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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter MAY 2005 Vol. 3 Issue 5

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

It seems we've jumped from winter into summer weather and based upon last night's Volunteer Meeting it sounds like you folks have put the metal to the floor regarding the amount of project work accomplished in May.



The Forest has been allocated \$200,000 additional funds to repair storm damaged trails. Our plans are to fund a Contractor to repair approximately 10 miles of trail.

Dana Higgins, Monte Cristo Engine Captain on the Los Angeles River Ranger District will be detailed to the Non-motorized Trail Program Manager position for 89 days, effective June 12th. Dana's primary emphasis is to revitalize the volunteer training program, insure repair of storm damage trails and to update our Trail inventory. Dana is planning on being present at our National Trail Day event, so strike up a conversation with him.

Thomas Chacon, Recreation Technician on the Santa Clarita Mojave River Ranger District (SCMRRD) is being assigned collateral trail duties. Thomas will be working with Dana in inventorying the SCMRRD trail system and in coordinating the District trail volunteer program.

Our new Trail Patrol program kicked off on May 14 with a patrol hike from Red Box to Mt. Lawlor Saddle to Strawberry Peak Junction to Strawberry Peak and back to Red Box. Their next hike is June 11th so if you're interested in seeing some new country (Pacific Crest Trail at Islip Saddle), please let me know and I'll put you in contact with the Program leader.

CORBA/REI annual trail maintenance event happened at Sunset Ridge trail on May 21 with approximately 65 individuals in attendance. I understand that the trail looks great.

If you have a need for volunteers, please contact me since I'm starting to get inquiries regarding Community Service and Eagle Scout Projects. 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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Want to help keeping roads to your favorite trails open as shown on page 8? Then fill out volunteer form and send to Howard.

JUNE CALENDAR

- 1. June 4th 8:00 AM
National Trails Day
- 2. June 11th 8:00 AM
VOLUNTEER PATROL
- 3 June 11th
Operation Super Canyon Sweep,
- 4. June 15th 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at
the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- 4. June 25th
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.
- 5. June 25th
No Adventure pass needed in
Angeles Forest.

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..

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.

• June 25th TBA

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to

GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

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, 760-249-1925

6/21. SILENT AUCTION & official start of summer

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>

Next Saturday - June 4th - you have THREE choices to come out and help with Trail work !!

Mark your calendar - Make a commitment to one - and CONTACT US to let us know you're comin !

1. Santa Monicas - contact Rich: rpinder@usc.edu
2. Palos Verdes - contact Troy: troy@eworld-media.com - or check out <http://mtbpv.org/3>.
3. Angeles Forest - contact Hans: hans@otbmbc.com

Habitat Works of Southern California

3436 Foothill Blvd. #130 La Crescenta, CA 91214

Tom Persons 310-402-6700 or 310-412-4986

Kim Clark 818-353-4653 or 818-395-9114

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.

Join One Today VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at Hathaway School

ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org

Work will be suspended on the Gold Canyon Trail until conditions improve. Access to the upper trailhead via Gold Canyon saddle is currently washed out, and steam conditions via the lower trailhead are still too dangerous.

Work will continue on Wednesdays and Thursdays for the duration of spring on Oak Springs with the addition to full Saturdays as needed.

Hathaway's summer work program will kick into high gear the week of July 11th, Monday through Thursday 3-7pm, with a crew of 21 students. We plan to turn our attention to completely brushing Oak Springs between Gold Creek and Yerba Buena Roads. Upon completion, work will begin on the Trail Canyon from the trailhead at Gold Creek RD to Trail Canyon Falls.

Other news:

- Congrats to 5130's finest Cody R., Chris G., Valerie J, and Rebecca H. for Outstanding Community Service with over 200 service hours completed. Each received a "Smokey the Bear" watch in recognition.
- Crew 5130 will be participating June 4th for National Trails Day at Chilao Visitor's Center.
- Hathaway School Graduation is Tuesday, June 28th 9-1pm

Installing mesh wall back platting



Placing the mesh wall posts in



Installing mesh wall screen along blown out sections of Oak Springs



**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**
**We Can't Do
It Without You!**

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

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- June 4th National Trails Day
- June 25th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe East

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES

(SMAS) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>
Richard 626-285-0962

- June 4th National Trails Day

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

John Harrigan
626-968-5092

emworks@pacbell.net

jnharrigan@earthlink.net

Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

Need volunteer individuals or groups to work on PCT Contact Howard Okamoto if interested.

- June 10th to June 19th Fuller Ridge
Pete Fish 805-658-6540
- June 27th to June 30th Liebre Mtn
Kevin Corcoran 661-723-1724 .

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

located at the former Red Box fire station, in the Angeles National Forest on the Angeles Crest Highway at Mt. Wilson Rd, 4 mi. N of the 210 Freeway,

Call 626-449-8975 or 310-455-1588 to register, or email at katcalls@aol.com

Toypurina Gallery of Native American Art EVERY SATURDAY 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

Saturday, June 4- Guest Host -National Trails Day

Saturday - June 11 - Hands-on day

Saturday, June 18- Summer solstice - storytellers, art exhibit

Saturday, June 25 - Hands-on day

Saturday or Sunday - workshop

Wednesday Evenings with the Condors

Even Wednesdays in May and June, 4:30 – 7:30 pm

Micro-Trash Clean Up, Angeles National Forest

We will be working again this year in the known play areas of the endangered California Condor, collecting microtrash before adult condors get to it. We hope there will be many wild nestlings this year growing up on the Sespe Wilderness without the threat of ingesting microtrash, which is inadvertently regurgitated by their parents. We meet at 4:30 pm for some condor talk, updates and nestling gossip, and then collect micro-trash until around 7:30 pm. There have been some significant condor sightings at These clean ups, so bring your binoculars and camera!

