, cross-country skiing and hunting. The remaining portions of the Bata Ranch added 823 acres to Bandelier National Monument while the Pueblo of Santa Clara purchased 5,045 acres located in their upper watershed.

The price paid for the Bata Ranch was \$101,000,000 including the portion purchased by the Pueblo of Santa Clara. The Land & Water Conservation Fund (L&WCF) was used to purchase the Preserve. Monies deposited in the L&WCF come from offshore drilling royalties and other user fees.

Managing a Preserve

A unique approach will be used to manage the Preserve. Congress created **The Valles Caldera Trust**, a wholly owned governmental corporation, for this purpose.

A nine-member Board of Trustees, including seven individuals appointed by the President of the United States, will govern the Preserve. The Forest Supervisor of the Santa Fe National Forest and Superintendent of Bandelier National Monument will be the remaining two board members.

The Valles Caldera Preserve Act

directs that at least five of the appointees will be New Mexico residents, and they will have expertise in various areas of land management disciplines. The trust will assume management of the preserve approximately 60 days after appointment.

The preserve will be managed as a financially sustaining "working ranch". The Trust has two years to develop a comprehensive management program, in compliance with environmental laws. Until the Trust assumes management, the Santa Fe National Forest will provide interim management of this National Preserve.

Access to the Preserve

Because we all want to protect those things that we love about the Valles Caldera National Preserve, it will be closed to general public use during interim management.

The Forest Service is reviewing the possibility of providing a limited number of organized tours during its interim management. If it is possible to provide such tours, the public will be notified.

Contact

For more information

→ call the Jemez Ranger District at (505) 829-3535

→ visit the Valles Caldera website at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/vcd/pk>

→ find the **Valles Caldera Preservation Act** at: <http://jemez.nv.gov>

→ write to:
Jemez Ranger District
P.O. Box 150
Jemez Springs, NM 87025

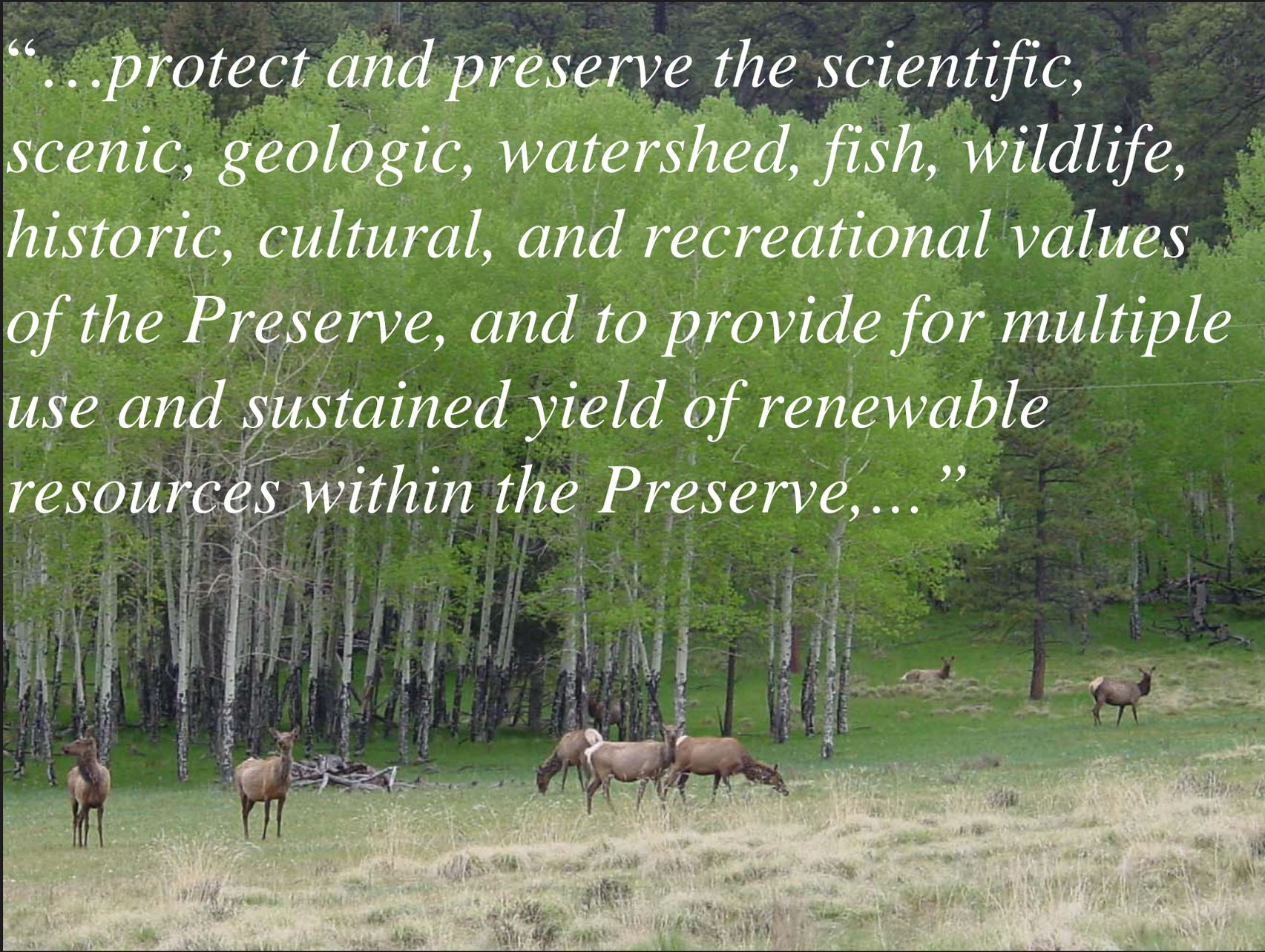
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An experiment in public
land management...

