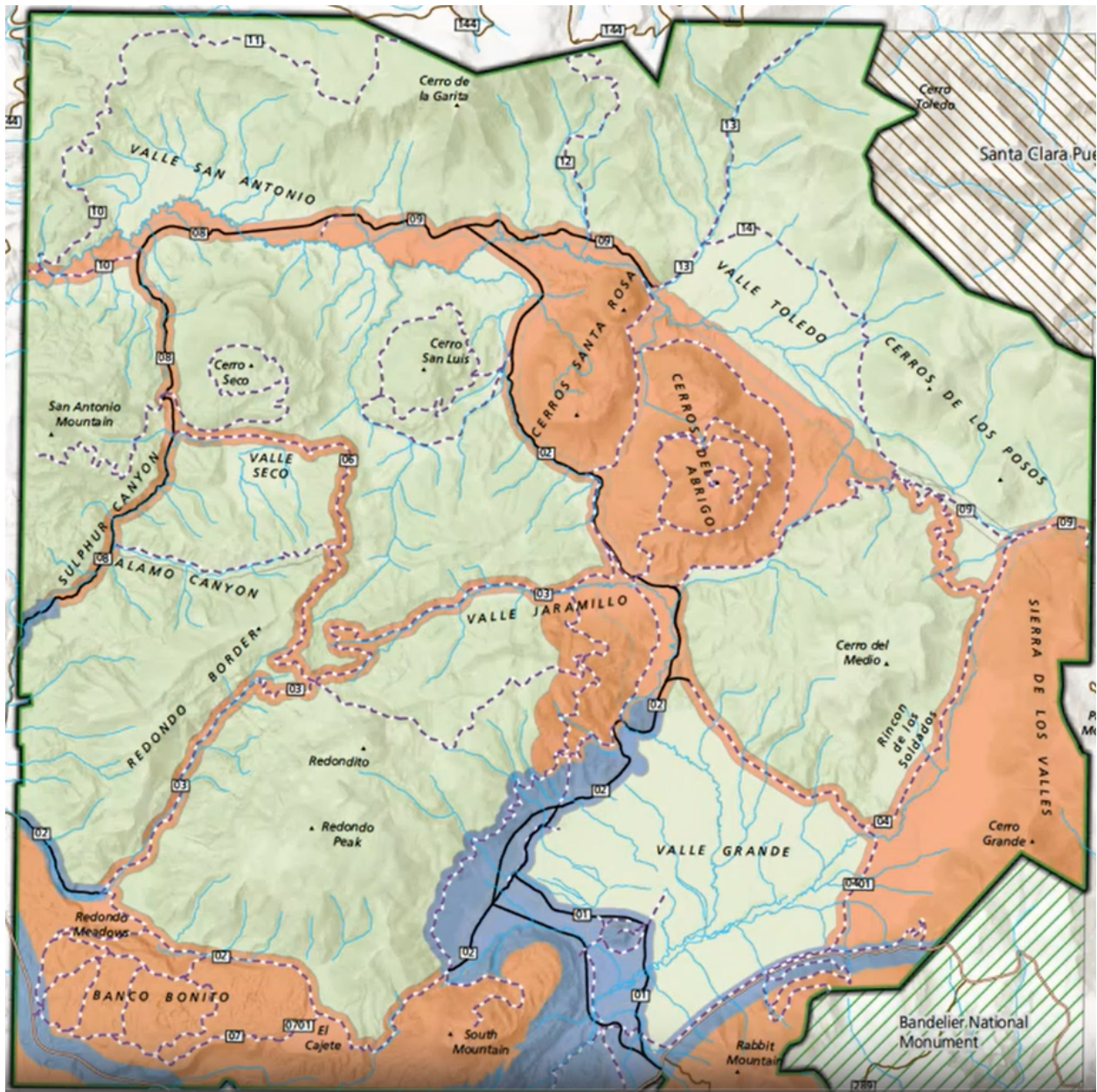
