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



Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter FEB 2005 Vol. 3 Issue 2

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

WOW!!!!!!!!!! Didn't 2005 come in with a BANG.

Preliminary trail condition surveys/reports indicate that a number of our trails have been sustained damage, which will require either routine maintenance or reconstruction by either Force Account crews or contractors. Linda Winkler is compiling a trail assessment report therefore if you have any information or photos on trail damage, please contact Linda Winkler, 818-899-1900, ext. 237 or email her at lkwinkler@fs.fed.us. After we've evaluated the trail damage workload, Linda Winkler will schedule workdays, so if you're interested in assisting us in conducting routine or minor reconstruction of our trail system, please contact Linda.



Julie Smith, Trails Program Manager is currently on a detail to the Coronado National Forest – Sierra Vista Ranger District until the end of April. Until she returns, Linda Winkler and Kevin Hunt are working together on Julie's Program of Work.

I'm starting to get inquiries from Eagle Scout and Gold Award (Girl Scout) candidates, so if you have a project that they might be interested in, please develop a Project Work Plan and submit it to me. This past year, they worked on Mill Creek Picnic Area, Monte Cristo Campground, Chilao – Little Pines Campground, Redbox Trailhead and conducted routine maintenance and reconstruction on some of our trails.

If you need any assistance in accomplishing your Program of Work, please let me know and I'll work with the Student Conservation Association (SCA) in recruiting additional volunteers for your project. They're working on recruiting volunteers for specific projects ie Adopt-a-Trail Camp and Fire Prevention School Programs. If interested in learning more about these programs, contact Ryan Reynolds, sca_fs_ryan@yahoo.com or Elizabeth Ellison, sca_fs_elizabeth@yahoo.com.

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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If you would like to help the volunteer shown on page 6 Please fill out volunteer form and send to Howard!

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

1. FEB 16th 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
2. FEB 16th 5:00 PM
California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) meeting www.ctuc.info
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
3. FEB 26th
Take a walk and learn more about the Angeles Forest. Meet at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center on Highway 39. Donation is \$5.00 per person. No Adventure Pass needed. You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829. This tour is limited to 35 people.
4. FEB 26th
No Adventure pass needed in Angeles Forest.

Upcoming events:

CA Trails Day, April 16,
National Trails Day, June 4

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: trail maintenance, 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.

Please send news or corrections to guykuhn@earthlink.net or bring them to the Wildwood Volunteer House meeting. 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

mmcguirepoolspace@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 February 26th
(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 2005 fire season can apply for training with ANFFLA.

Need assistance on the Slide Mountain Lookout fuel hazard reduction and trail maintenance project. If interested, please contact Robert Moore, 760-249-192

SUPERSESSIONS

6/21. SILENT AUCTION & official start of summer.

7/19. JOHN ROBINSON. Trails of the Angeles.

8/16. DEB KURE. Birth of the Mountains.

9/20. TALENT SHOW.

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

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) <http://www.corbamtb.com>

February 5

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Monrovia Canyon Park

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association

(PCTA) <http://www.pcta.org>

Need volunteer individuals or groups to work on PCT segment, Upper Shake Campground to Atmore Meadow. Contact Howard Okamoto if interested.

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

**Next outing:
February 5 and February 19**

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack equipment, supplies etc to your worksite.

Jonathan Schultz

951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net



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

HATHAWAY SCHOOL

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

Since October, HCFS Trails has been busy designing and constructing a 45 ft retaining wall as a community service project for our Highland Park location. Work will continue on the lower Gold Canyon Trail on Wednesdays and Thursdays in early spring. Since we have long hike to the work site (almost an hour), we're planning on adding full Saturday work projects shortly after spring break March 21st – 25th.

- Hathaway School's "Students Run LA" marathon training team will participate in the Hansen Dam 30k, Sunday February 6th in preparation for the Los Angeles Marathon in March 2005.

Full Saturday work projects scheduled for the following dates:

- Bear Canyon with SMAS, Saturday February 12th 8am-3pm
- Bear Canyon with SMAS, Saturday March 19th 8am – 3pm (possible over night at Bear Canyon Trail Camp)
- Lower or Upper Gold Canyon, March 21st -25th 8am – 3pm.

If interested in helping out with these events. Contact Kevin Sarkissian at

ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

VOLUNTEER GROUP/EVENT NEWS

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

Conserving and maintaining remnants of Mt Lowe Railway, Echo Mountain Resort, Mt Lowe/Alpine Tavern Campground and Inspiration Point.”