The Preserve was established to

“...protect and preserve the scientific, scenic, geologic, watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural, and recreational values of the Preserve, and to provide for multiple use and sustained yield of renewable resources within the Preserve...”



The Valles Caldera Trust will manage the Preserve...

- ◊ A "wholly-owned government corporation"
- ◊ A 9-member board of trustees governs the Trust



Who is on the Board of Trustees?

◆ 7 members are presidential appointees

◆ Santa Fe National Forest
Supervisor and Bandelier
National Monument
Superintendent



Seven Presidential Appointees' areas of expertise...

- Livestock management
- Wildlife and fisheries
- Sustainable forestry
- Nonprofit conservation organization
- Financial management
- Cultural and natural history of the region
- State or local NM government

Purposes of the "Trust"

- 1) provide management and administrative services
- 2) establish and implement management policies
- 3) receive and collect private and public funds
- 4) cooperate with federal, state, & local governments and with Indian tribes and Pueblos

The Trust will Develop a Comprehensive Program of Management for...

- 1) Operation of the Preserve as a working ranch, consistent with #2-4
 - 2) Protection & preservation of the scientific, scenic, geologic, watershed, fish, wildlife, historic, cultural and recreational values
 - 3) Multiple use and sustained yield of renewable resources
 - 4) Recreation public use & access
- And...