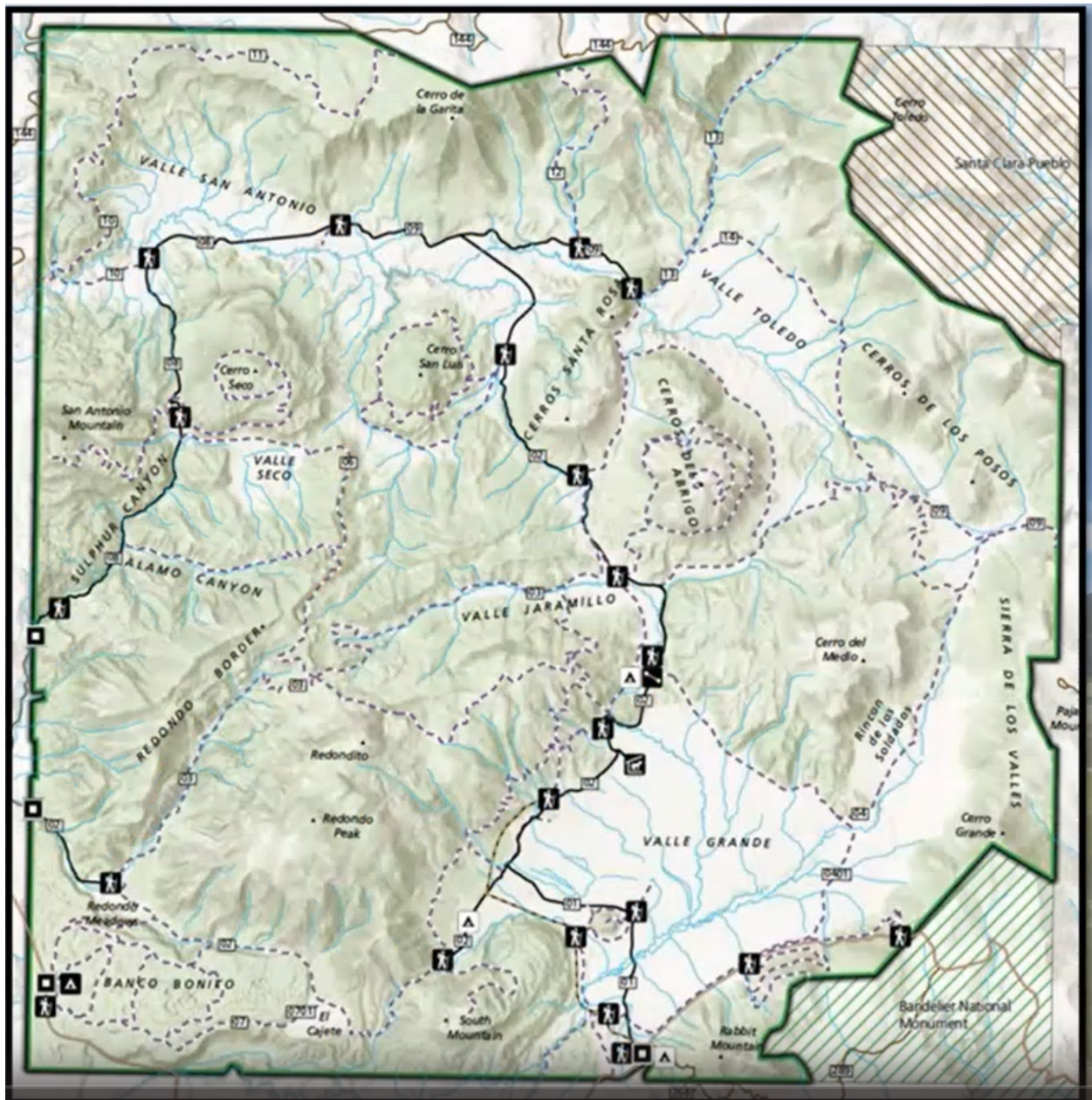


