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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter October 2004 Vol. 2 Issue 10

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE



As you know, the Angeles NF closed roughly 80% of the Angeles 680,000 acres on Monday, September 27th. This closure affected the use of most of the Forest's recreational facilities, roads, and hiking trails.

County roads and state highways, such as the Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2), remained open to through traffic. However, drivers are urged to use extreme caution and adhere to posted fire prevention regulations. Violations of the closure are subject to fines of up to \$5,000 and/or imprisonment.

This closure will dramatically affect your plans for conducting additional trail maintenance/reconstruction work, patrolling etc since you're not exempt from this order.

The October monthly volunteer meeting is cancelled, hope to see you at the November meeting should significant moisture occur to reopen the Forest. Have a nice vacation.

If you've contributed 100 hrs of volunteer service from October 1, 2003 to September 30, 2004, please notify Julie Smith at 818-899-1900 ext 237 for your free Adventure Pass.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you're interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229 or e-mail hokamoto@fs.fed.us

Again THANK YOU for your dedication to Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto
Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

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What is of greater value then money in a piggy bank?



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OCTOBER CALENDER

1. Oct 21st 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
CANCELED
2. Oct 21st 5:00 PM
California Trail Users Coalition
(CTUC) meeting
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info

Haramokngna Schedule of events

Saturday, October 2 – Guest Host
Saturday, October 9 – hands-on day
Sunday, October 10 – second Sunday
Workshop + vendors
Saturday, October 16 – Hands-on day
Saturday, October 23 – hands-on day
Saturday, October 30 – Hands-on day

Please send news or corrections to guykuhn@earthlink.net or bring them to the Wildwood Volunteer House on September 15th. Send your E-mail address if you want an E-mail newsletter..

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to
GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

Correction to Four Threats to the Health of the Nation's Forests and Grasslands (Thank you Bruce Morrison!) (c) Loss of Open Space

More than 21.8 million acres of open space were lost to development between 1982 and 1997, about 4,000 acres per day, 3 acres a minute. Of this loss, close to 10.3 million acres are in forestland. It continues today.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepoolspa@cs.com

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations and working to preserve and protect trails. A.M.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Applicants from the community willing to volunteer as a Fire Lookout for the 2004 fire season can apply for training with ANFFLA.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss trail related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and patrolling of trails to enforce rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.

Looking for interested hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to be a part of this Coalition. If interested come to our next meeting or check out www.ctuc.info

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Monrovia Canyon Park

http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

CORBA's 17th Annual celebration
Saturday October 16th
Malibu Creek SP

<http://www.corbantb.com>

Corba is committed to gaining & maintaining mountain bike access to trails in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas through education, information and preservation.

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

<http://www.jplreclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

HATHAWAY SCHOOL

• Hathaway School will sponsor a
"Students Run LA" marathon training
team in preparation for March 2005.

If interested in helping out with any of these events. Contact Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

The mission of PCTA is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail so as to reflect its world-class significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure of hikers and equestrians.

<http://www.pcta.org>

Phone: (916) 349-210

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails
626-256-8282

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>

In the event the forest is still closed the Wednesday Night Hike will be at the Santa Fe Dam in Irwindale. This is on Arrow Highway just east of the 605 freeway. I do hope that many of you will still come out and enjoy an evening walk up on the dam. The round trip walk/hike is about 5.5 miles.

Hike to Henninger Flats or Santa Fe Dam.
Oct 13th & Oct 27nd

Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962

EMAIL: nyerges@spcglobal.net

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

On July 4, 1893 was the opening day of Mt. Lowe Railroad. Los Angeles Times reported the grand opening on page 8 in the July 5, 1893 edition.

To learn what has happened to the railroad go to <http://www.mtlowe.net>

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

John Harrigan

626-968-5092

jnharrigan@earthlink.net

Brian Marcroft

562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

VOLUNTEER EVENT NEWS

Take Pride in America

This program is based on the idea that there are thousands of people who would like to help out and volunteer but need direction, counsel and instruction on how to proceed.

Some of the projects planned include: building trails, cleaning up trash and litter, painting and restoring signs, weed removal, wildlife habitat restoration, safety patrol, erosion control, and shoreline clean up. For more information, the Web address is www.takepride.info – home of volunteers on line.

