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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Nov/Dec 2005 Vol. 3 Issue 11

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

A glimpse of this past year indicates that many influential events occurred that impacted our current and future program of work.

Mother Nature has exhibited her control over mankind with her record rainfall that brought an end to our drought cycle and dramatically impacted our program of work. This rainfall also produced some interesting side effects which brought visitors both delight and anguish, such as year round running water in Mill Creek at Monte Cristo Campground, an abundance of waterfalls and dramatic landslides that impacted popular travel routes (Angeles Crest Highway, Chantry Flat, Mt Wilson Toll Road etc).

Man's influence has been exhibited through various management directions. The Federal Lands Recreation Enhancement Act reduced the area on the Angeles National Forest where fees are required (recreationists will be able use approximately 75% of the Forest without paying a fee) and the Southern California Forest Plan is step closer in providing direction in protecting the natural character of the Angeles National Forest and providing a wide range of recreation opportunities over the next 10-15 years (supply a balanced range of environmentally sustainable recreation opportunities for culturally diverse visitors of all ages and abilities).

Without your contribution of approximately 13 person years of volunteer service for this past Fiscal Year, October 1, 2004 – September 30, 2005 we couldn't have provided the quality recreational experience that is greatly appreciated by both the Forest Visitor and Forest Service personnel.

The Forest Service has adopted the Angeles Crest Highway from Forest Boundary to Islip Saddle. If you're interested in conducting a clean up along this highway segment, please contact Howard Okamoto for supplies and assistance.

50 individuals have contributed 100 hrs of volunteer service this past year and have received their Administrative Pass.

I hope you have a safe and enjoyable Holiday Season and I hope to see you in 2006 as we continue to work on Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

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

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

Angeles National Forest

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Recreation Officer

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Want to learn how to teach about the wonders of the Angeles forest as shown on page 6? Then fill out the volunteer form.

November CALENDAR

- Nov 3rd Haramokngna for a night of Stargazing, Stories and a Spaghetti dinner
- Nov 12th CORBA Outing
- Nov 12th Trail Patrol hike
- Nov 12th JPL Outing - 8:15 Mt Lowe
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- Nov 12th & Nov 13th HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Los Padres NF Campout and Tamarisk Hunt
- Nov 16th 4:30-7:00 pm HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Wednesday Evenings with the Condors
- Nov 19th ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL Outing
- Nov 19th 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.
- Nov 26th JPL Outing- 8:15 Mt Lowe
- Nov 26th Save the Condor
- Nov 26th No Adventure pass needed in Angeles Forest.
- Nov 30th Indian Canyon Trailhead Dedication

December CALENDAR

- Dec 3rd – Scenic Mt Lowe Railway – Public Excursions to Mt Lowe
- Dec 3rd SMAS Bear Canyon Survey
- Dec 3rd Dec 4th HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Cienega Camp ground Angeles NF Campout and Tamarisk Hunt
- Dec 10th Trail Patrol hike
- Dec 10th HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Wildlife Survey, Madrona Marsh, Torrance
- Dec 12th CORBA Outing
- Dec 14th 4:30-7:00 pm HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Wednesday Evenings with the Condors
- Dec 17th JPL Outing - 8:15 Mt Lowe
- Dec 17th SMAS Bear Canyon Outing
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Passport in Time

PIT volunteers work with professional FS archaeologists and historians on National Forests throughout the country on such diverse activities as archaeological excavation and survey, historic structure restoration, and analysis and curation of artifacts. You may view the projects and apply online at WWW.PASSPORTINTIME.COM or 520-722-2716.

Archaeological Site Relocation and Recordation

April 24-28, May 1-5

Application due: February 15

SAVE THE CONDOR

TRASH & MICRO-TRASH MANAGEMENT



For more information
Call Mike Havstad
805-520-0534 from 7-9 PM

• Nov 26th,
Micro trash consists of small trash items that condors take back to the nest. Unfortunately the sharp trash is eaten by the chick, and shows up in the necropsies (animal autopsy).

Typical micro-trash items may include: glass fragments, soda can pop tops, water bottle caps, plastic trash, paper clips, metal fragments, staples, nails, springs and small pieces of wire.

Spend several hours or spend the day cleaning up trash and micro-trash at turnouts on a paved road in the Angeles Forest located above the Santa Clarita and San Fernando Valley.

If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

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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

• Nov 19th Outing • Dec 24th Outing

A big THANKYOU to CTUC for funding the purchase of tool cart as pictured below.



ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Altadena Trails www.altadenatrails.org

Information about Hiking, Mountain Bike and Equestrian Trails in the Altadena Foothills.

Altadena, CA is at the foot of the San Gabriel range, 15 miles north of Los Angeles.

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

California Trail Users Coalition, U.S. Forest Service, & County of Los Angeles invites you and your guests to our formal Opening & Dedication Ceremonies, which is to be held on Wednesday, November 30th. 11:30 AM!

The ceremony is for the Indian Canyon Trailhead facility. Located just off the 14 Freeway on Soledad Canyon Road and the Indian Canyon turnoff.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamt.com>

CORBA is committed to:

1. Maintaining access to and gaining access to trails in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, through education, information and preservation.
2. Educating mountain bicyclists in the safe and appropriate use of mountain bikes.
3. Contributing to the building and maintaining of riding areas in Los Angeles and its surrounding areas.