Map 1. Preliminary Zoning Concept: NPS proposes to establish three zones reflecting various levels of infrastructure and usage.



- **Visitor Engagement Zone (blue):** Includes Valle Grande District, along NM-4, and 2 nodes extending into Redondo Meadows and Sulfur Springs. This zone would provide most visitor services. Most of the roads would be open year-round.
- **Self-Guided Zone (orange):** Provides corridors and trails to venture into the natural landscape, but not so remote as to require a high level of skill or preparation.. Development and facilities designed for low to moderate use. Roads open seasonally.
- **Backcountry Reliance Zone (green):** Focuses on natural processes, ecosystem function, and wildlife. Provides solitude and diverse landscapes. Area remote and undeveloped, requires more skill and self-reliance. No facilities except trails.

Map 2. Preliminary Public Road, Trailhead, and Front-country Camping Concepts: NPS proposes to add new vehicle entry points, new roads, new trailheads, and new campgrounds.



Roads:

- Proposal to add 3 new vehicle entry points (in addition to existing southern access at Valle Grande). These points would access the following areas along the west side of the Preserve (described south to north): (1) Banco Bonito road near southwest corner of Preserve to access new trailhead and campground; (2) Redondo Meadows road extending 4.5 miles into the Preserve to access new trailhead; and (3) Sulphur Springs road would go about .5 miles into the park to access new trailhead; additional proposal to extend road north to connect to the existing road network near Valle San Antonio.

- The existing access road at Valle Grande would extend from 2 miles to 9 miles. Proposal to make this portion a paved, two-lane road through the Cabin District. See additional information below about a proposal to realign this frontcountry road further to the west.
- The road past the Cabin District would be retained as gravel. Five new miles of road could be added, bending south from Rio San Antonio and extending down to connect to Sulphur Springs.
- The new road miles would bring the total to about 20 miles.

Park Entrance Station: Proposal to move the Preserve entrance with booth closer to NM-4.

Backcountry Gate:

- Proposal to establish a new gate north of Cerro Piñon (northern tip of Valle Grande).
- New gate would become the new delineation between the frontcountry and backcountry.
- Beyond the vehicle gate, the unpaved gravel road would be retained and extended as described above.

Trailheads: Proposal to establish 21 new or improved trailheads (improved parking, signage, possibly other amenities such as a vault toilet or interpretive panels) at various locations:

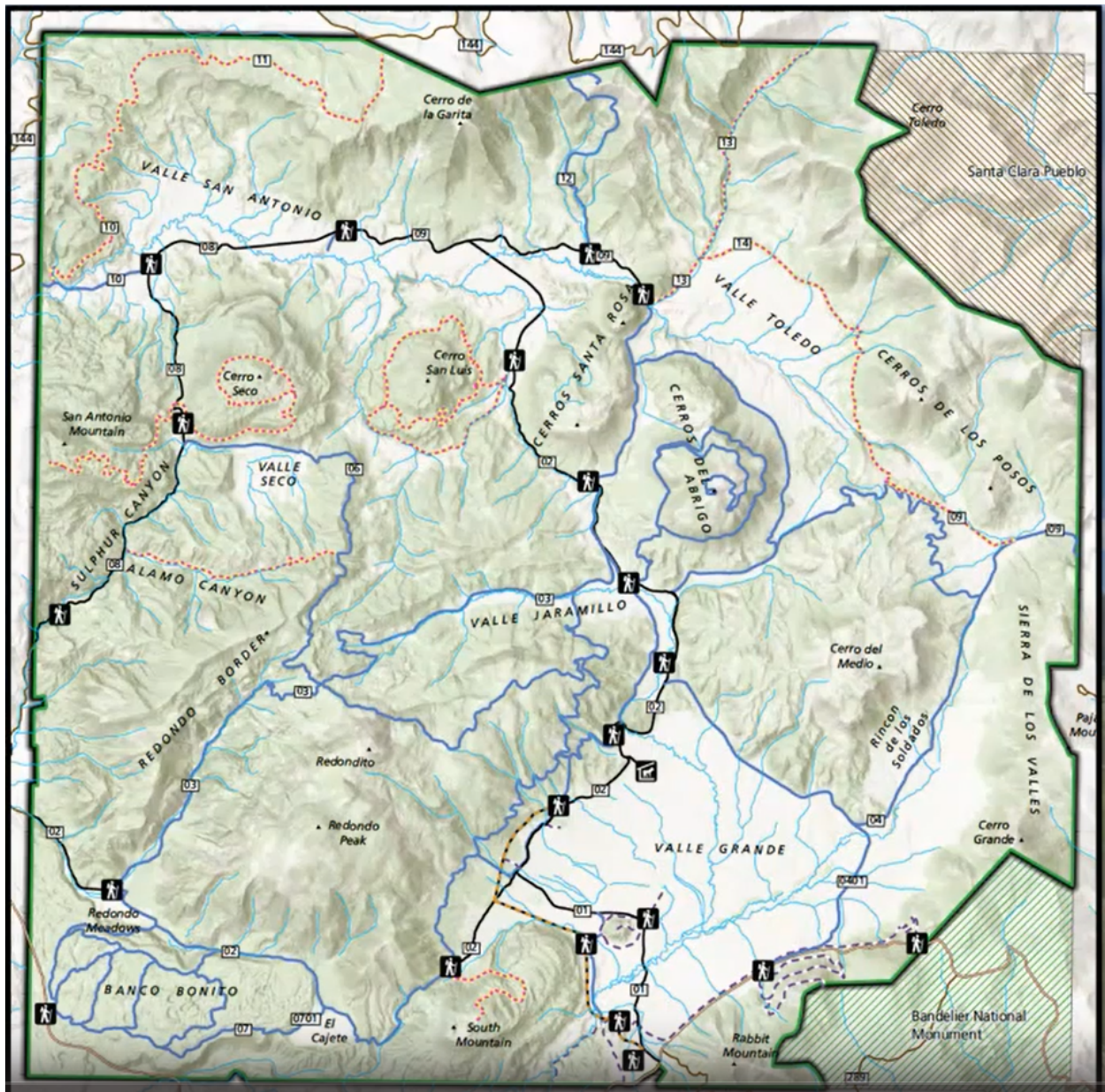
- Coyote Call
- Trail near NM-4 entrance
- South Mountain
- Cerro Piñon
- Cerro la Jara
- Near Valle Jaramillo/Cerro del Abrigo
- At the terminus of the backcountry public access road at Valle Toledo
- At the terminus of the backcountry public access road at Valle San Antonio
- At the entry to Sulphur Canyon
- Valle Seco/Cerro Seco
- Redondo Meadows
- Banco Bonito
- Valle Grande Trail

Camping:

- Proposal for developed campground at Banco Bonito at a previously disturbed site.
- Proposal to establish three primitive campgrounds within Valle Grande district in the following locations:(1) rabbit mountain on FR 289; (2) South Mountain; (3) near Cerro Piñon. Cars would park in parking areas alongside the road, and campers would walk up to tent campsites.
- Backcountry camping and backpacking are not included in this preliminary concept, but NPS hopes to include this in the planning effort after further evaluation.

Lodging: NPS is considering whether to allow visitors to stay at the Baca Lodge, which includes 8 rooms near History Grove. This would require NPS to establish alternative lodging for seasonal park employees who currently use Baca Lodge..

Map 3. Preliminary Trail Use Concepts: NPS proposes three classifications of trail use.



