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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Oct 2005 Vol. 3 Issue 10

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Fall has arrived along with cooler weather and the changing of colors.

Looking back over this past field season and the difficulties that the 2004-2005 winter brought upon the Angeles NF, it amazes me the fortitude you folks exhibited in providing a quality recreational experience for our Forest Visitors. I see trails and developed recreation sites reborn out of devastation to first class facilities from your hard work and dedication.

The Regional Forester of the Pacific Southwest Region made the decision to select Alternative 4a from the choice of seven alternatives in the Southern California Forest Plan Revision Final Environmental Impact Statement. Under the selected alternative, the Forest will emphasize “sustainable recreation,” a term being used to describe the concept of providing high quality outdoor recreation facilities and opportunities that also promote long-term forest health.

Each Forest will host several open houses in October to help people learn more about the new plans. The meeting schedule, the plans and associated materials can be viewed at www.fs.fed.us/r5/scfpr or at southern California public libraries.

National Visitor Use Monitoring Survey starts October 1 and ends September 30, you’ll see various teams collecting visitor information during this time.

We want to welcome OBA, Inc for adopting Oakwilde Trail Camp. This organization delivers a challenging outdoor environmental learning experience that helps urban youth learn more about themselves, their relationship with others and their environment. This past field season, this organization in partnership with the Forest Service conducted trail maintenance work on Mt Waterman 10W04, Twin Peaks 10W04A and Devil’s Canyon 11W07. During October, they will be working on Gabrielino NRT 11W14, from Gould Mesa Trail Camp to Bear Canyon Trail 12W08.

Julie Smith has accepted a position with Arizona State Park – Kartchner Caverns, effective 10/15.

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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Is there a tree blocking your favorite picnic table as shown on page 6? Then fill out volunteer form and learn how to remove it.

OCTOBER CALENDAR

- Oct 1ST Save the Condor
- Oct 8th Trail Patrol/Hike
- Oct 12th Habitat works event
- Oct 15th Habitat works event
- Oct 15th Haramokngna Trail day
- Oct 15th CORBA event
- Oct 15th JPL trailbuilders event
- Oct 15th CORBA Fat Tire Fest
- Oct 19th 7:00 PM
Wildwood Volunteer House Meeting
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- Oct 19th ANFFLA Event
- Oct 22nd Make a difference day
Various cities/agencies have volunteer activities scheduled
- Oct 27th Hathaway haunted house
- Oct 29th
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.
- Oct 29th & Oct 30th Habitat works event
- Oct 29th Angeles Mountain Bike patrol
- Oct 29th
No Adventure pass needed in Angeles Forest.

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

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

SAVE THE CONDOR TRASH & MICRO-TRASH MANAGEMENT



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

• Oct 1st,

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.

Mount Wilson Observatory

The observatory grounds, the Astronomical Museum and the visitor's gallery of the 100-inch telescope are open to the public. Hours are 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM seven days a week. Pick up a free self-guided tour brochure at the Museum or download the brochure at WWW.MWOA.ORG.

Free weekend walking tours through October 30, 2005. Tours start at 1:00 PM on Saturdays and Sundays at Skyline Park Pavilion.

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.

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 on-line at www.passportintime.com or 520-722-2716.

Archaeological Site Relocation and Recordation

April 24-28, May 1-5

Application due: February 15

Windows on the Past: Photo Archive Project
January 23-27, January 30 – February 3
Application due: October 15

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

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

- Oct 12th 4:30-7:00 pm
Wednesday Evenings with the Condors
Micro-Trash Clean Up, Angeles NF
- Oct 15th & (Oct 16th optional)
Los Padres NF Campout
Tamarisk Hunt
- Oct 29th & Oct 30th
Angeles NF Ghost Campout and Witch
Hunt for Tamarisk
Knapp Ranch hasn't been inhabited by
any one but rattlesnakes for several
decades. Join us on Halloween weekend
for camping with the ghosts and a
witch hunt for tamarisk.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

<http://www.corbamtb.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**

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

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

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure

22 different ecosystems have been described in the Angeles National Forest. As you ascend a mountain, there are separate microclimates, due to differences in Sun intensity, temperature, moisture, bedrock, soil, oxygen amount and density of gases.

Hathaway Children & Family Service (HCFS)

What's happening at Hathaway School

Work was completed on Oak Springs in late July. Since then, ANF 5130 has turned it's attention to the Trail Canyon Trail outside of Sunland. Our initial survey to Trail Canyon Falls (1.8 miles from the trailhead) revealed a few problem areas including the need for heavy brushing, installation of new steps at one fire road transition and several washouts needing mesh wall construction. In addition, hikers have reported that the trail is choked with poison oak north of the falls.

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. Other news:

• Oct 27th, 4-10 pm

Hathaway School's Annual "Haunted Highway" will take place. Additional volunteers are welcome to participate. Contact Kevin at (818) 896 2474 x 306.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

• Oct 15th, 9:00- ??

Mapping and plant ID day of the Gabrielino Trail between Haramokngna and Vallye Forge. The trail is representative of the ancient trading trails between the 5 tribes - and has a bounty of native plants we can identify - and begin our data base on the names and uses of those plants.

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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

• Oct 15th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe East

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft

562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

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

Trail Boss participates working on Sunset Ridge Trail



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SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

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

Richard 626-285-0962

• Gone hiking for the summer

Trail patrol/hike by Guy Kuhn

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

On Sept 10th the road from the Angeles Crest to Cooper Canyon campsite was surveyed. The road was just passable for a high clearance vehicle just to the camp. The road into the campsite is closed due a deep gully just before the campsite.

A fallen tree was resting on two picnic tables. The tables were not damaged by the tree. The picture of this tree is on page 6.

It was noted that a dead tree was standing in the middle of the campground. This tree needs to be remove before it falls over and damages campground equipment.

Make sure to put October 8th, 2005 on your calender.

We will try to make if from Dawson Saddle to Baden-Powell.



Volunteer Ranger Teddy Bears

The Volunteer Ranger Teddy Bears that I built are all hand made and very detailed. They are 18-inches high and have moveable hands, legs and head. The fur is synthetic. There are four colors the fur comes in. Chocolate Brown, black and white and tan. Other colors available on request. Please inquire for delivery time.

I charged \$85.00 for the complete bear as shown on the Mt Lowe web site. To view them go to www.mtlowe.net/links/volunteerteddys The bears are very loveable and hugable. The breakdown of charges for the volunteers bears are \$55.00 for the basic bear with the ranger uniform, an additional \$15.00 for the real boots(They come in two colors; black or brown). and an additional \$15.00 for the smokey hat. This totalled out to \$85.00. If there someone has a custom requirement please have them e-mail me at shsotala@netzero.net and I will be happy to provide a free quote and delivery time. Please feel free to inquire as to other accessories that are available and their cost.

All of my bears are built to order. I build all kinds. If someone provides me with a photo I can design and build to it. Please see my web site to view some of the past bears that I have built. Go to <http://www.meiermountainteddybears.com/> I hope that answers all your questions. Please e-mail me if you have any additional questions.

Oh yea, a numbered Certificate of Authenticity comes with each bear.

Thanks you

Sharon Meier

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



**Tree on picnic table at Cooper
Canyon Campground.
Picture by George Aumann**

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: _____