Patrol Report By George Aumann



Howard:

Guy Kuhn and I went on a patrol hike on 14 May 2005 from Red Box to Mt. Lawlor Saddle to Strawberry Peak Junction to Strawberry Peak and return. The trail to Strawberry Peak junction was in very good shape.

There is a sign missing where the trail leaves the old Barry Flats fire road, the sign at Lawlor saddle says "Trail —>" pointing up Mt. Lawlor, but it will mislead few. The trail sign at the Strawberry Peak Junction is new and excellent. The sign claims that it is only 1.2 miles from there to the top of Strawberry peak, but it took us 1.5 hours. The trail is s very passable, but only one foot wide in places where brush and spanish dagger plants are starting to intrude.

We ran into 17 bikers and 11 hikers on the trail. The hikers quizzed us about birds and snakes. We saw lots of Lupines and other flowers, lots of lizzards and a few crows. One guy was coming down the trail with two big dogs, which he quickly put on a chain when he saw us from the distance.

Our next hike will be the second Saturday in June. I hope more in our group will be able to join. If you have any trails in the high country which are on your list of interest, let me know.

George Aumann

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure

Horned Lizards eat 150 – 200 ants each day. That high sodium content is relieved through nasal salt gland excretions. They have multiple defense responses – camouflage, a reduced shadow because of flattened body shape, body inflation to appear large and hard to swallow, spikes all over their body, and it's true, some horned lizards can squirt blood out of their eyes! By increasing the blood pressure in their head, they rupture tiny blood vessels, causing blood to shoot out of their tear ducts, scaring away predators.

Shoemaker Canyon Road, "The Road to Nowhere"

One of the most popular and well-known destination landmarks in the San Gabriels is the Bridge to Nowhere, deep in the east fork of the San Gabriel River. Scores of hikers visit it each weekend. However, a landmark that is seldom talked about is Shoemaker Canyon Road, which can be called, "The "Road to Nowhere" along with its "Tunnels to Nowhere."

The Angeles Chapter of the Sierra Club Hundred Peaks Section reports: "Shoemaker Road was originally intended to be an escape route from the Los Angeles area in case of a nuclear attack. It was begun in the early days of the Cold War. It was soon abandoned as it was too expensive and a poor idea."

USDA Forest Service Los Angeles River Ranger District

National Trails Day 2005

DATE: June 4, 2005
TIME: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Registration 8:00 – 8:30
LOCATION: Meet at Chilao Visitor Center parking lot

Directions: From 210 Fwy in La Canada, go north on Angeles Crest Hwy (2) past Clear Creek Junction (9 miles). Continue on Angeles Crest Hwy past Red Box Station (4 miles), past Charlton Flat and proceed to Chilao Visitor Center. Turn left and proceed through the gate to the Visitor Center parking lot (on the right). Allow 1.0 Hours Driving Time from the 210 Fwy. Carpool if possible.

The USDA Forest Service and associated LARRD volunteer organizations will celebrate National Trails Day on June 4, 2005. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Chilao Area trails system, and a barbecue lunch at the Visitor Center. This event is sponsored by the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Lunch will be served at the Visitor Center and will include a short Volunteer Recognition ceremony. Lunch will be served at 1:00 P.M.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. Please let John Horton know if you will bring your group and how many will be in your group. Those individuals who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar, so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools. Please bring personal equipment listed below.

Personal Equipment to Wear while working:

Work gloves, work shoes, work clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), sun protection hat, Hard-hat (if available), personal first-aid kit including sun screen, water (2 Qt's.), and snacks.

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District, Little Tujunga Ranger Station

(M-F, 8am – 4pm): Howard Okamoto

Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229

(M-F, 9am-6pm): Kathie Reilly

JPL Trail Builders

(818) 354-8321

Bob Shockley

BSA Trail Activities

(310) 417-3186

(Evenings):

John Horton

Trail Boss Training

(310) 375-5032

jbhorton@verizon.net

Additional training opportunities are scheduled for:

September 10, 2005, Advanced Trail Boss Training (High Country)

National Trails Day training activities are open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups.

**Howdy folks, here ya go...
volunteer opp for Special Olympics...thanks!
Chris Fabbro**

Photos by volunteer George Aumann

Smokey Bear Booth @ Special Olympics June 11-12

For the past 25 years, the Forest Service has brought Smokey Bear to a few thousand of his friends at the Southern California Special Olympics. This year's Games will be at Cal State Long Beach June 11 and 12, and we'd very much like your help at this nothing-less-than-inspiring event. Volunteer a few hours or even a day...you will be charmed. Lunch and refreshments are provided. To find out more, contact Chris Fabbro, Patrol 16, at 626-796-8878 or cfabbro@fs.fed.us.

Thanks and we'll see you there.



What are you waiting for? call them and help them!

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

Removing/moving rocks as needed to keep a road open for high clearance vehicles until the bulldozer arrives.



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: _____