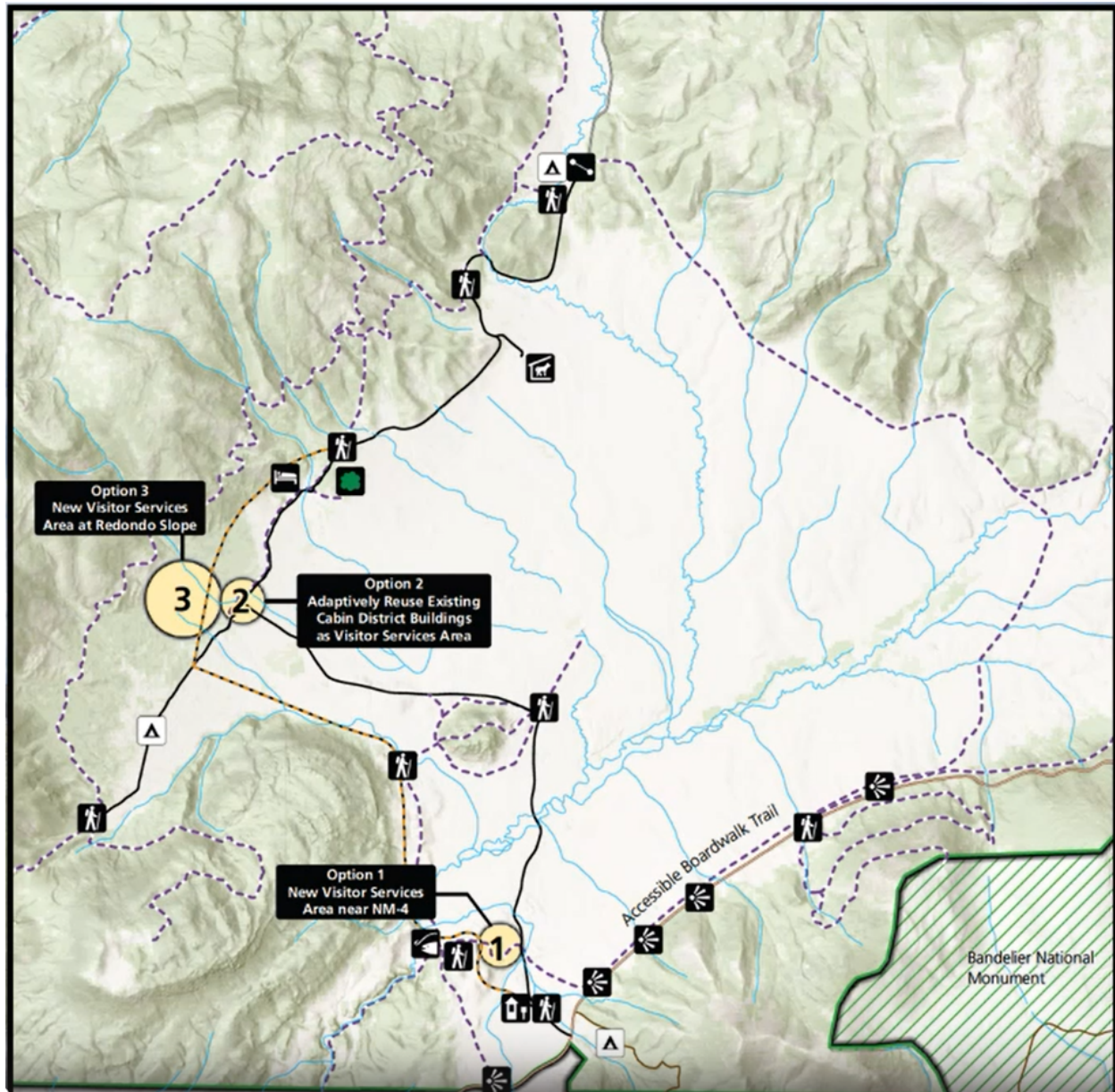
Trail Uses:

- Purple-dashed lines: hiking only; about 13 miles (within Valle Grande district).
- Orange-dotted lines: hiking and horseback riding; about 41 miles.
- Solid blue lines: hiking, horseback riding, and mountain biking; about 76 miles.
- Undetermined whether or where E-bikes would be permitted; NPS believes this topic requires further evaluation and follow-up.

Trail Miles:

- Proposal for about 130 trail miles.
- Mostly existing; would be formalized and maintained.

Map 4. Preliminary Frontcountry Development Concepts:



Boardwalk Trail: Proposal to create an accessible boardwalk along NM 4 with pullouts for viewing wildlife and scenery.