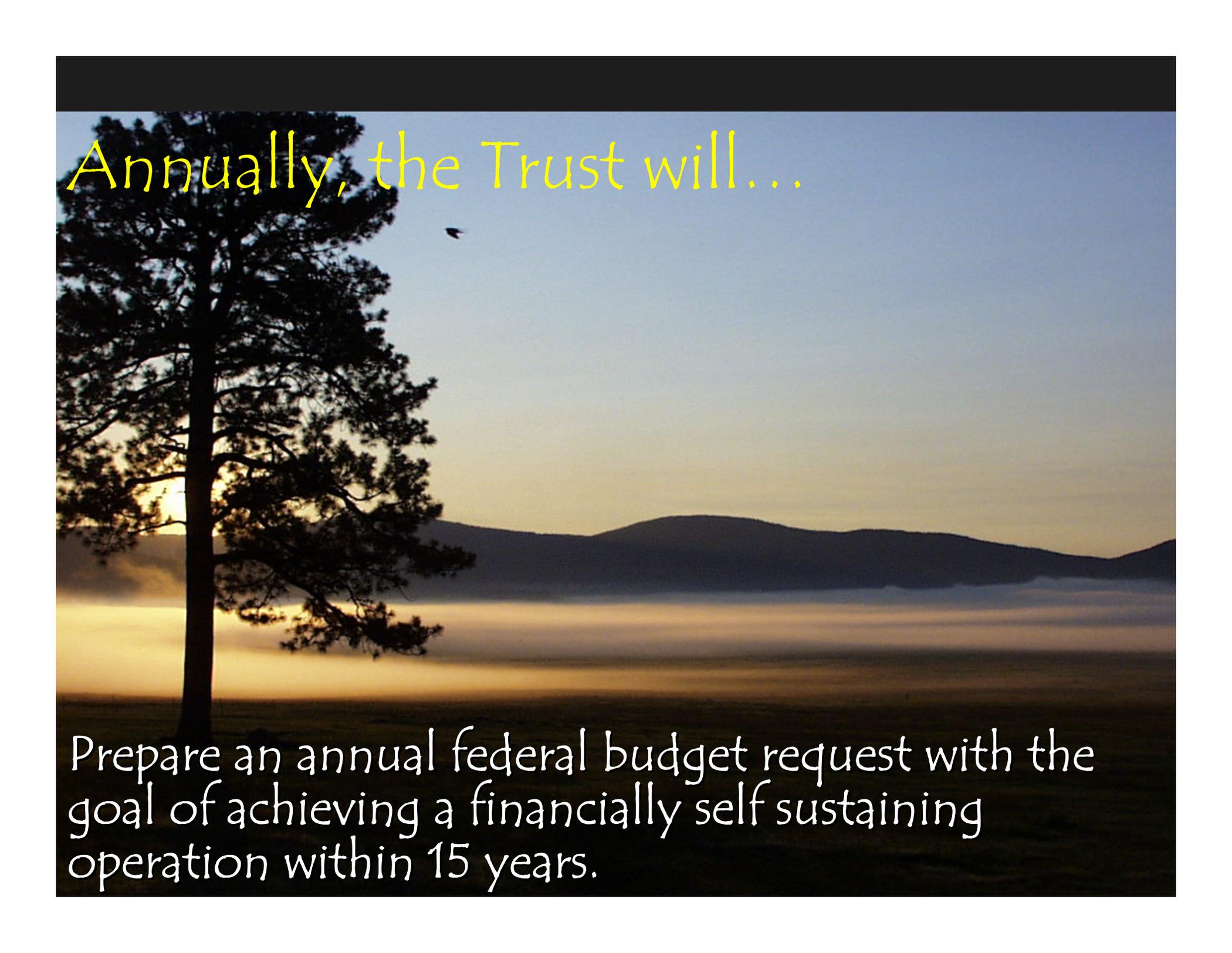


5) Renewable resource utilization and management

6) Optimizing generation of income as long as it does not unreasonably diminish scenic & natural values

Comprehensive Program of management...





Annually, the Trust will...

Prepare an annual federal budget request with the goal of achieving a financially self-sustaining operation within 15 years.



During the 18th year both the Board and the Secretary of Agriculture will submit a recommendation to Congress that the Trust be extended or terminated.



For more information
about the Trust visit:

www.vallescaldera.gov

In summary...

◊ It takes a village to save a volcano

◊ Result is an experiment in public land management

◊ Amazing things can happen when people work together...



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