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GREETINGS

**VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE
HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!!!!**

I hope all of you had a wonderful and safe Holiday Season.

Starting January 1, 2006, only two free days are authorized per calendar year. Those dates are for National Trails Day (June 3rd) and National Public Lands Day (September).

We've got some other important dates scheduled.

January 28th City of Pasadena Parks and Natural Resources Division embark upon a public planning process for the newly acquired MWD property in Hahamongna Park.

April 22nd California Trails Day is scheduled for the Millard Canyon trail system.

June 3rd National Trails Day is scheduled for the Redbox area trail system. Hathaway-Sycamores has obtained Forest Service FY 2006 Centennial of Service Challenge funding for Trail Maintenance of Trail Canyon and Doc Larson Trails.

OBA, Inc has obtained Forest Service funding to assist in Trail Maintenance of Gabrielino National Recreation Trail, Oakwilde Trail Camp to Switzers Picnic Area and Sunset Ridge Trail and to provide a 2 person Operation and Maintenance Crew for Lower Big Tujunga Canyon, Stonyvale – Vogel Flat Picnic Area.

We wish to welcome California Canyon Coalition, a group of Canyoneers that have conducted an Eaton Falls litter and graffiti removal project and will be expanding their operation to other canyon sites.

I'm meeting with Mike Leum, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Search and Rescue to assist in developing a mounted posse patrol for the Front Country (Big Santa Anita Canyon, Eaton Canyon) Trail System and Gabrielino National Recreation Trail.

A four person Forest Service trail crew will be working on the Big Santa Anita Canyon Trail System, primarily conducting trail brushing activity.

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

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/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

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**NOTE: Jan 28th
City of Pasadena
Parks and Natural
Resources Division
kick-off celebration
for public plan
ning process for
MWD Property in
Hahamongna Park**

**Want to cook
for hungry
Angeles forest
volunteers
as shown on
page 6?
Then fill out the
volunteer form.**

January CALENDAR

- Jan 7th JPL TRAILBUILDERS Outing
- Jan 7th Jan 8th HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA Outing
- Jan 10th 7:00 PM ACTRWG meeting
- Jan 14th Trail Patrol hike
- Jan 14th 9:00 AM ACTRWG Hike
- Jan 18th 7:00 PM Forest Service - Volunteer Meeting (third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- Jan 28th ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL Outing.
- Jan 28th JPL TRAILBUILDERS Outing
- Jan 28th 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. You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829. This tour is limited to 35 people.
- Jan 28th ACTRWG Trail Repair Day
- Jan 28th Adventure Pass is needed

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

- Jan 28th Outing

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

- Jan 14th Hike to Amany's Choice
Go to www.altadenatrails.org for info
- Jan 28th Trail Repair Lower Millard Canyon at the County Trailhead on Canyon Crest Rd
Go to www.altadenatrails.org for info

Endangered Species Closure to Take Effect

California Department of Transportation will lock the gate at Cedar Springs (near Milepost 62 on SR2) to protect critical habitat of the mountain yellow-legged frog. This temporary closure allows the Forest Service to develop a Biological Assessment to analyze the effects of human activities (including recreation) within the area which was designated as critical habitat by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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

HCFS Students installing mesh walls !!



Hours donated by volunteers at camps, visitor centers, fire towers, USFS offices and trail maintenance in FY 2005
.....30,000 hours (16.67 person years)

Time spent enjoying the Angeles Forest..... priceless

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center **Closed until the Spring Solstice**

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) <http://www.corbambt.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

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

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

• Jan 7 Jan 8

Valley Oak Tree Planting & Campout, Los Padres NF

We have 20 baby valley oaks we've grown in our nursery from acorns to help restore oak savannah near the State Off-Highway Vehicle Park. Help us plant them out this weekend so they can take full advantage of winter and spring rains! Call for location and campout details.

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

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

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

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• Jan 7th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe

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Monrovia Canyon Park

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

Stroke Warning Signs

- 1) ask individual to say a simple phrase
- 2) ask individual to do something
- 3) ask individual to look

If they couldn't accomplish these 3 items, than they need immediate medical treatment. Don't delay! Immediately call 9-1-1 or emergency medical services (EMS) number so an ambulance. It's very important to take immediate action. If given within three hours of the start of symptoms, a clot-busting drug can reduce long-term disability for the most common type of stroke

**Hathaway Children & Family Service
(HCFS) 12/05 – 6/06**

What's happening.