Expanded Driving Access without Backcountry Vehicle Permit:

- Proposed along northside of Valle Grande, south to the Cabin District to a parking area near South Mountain; and north to a parking area near Cerro Piñon.
- Would be paved to improve winter access, ADA accessibility, dust control.

Three New Trails:

(1) New trail near Valle Grande, connecting NM-4 to trail leading down canyon to East Fork Jemez River, continuing to the Cabin District, connecting to Valle Jaramillo along eastern slope of Redondo foothills, and continuing to between Cerro Abrigo and Cerro Santa Rosa. The idea is to have a non-motorized path from southside of Preserve to northside of Preserve.

(2) Short new trail up to summit of Cerro La Jara.

(3) Reroute of trail from Valle de los Posos near east side of Preserve, following edge of Cerro del Medio, into Obsidian Valley, and along the edge of Cerro Abrigo.

Main Entrance Road (2 scenarios): NPS is considering two options for the location of the main entrance road. Both cross wetlands and would need to be engineered to reduce impacts to wetlands.

Option 1: Upgrade existing road to a 2-lane paved road along existing road alignment.

- New paved road on existing disturbance.
- Wetlands and resources are already impacted by the existing road, but there would be new impacts from widening and raising roadbed above the wetland.
- Would need to expand/rebuild the existing bridge across East Fork Jemez River.
- The prairie dog colony would likely need to be removed and relocated.

Option 2: Build a new road in a new location further west, toward South Mountain.

- Would require new disturbances where there is currently no road.
- Would need to build a new bridge across East Fork Jemez River in a new location.
- Would move the main road outside the Valle Grande viewshed and bring traffic into the Cabin District from the west, thereby preserving historical sites.
- Could either remediate existing road or retain existing entrance road as a gravel non-motorized path for year-round recreation.

Road from Cabin District through History Grove (2 scenarios): History Grove is one of the last-remaining old growth forests in the Preserve. NPS is considering two options for the road alignment through this area.

Option 1: Continue using existing road through History Grove as the primary route to Cerro Piñon and to the backcountry.

- Minimize new disturbance by following existing road corridor.
- Increased traffic could create permanent impacts to historic Cabin District.
- It would be difficult to avoid cutting down trees in History Grove to create the 2-lane road needed for safety.
- Would result in permanent sound impacts in both areas.

Option 2: Create a by-pass road behind the Cabin District and History Grove that would reconnect to the existing gravel road somewhere past History Grove.

- Would require new disturbance where a road does not currently exist;
- Would eliminate vehicles from Cabin District and History Grove
- The current road would likely be maintained as a non-motorized trail for year-round recreation.

Permanent Visitor Center (3 scenarios):

Option 1: Build a new visitor center close to NM-4, near the site of an existing movie set cabin.

- Best winter access; visitors Could access Interpretive services at beginning of visit.

Option 2: Adaptively reuse existing Cabin District buildings as visitor services area.