Angeles National Forest Trivia

Chaparral is the most flammable vegetation in the US. 50% of the Angeles National Forest is soft (coastal sage scrub) and hard chaparral. Southern California is the worst fire area in the US, due to our chaparral vegetation, high population, and Santa Ana winds.

Deborah Kure

The Natural Trails and Waters Coalition works to protect and restore all public lands and waters from the damage caused by dirt bikes, jet skis and all other off-road vehicles. Our website is designed to be a resource for the media, activists, and others wanting to know more about the impacts of off-road vehicles on natural resources, wildlife, and public health and safety. <http://naturaltrails.org/>

Hours donated by volunteers as camp hosts, visitor centers, fire towers, office clerk, and trail maintenance per year.....20,000
Time spent enjoying the Angeles Forest.....priceless

WHEN THE FOREST REOPENS! REMEMBER! FOOD BRINGS PEOPLE AND BEARS TOGETHER; BEARS PAY THE PRICE

Late summer in California means the woods are full of hungry black bears that will eat just about anything, much to the frustration of people living or camping in bear habitat. Conflicts between people and bears have escalated in recent weeks, prompting renewed warnings to people who plan to venture into bear habitat.

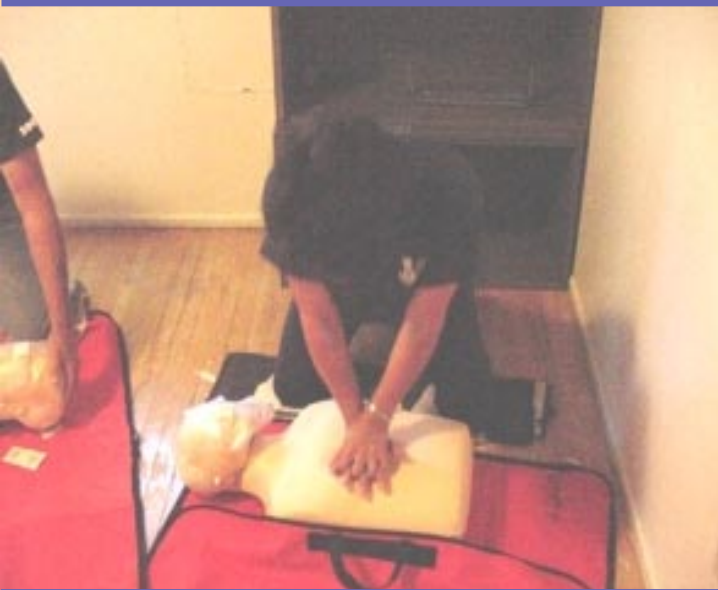
“There has been, and continues to be, a pattern of careless food storage that leads to public safety incidents. There will be more problem bears unless campers and homeowners start taking some responsibility,” said Assistant Chief Mike McBride, California Department of Fish and Game (DFG).

“Bears are irresistibly attracted to human food,” said Angeles National Forest Supervisor Jody Noiron. “It’s simply wrong to tempt them. People coming to the Forest to picnic or camp need to store their food and garbage in sealable, odor-proof containers—for the good of the bears and for their own protection.”

Noiron says bear-proof garbage bins are located in most campgrounds in the Angeles National Forest, and that food storage lockers are provided in some but not all Forest campgrounds. Plans are in place to purchase and install more food lockers in recreation areas with high bear activity.

In the meantime, people can purchase bear-proof food containers at sporting goods stores. If bear-proof containers are not available, food and other scented items should be double-bagged in heavy garbage bags and hidden from view in a vehicle with the windows rolled up. Ice chests should also be hidden from view, since some bears have learned to recognize and associate them with food.

**FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT VOLUNTEERS LEARNING FIRST AID
THANK-YOU INSTRUCTOR TOM DWYER**



**Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**



**Answer:
An Angeles Forest
volunteer!!**

**Volunteer Today
Send this in Right Away to
Howard S. Okamoto—12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342**

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

e-mail _____

Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.

Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Fire Prevention/ Recreation Aid /

Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/ Research-Librarian /

Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/ Conservation Education

Other: _____
