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



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter September 2004 Vol. 2 Issue 9

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Thank you, for your continued support in making our Volunteer Program better each day. The Angeles National Forest in partnership with the Student Conservation Association has established the following goals for this coming year:



- Implement an organized, systematic, and seamless approach to recruiting and working in collaboration with volunteers.
- Influence the development of ongoing programs that are conducive to the needs of the Forest and the interests of volunteer organizations.
- Participate in the development of new projects and ideas to improve the Forest Volunteer Program and assist with development and implementation.

If you have any suggestions or project input regarding this initiative, please contact me.

WE NEED YOUR HELP at the Los Angeles County Fair, September 10 -26. How can you help? You can take part in a variety of activities including: Smokey Bears 60th Birthday Parties, log sawing and branding, tree seedling giveaways, environmental button making, live animal demonstrations, forest information, parades etc. Day and evening work shifts are available. Please contact Barbara Croonquist on the SGRRD at 626-335-1251 ext 224 or bcroonquist@fs.fed.us. Entrance and parking passes provided.

Fire Indices are very high to extreme for Southern California which is abnormally early for this time of year. Therefore it's important for you to keep informed of the current fire hazard rating when planning your outings and keeping us informed of your work location should an emergency situation happen.

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

I look forward to meeting many of you at either our monthly volunteer meeting (3rd Wednesday at 7:00 pm) or at one of your scheduled work projects.

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

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

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NOTICE:
Road to Chantry Flat closed for needed repairs
June 7 - Sept 30

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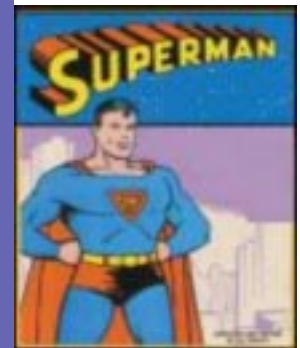
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September CALENDER

1. Sep 11th 8:00 AM
Trail Boss Training (see page4)
2. Sep 15th 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at the
Wildwood Volunteer House.
3. Sep 15th 5:00 PM
California Trail Users Coalition
(CTUC) meeting
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info
4. Sep 18th 5:00 AM
AC100 Begins at Wrightwood
5. Sep 25th
Take a walk and learn more about the
forest. Meet at the San Gabriel
Canyon Environmental Education
Center on Highway 39. Donation
is \$5.00 per person. Adventure Pass
not needed.
You must RSVP with Steve
Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225
or 909-982-2829.
This tour is limited to 35 people.
- 6 Sep 25th
Last Saturday of each month requires
No Adventure Pass.

Haramokngna Schedule of events
Saturday, September 4 – Guest Host
Saturday, September 11 – hands-on day
Sunday, Spetember 12 – second Sunday
Workshop + vendors
Saturday, September 18 – Fall Equinox –
flute circle
Saturday, September 25 – 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

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

mmcguirepools@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.

Next outing will be September 25th
(last Saturday of the month)



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.

9/10 to 9/26 need help at

Lookout exhibit at L.A. County Fair

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 main-
tain 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

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

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamtb.com>

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

SEPTEMBER WORK DAY - NOTE: the date of Trail Crew day is Saturday, September 18th. This was done so we could coincide our La Tuna Singletrack work day with what is called National Public Lands Day (info at <http://www.npld.com>). This popular singletrack in the Verdugos has been in need of brush work for some time now. Hope you'll put us on your schedule, and we'll see you there.

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Next Tentative outing Sept 4th
Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

HATHAWAY SCHOOL

Work will continue on the lower Gold Canyon Trail through the end September. Since we have a long hike to the work site (almost an hour), we're planning on adding a full Saturday work project shortly after Labor Day, and hopefully complete our first full sweep of this trail by mid October.

A special recognition from Trail Crest 5130 to Trail Crest recipients Valerie J. and Blanca D. and to our summer work crew (most of whom have never picked up a tool before!) for sticking in there, and pulling through one of the toughest projects we've done to date. Also, a special thanks to Hathaway's Ernie Moreno and ANF Volunteer Edwin Tucker for your continued hard work and dedication.