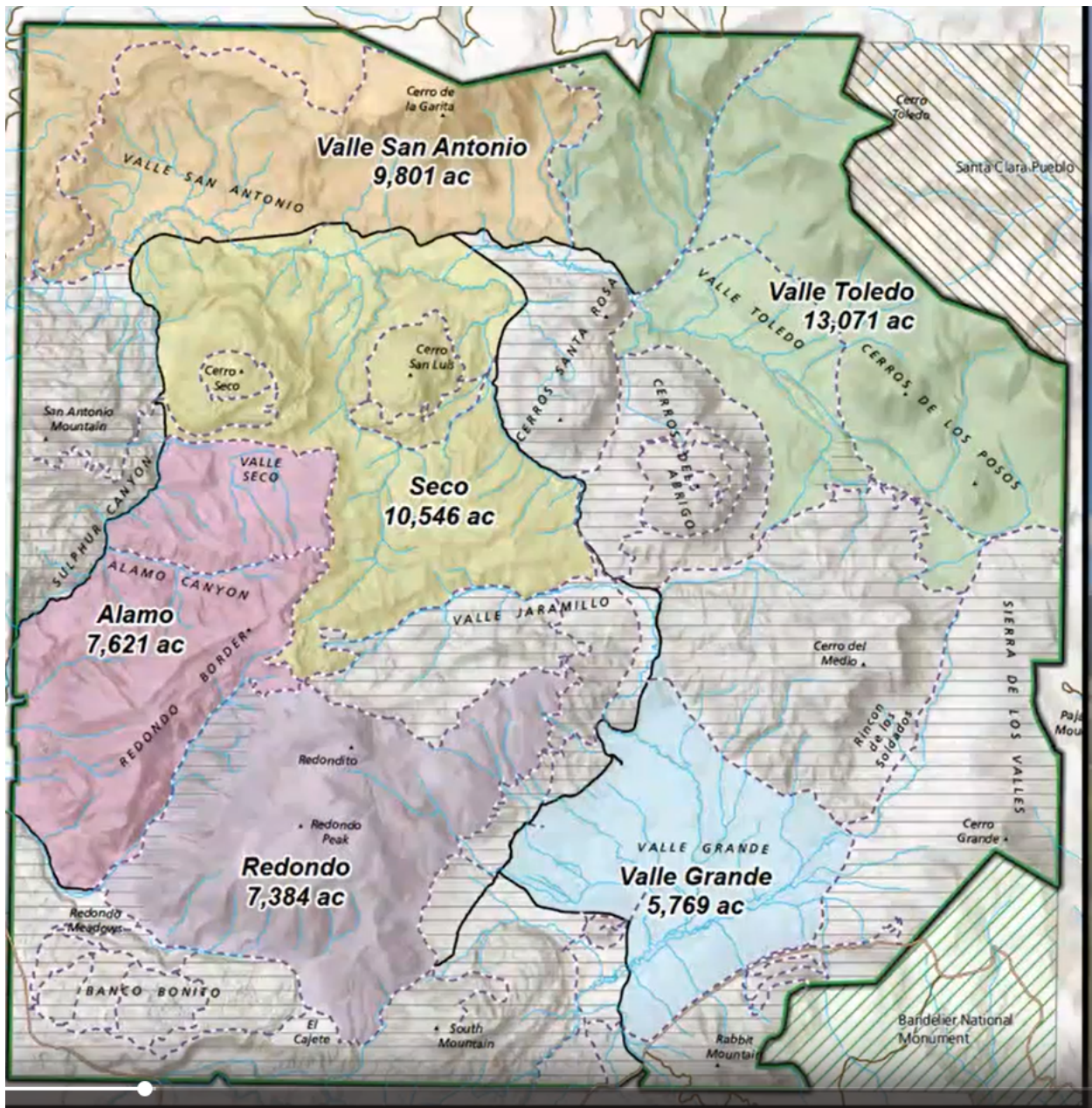
- More difficult winter access, but still manageable. Cabin District would be the hub of visitor services and amenities.

Option 3: Build a new visitor center to the northwest of the Cabin District along the slope of Redondo Peak within the burn scar from the 2013 Thompson Ridge fire.

- More difficult winter access, but still manageable. Would concentrate visitor services apart from but in close proximity to the Cabin District.

Map 5. Wilderness Eligibility Assessment: NPS is evaluating wilderness eligibility on a parallel track to the General Management Plan process.

- Currently, 6 units are being carried forward into the next step of assessment.
- Areas under consideration comprise 54,192 acres, or 62% of the park.
- NPS has determined that the lands with horizontal hatching are not eligible and will not move forward to the next step of the assessment.
- The NPS director makes the final decision on wilderness eligibility. Eligible lands undergo a Wilderness Suitability assessment. Although NPS would manage eligible lands to maintain wilderness character, only Congress can formally designate wilderness.



Map 6. Wild and Scenic River Eligibility Assessment: NPS is evaluating Wild and Scenic River eligibility on a parallel track to the General Management Plan process.

- All rivers and creeks being evaluated.
- Preliminary assessment is still under way.
- The thick blue line at bottom of this map is the portion of the East Fork Jemez River that has already been designated by Congress as a Wild and Scenic River.