All work was completed on the Trail Canyon Trail (Big Tujunga Trailhead to Trail Canyon Falls) just before Christmas. Work will commence on two trails (Cemetery Ridge and Gold Canyon) for the duration of the Spring with the addition of full Saturday work projects beginning in late March. Crew 5130 has Saturday, April 15th and Saturday May 13th slated to support SMAS in Bear Canyon.

Also, the crew is planning a full weekend project on Upper Trail Canyon in mid June. We hope to clear and reestablish a large portion of tread from Tom Lucas Trail Camp to Trail Canyon Falls (over 2 miles). Support from any volunteer group (especially on horseback!) to help with labor and transportation of equipment and camping supplies would be more than welcome! More details on this to come.

**Contact Kevin Sarkissian at
ksarkissian@hathawaychildren.org or 818
896 2474 x 306 if you want to help out**

Pacific Crest Trail Association

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

Need volunteer individuals or groups to work on PCTA

Contact Howard Okamoto if interested.

**SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES
(SMAS)**

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

Richard 626-285-0962

• Dec 14th Dawn Mine Trail

The crew of men and women. We hope to get more of the trail work completed.



SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

emworks@pacbell.net

The annual picnic of the Mount Lowe Historical Society was held on Dec 3, 2005. The day's special treat was cooking weiners with the cast iron grill of the Alpine Tavern kitchen! The grill was probably installed in 1911.

The grill was discovered in the creekbed only two weeks ago. It was in the stream bed next to the lower campsites at Mt Lowe trailcamp. The day before the picnic the grill was heated it up and scrubbed with hot water a number of times and then conditioned it with cooking oil. It weighs about 200 lbs.

Discovery of the grill

Putting the 94 year old grill back to work



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Trail patrol/hike by Guy Kuhn and 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 December 10 we hiked to Little Jimmy and Mt. Islip. There were 2-3 inches of snow on the ground almost from the trailhead at Islip Saddle. Other than many animal tracks we were the first to go up since the snow fall on Thursday.

It was a very clear day for viewing from Mt. Islip. To the North the windmills on toad hill in the Mohave desert can be seen with binoculars. To the south the ships can be seen going between the Catalina islands and the mainland going north (with binoculars). There were many sugar pine cones on the ground!!

The tables and benches of the campground look pretty much like during my last visit several months ago. The outhouses have been fixed and repainted in USFS brown. The lids on two of the seats (one in each outhouse) are broken. The two bearproof trash containers have been removed and the bolts which held them in place have been cut off flush with the concrete pad.

The Little Jimmy spring is flowing as well as always, all the trail signs are in place, and there are two nice trees (one of them 12") across the trail (one on the PCT) waiting for the chainsaw next spring.

Historic Owen Brown grave open to public

To read the whole article goto: <http://www.clipi.org/blog/index.php?p=225>

ALTADENA - A judge has confirmed the public's right to visit the historic grave site of Owen Brown, the abolitionist and son of John Brown "the liberator."

Pasadena Judge C. Edward Simpson this week ruled in favor of a trails group known as Save the Altadena Trails in the case it brought against Michael Cichy, owner of the knoll where Brown was buried in 1889. Since he purchased the land in January 2002, Cichy has been cited for county violations and allegedly yelled at hikers and posted "No Trespassing" signs to discourage visitors from using the path across his land. Cichy, who represented himself in court, could not be reached for comment.

Shari Asplund, a member of Save the Altadena Trails, said the group was thrilled by the judge's latest decision. "The judge totally understood the big picture," she said. The Altadena Foothills Conservancy hopes to someday have the opportunity to conserve the property as a historic area. "Certainly one of the things we'd like to do now that we've won this case is to restore the grave site," said Asplund, also a member of the conservancy's board.

***Angeles National Forest Trivia* by Deb Kure**

Turpentine can be made from the oleoresin of Ponderosa Pines. The oleoresin of Jeffrey Pines is the highly explosive hydrocarbon heptane. CA Forests are the only place where both of the world's "gasoline trees" grow — Jeffrey Pines and Gray Pines.

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**Is that Santa helping with
the cooking?**

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: _____