CORBA Bike Bells – “Share the Trails”
You can purchase your bell at the CORBA website

• Nov 12th Hummingbird trail

• Dec 10th ‘party’ trail work day

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA <http://www.habitatwork.org/>
Tom Persons 310-402-6700 or 310-412-4986
Kim Clark 818-353-4653 or 818-395-9114

- Nov 12th & Nov 13th Arroyo Toad Stronghold at Hardluck Campground, Los Padres NF Campout and Tamarisk Hunt
- Nov 16th 4:30-7:00 pm
Wednesday Evenings with the Condors Micro-Trash Clean Up, Angeles NF
- Dec 3rd Dec 4th Fish Creek Headwaters at Cienega Campground, Angeles NF Campout and Tamarisk Hunt
- Dec 10th Wildlife Survey, Madrona Marsh, Torrance
- Dec 14th 4:30-7:00 pm Wednesday Evenings with the Condors Micro-Trash Clean Up, Angeles NF

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

- Nov 5th a night of Stargazing, Stories
- Nov 12th and a Spaghetti dinner

For Reservations call 310-455-1588 , or email at catcalls@aol.com or www.haramokngna.org

Toypurina Gallery of Native American Art Every Saturday 10:00 am to 5:00 pm

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

- Nov 12th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe
- Nov 26th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe
- Dec 17th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at Hathaway School

Work will continue on Trail Canyon, Wednesdays and Thursdays 3-6pm for the duration of the fall with the addition of full Saturdays as needed.

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft
562-868-8919
emworks@pacbell.net

- Dec 3rd Public Excursions to Mt. Lowe

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

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

- Dec 3rd Bear Canyon Survey
- Dec 17th Bear Canyon outing

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

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) <http://www.pcta.org>

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

PCTA has worked the trail segment from Sulphur Springs Group Site to Mt Pacifico Campground and segment of trail around Liebre Mtn

Trail patrol/hike by Guy Kuhn Pictures by G. Aumann

Mission: Hike trails to provide a trail condition report to the Forest Service and to provide information to hikers encountered along the trail.

On October 8th We assisted the Altadena trails organization cleaning, repairing and reshaping a critical section of the Altadena Crest Trail (between Stone hill and the water tanks to the west).

Make sure to put Nov 12th and Dec 10 2005 on your calender for the next patrol.



TWENTIETH ANNUAL ANGELES CREST 100 MILE ENDURANCE RUN

Congratulations to the following runners for completing 100 miles in under 24 hours!

- 1 Guillermo Medina 29
North Hollywood CA.....Time 19:33.2
- 2 Andy Jones-Wilkins 37
Oakland CA.....Time 19:45.3
- 3 Tom Nielsen 46
Escondido CA.....Time 20:26.3
- 4 Carlos Torres 20
Chogita MEX.....Time 21:47.4
- 5 Angel Perez 34
Moreno Valley CA.....Time 22:38.4
- 6 Kyle Hoang 34
Garden Grove CA.....Time 23:17.2
- 7 Jay Grobeson 44
Los Angeles CA.....Time 23:29.4
- 8 Devin Corcoran 48
Long Beach CA..... Time 23:53.1

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure

In the San Gabriel Mtns, slope effect has a greater impact than rain shadow. The coast side faces south, with more direct sunshine. Even though it gets more rain than the north slope, the coast side has higher evaporation, so plants requiring moisture don't thrive. The desert side gets half the precipitation the coast side does, but its north slope has less evaporation and slower snow melt. On the north slope, conifers grow all the way down to the desert floor.

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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: _____

Adopt-a-Highway

We've entered into Cal Trans Adopt-a-Highway program, from the beginning of Angeles Crest Highway to Islip Saddle.

Under this program, we're getting 6 bx of trash bags, 12 litter pickers, 6 hardhats (white), 6 vests (large) and 2 approach signs. These supplies should be arriving at Cal Trans - Chilao sometime within the next week, I can get more supplies if needed.

If you need any of these supplies for litter pickup along the Angeles Crest Highway, please let me know.

The one condition of this program is that on each Friday, I need to report how many trash bags were used during that week.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thanks

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L.A. County Fair Thank-you

As it has since 1994, our “Caring for the Land” exhibit drew tens of thousands of visitors at the L.A. County Fair, which ran from Sept. 9 - Oct. 2. in Pomona.

Some of the numbers: Over 12,000 tree seedlings were distributed, the Paul Cash Environmental Magic Show drew 10,600 people (over 100 shows total in the Camp Smokey Amphitheater), and over 9,000 Centennial Woodsy Owl fans were handed out. This was a hugely popular item on the hot days.

With the start of the Topanga & Thurman Fires and on-going hurricane recovery assignments, it was difficult to staff the Fire portion of the exhibit, including the crosscut saw, wood branding demo & Smokey kids games. Some folks even worked at the Fair right up until the time they left for Texas and Louisiana. However, with several people stepping up, we were able to keep most of the activities staffed through the final day.

Our participation in the Fair has gone on for decades and once again was a huge success thanks to the time, energy & enthusiasm of those below:

Ric Opalka and all the members of the Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association

Tom Reinberger and the Angeles Volunteer Association

Glenn Foster and the High Country Riders

Monrovia Wilderness Park

Our partners: BLM & LA County Fire-Division of Forestry

Fire Prevention, esp. Nathan Judy and Larry Brown from the SGRRD

Engines from both the LARRD and SGRRD

Recreation from the SGRRD

Barbara Croonquist

Roger Richcreek

Dee Dechert

All the supervisors who let your employees work the fair this year

Thank You All and see you again next year !

Stanton Florea

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