- The Vocational Education Program at Hathaway School will again host our "Haunted Highway" in late October. (Tentative October 27th)
- Hathaway School will sponsor a "Students Run LA" marathon training team in preparation for March 2005.
- Gold Canyon October 9th 2004 8am-3pm.

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

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

<http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>

Hike to Henninger Flats.

Sept 8th & Sept 22nd

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

Brian Marcroft
562-868-8919

jnharrigan@earthlink.net

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

The San Gabriel Mtns are some of the fastest rising and fastest eroding mountains on Earth. The faulted, fractured rock is eroding at the astounding rate of 7 tons per acre per year.

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/>

**An Advanced Trail Boss Training (High Country) will be held on September 11, 2004.
call : John Horton
(M-Sat, 8am – 4pm) (818) 899-1900
e-mail: jbhorton@gte.com.**

FIRE NOTICE

July 28, 2004 - 6:49:05 PM PST

Officials announce new forest restrictions

After the three recent wildfires in northern Los Angeles County - which together charred more than 30,000 acres - forest officials Wednesday announced new restrictions aimed at reducing the fire risk.

Angeles National Forest supervisor Jody Noiron said the fires had cost taxpayers nearly \$25 million.

Noiron warned that closing the forest was an option “we may need to consider” if conditions worsen.

Most of the restrictions are on outdoor use of the forest. They include:

- No smoking, except in an enclosed vehicle or building;
- No wood or charcoal fire of any kind in the forest;
- No open flames of any kind;
- No fireworks;
- No camp stoves fueled by compressed gas or jellied petroleum or lanterns outdoors are permitted except in designated areas of the San Gabriel River Ranger District with a permit.

Among the areas where camp stoves can be used with a permit are Manker Campground; Coldbrook Campground; Oaks Picnic Area; West Fork Day Use Area; Glenn Campground; and portions of San Gabriel Canyon and San Antonio Canyon.

Spark arresters are required all year on off-road motorcycles or vehicles and on chain saws and other equipment with internal combustion engines.

Source: <http://www.fs.fed.us/projects/four-threats/>

Four Threats to the Nation's Forests and Grasslands

In the 21st century, the nation's forests and grasslands face four threats. Forest Service Chief Dale Bosworth names them as: (a) fire and fuels, (b) invasive species, (c) loss of open space, and (d) unmanaged recreation.



(a) Fire and Fuels

Rehabilitation and restoration treatment priorities are highest where risks are greatest. Estimates are that high priority treatment areas cover 397 million acres across all ownerships, public and private, an area three times the size of France.



(b) Invasive Species

Of 2,000 nonnative plants found in the United States, 400 are invasive species. The U.S. spends \$13 billion per year to prevent and contain the spread of invasives. For all invasives combined, the price tag is \$138 billion per year in total economic damages and associated control costs. In addition to nonnative plants, 70 million acres of forest in all ownerships (public and private landholdings) are at serious risk of being wiped out by 26 different insects and diseases (e.g., gypsy moth, hemlock woolly adelgid, dogwood anthracnose – the list goes on).



(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 minute or 15,000 acres per day. Of this loss, close to 10.3 million acres are in forestland. It continues today.

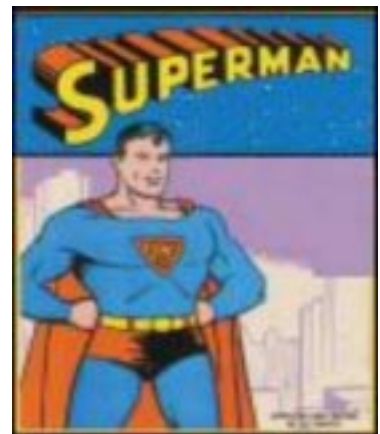


(d) Unmanaged Recreation

Increasing use of the national forests for outdoor activities prompts the need to manage these forms of recreation, including the use of off-highway vehicles (OHVs). OHV ownership has grown from 5 million in 1972 to 36 million in 2002. Depending on the site, unmanaged OHV use in the national forest can have serious impact on the land, among them: (1) damage to wetlands and wetland species, (2) severe soil erosion, and (3) spread of invasive species.

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

**You do not
need to be a
Superman to
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: _____