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

Brian Marcroft
562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

John Harrigan
626-968-5092

jnharrigan@earthlink.net

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

Next outing: February 12

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/>

Sylmar Hang Gliding Association

On January 15, 2005, this group conducted a trash cleanup of Forest Road 3N32, Kagel Canyon Road.

They gathered approx. 20 C. Yds of trash.



Angeles National Forest Trivia

For most of the San Andreas Fault's 800 mile path from the Salton Sea to San Francisco, the two plates on either side slide past each other. But from the San Bernardino Mtns to the southern San Joaquin Valley, the fault runs in a more east-west direction. This Big Bend causes the North American Plate and the Pacific Plate to push directly into each other.

This major compression of the Earth's crust has caused the uplift of the entire Transverse Mtns Range: the Channel Isl, Santa Ynez, San Rafael, Santa Susana, Santa Monica, San Gabriel, San Bernardino, Little San Bernardino and Orocochia Mtns.

Deborah Kure

**AVALANCHE AWARENESS TRAINING
OPEN TO ALL VOLUNTEERS
FEBRUARY 19, 2005
WRIGHTWOOD FIRE STATION
(county fire station off hwy 2)**

8 am to 5 pm
4 hours class room & 4 hours on the hill

Hotdog & hamburger BBQ lunch will
all the fixing will be provided
(weather conditions pending)

A National Ski Patrol Avalanche Awareness
Certificate will be issued to all participants
upon completion.

Tom Dwyer
Work 626-573-6404
cell 626-221-1222
cell 818-568-6712

Habitat Works of Southern California

Habitat Works of Southern California
3436 Foothill Blvd. #130
La Crescenta, CA 91214

Habitat Works is to foster stewardship of our precious natural areas by providing people with opportunities to learn about Southern California's threatened and endangered species and to be directly involved in enhancing the habitats where they live.

Kim Clark 818-353-4653 or 818-395-9114 Tom Persons 310-402-6700 or 310-412-4986

While winter reigns in the higher elevations, and naked saltcedar stands almost undetectable, Habitat Works is laying its plans for Spring, Summer and Fall. Saltcedar will sprout new leaves in late February, and the higher elevations will begin to receive our shovels and planting bars for restoring native plants and trees. March, April, May and June will be very busy months with many opportunities for habitat restoration including tree and native species plantings, invasive species removal, condor micro-trash cleanup, and habitat enhancements for the red-legged frog, arroyo toad, willow flycatcher, coast horned lizard etc.

We will be hosting backpacking trips, weekend campouts, as well as single day or evening events. Since many of our activities are planned according to biological factors of which we are not in control, please check our website (www.habitatwork.org) for up to date schedules as they become available.

We look forward to seeing you all soon!

General Guidelines & Etiquette Tips

Equestrian Trails, January 2005, Volume 5 Issue 1

- = **Respect the trails – clean up your litter (pack out what is packed in); protect the trail environment, e.g. do not remove things that belong on trails or blaze new trails.**
- = **Become the eyes and ears of the trail system. Report problems, e.g. washed out bridges or downed trees and debris to the us.**
- = **Give back to the trails you use – get involved with the trail maintenance program.**
- = **Share the trails – cyclists yield to all other trail users and hikers yield to equestrians.**
- = **On crowded trails, proceed single file.**
- = **Slower traffic should keep to the right of the trail; faster users pass on the left.**
- = **Do not pass on narrow bends – pass only when you can clearly see the trail and traffic approaching from the opposite direction.**
- = **When passing other trail users, provide adequate warning and reduce speed.**
- = **Animals on the trail may act unexpectedly. If you are unsure about approaching someone with a horse or dog, ask the handler for guidance.**
- = **Tread gently when the trails are muddy; footprints, bicycle ruts, and hoofprints can damage the trails.**
- = **If you choose to wear a stereo/headphone set, make sure that the volume neither prevents you from hearing what is happening around you nor disturbs the other trail users.**
- = **If you come upon an injured rider (horse or bicycle), get help immediately.**
- = **If you come upon a riderless horse, do not approach the horse if you are uncomfortable with horses – seek professional help. If you choose to approach the horse, speak softly to let it know you are there – do not chase it. Approach it from the side.**

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

**Designing and constructing
a 45 ft retaining wall**



**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/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/

Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/

Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/

Conservation Education

Other: _____
