The Valles Caldera is ready for its close-up

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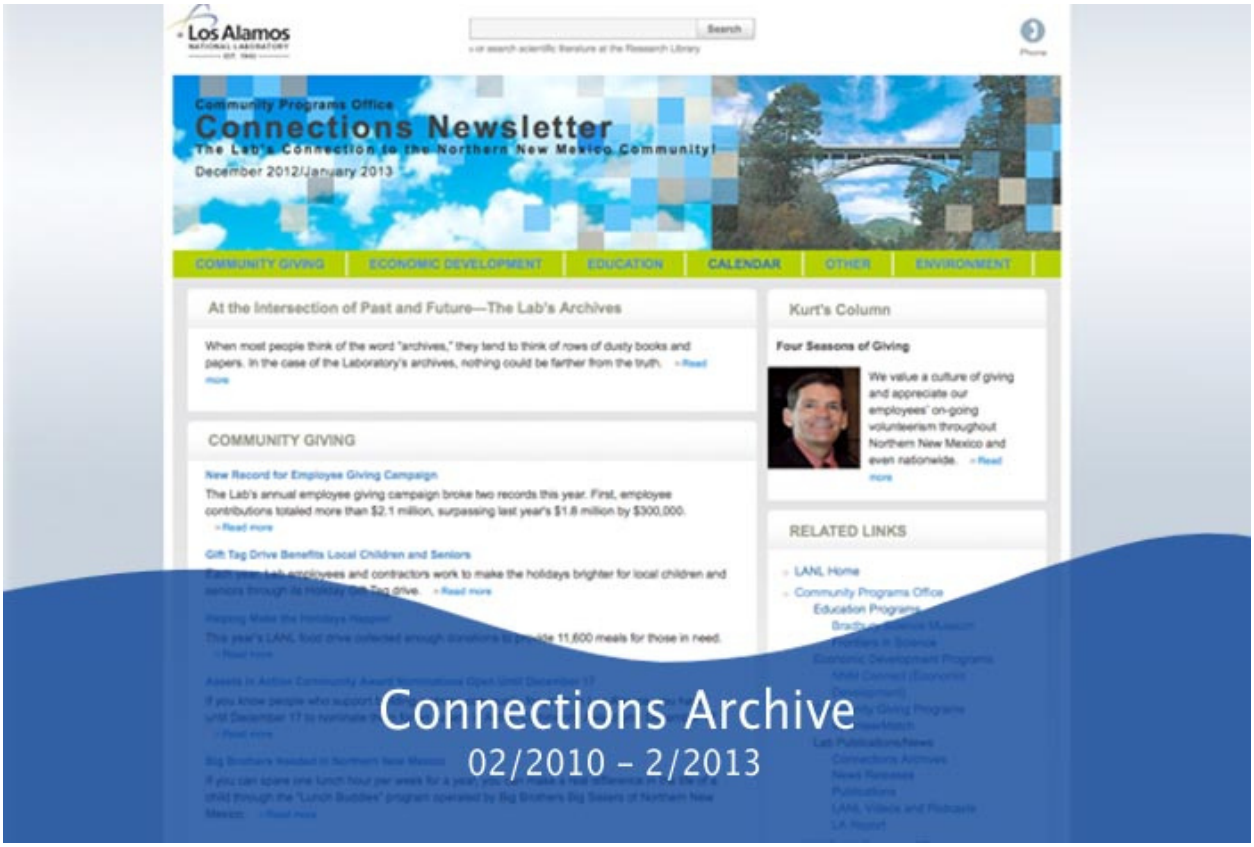

The first of three documentaries on the Valles Caldera could air on the local Public Broadcasting System (KNME) as soon as January. The piece, called Valles Caldera: The Science, explores the potential impact of climate change and the 2011 Los Conchas fire on the sensitive ecosystem in the area.

The documentary relies on interviews with scientists and animation to help make various scientific concepts more understandable to a general audience. Becky Coel-Roback, with the Lab's New Mexico Small Business Assistance Program, helped provide technical assistance for the project. Brent Newman (Earth Systems Observations) served as the Lab principal investigator on the project and consulted on the technical aspects of the documentary's animation. Frasier Goff, a retired Lab scientist, is featured in the film.

To check when the documentary might air, go to http://www.newmexicopbs.org/.

You can view the project on Facebook.