Valles Caldera National Preserve News Release

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Valles Caldera Seeking Wrangler Services

Jemez Springs, NM – The National Park Service is seeking, horse-mounted, trespass cattle wrangling services at Valles Caldera National Preserve during the 2024 summer and fall seasons. This is one of the efforts the park is pursuing to reduce impacts to park resources from cattle trespassing from adjacent USDA Forest Service grazing allotments.

The park is seeking wrangler services for a minimum of one day per week or two days every other week from May 20 through November 8, 2024 to round up trespass cattle that are loose within the park, herd them into designated corrals within the park, and to notify park law enforcement once trespass cattle are corralled.

"This is an important service to protect park resources from any damage from trespass cattle," said Superintendent Jorge Silva-Bañuelos. "Along with continuing to work with the USDA Forest Service on adjacent grazing allotment fence repairs and establishing a virtual fence system, having consistent trespass cattle round-ups to minimize resource impacts will allow us to meet our obligation of preserving and protecting this special public space for everyone to enjoy."

To read the full opportunity and submit a quote, visit the <u>Sam.gov</u> web page at https://sam.gov/opp/5f6daaff792b4f4cb9e46d892ac9c671/view. Any requests for information are due by April 17 and all quotes are due by noon Mountain Time on April 30, 2024.

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