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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Mar 2006 Vol. 4 Issue 3

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

What a surprise weather pattern we experienced in February. The first of the month was Red Flag Warnings and very high fire danger than February 18 -20 to our surprise a snow storm dropped significant precipitation across the Angeles National Forest.

The weather forecast for March indicates that its coming in with a ROAR.

In February the San Gabriel Chapter of American Canyoneering Association cleaned up Josephine Canyon. They removed 35 tires and hundreds of pounds of trash.

On November 30th, the Indian Canyon Trailhead near Action was officially dedicated. The opening of this trailhead was the culmination of the efforts of the California Trail Users Coalition in conjunction with the Angeles National Forest and County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation. The Indian Canyon Trailhead is strategically located 7.1 miles east of Hwy 14 on Soledad Canyon Road in Agua Dulce where the Pacific Crest Trail crosses Soledad Road.

A Forest Service Contractor started trail reconstruction work on the Lower Sam Merrill Trail. The Contractor will reconstruct 1.95 miles of trail and install 1,700 SF of Sutter Retaining Walls in area damaged by the 2005 storms.

Big Santa Anita Canyon/Chantry Flat Road is tentatively scheduled for opening on April 15th, based upon this tentative date, our contractor is hoping to have the Chantry Flat Picnic Area/Trailhead completed and we're brushing some of the Big Santa Anita Canyon trails.

April 22nd is California Trails Day, so if you want to learn about trail maintenance work or want to assist in trail maintenance this event is scheduled for the Millard Canyon Trail System.

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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**These volunteers
pictured on page 6
are looking for
workers to help
open up this trail.
Fill out the
volunteer form!**

March CALENDAR

- Mar 4th Forest Explorer Post 99
Pancake fundraiser
- Mar 4th Take a walk and learn more about the Angeles Forest. Meet at the Chilao Visitor Center on the Angeles Crest Highway You must RSVP with Matt McGrath at 626-796-5541 and have a Adventure pass.
- Mar 4, 5, 10-12, 16-19, 23-25
TreePeople Planting Outing
- Mar 11th Trail Patrol hike
- Mar 11th JPL TRAILBUILDERS Outing
- Mar 11th California Canyon Coalition
- Mar 11th Arroyo Seco Cleanup
- Mar 14th ACTRWG meeting
- Mar 15th 7:00 PM Forest Service - Volunteer Meeting (third Wednesday of each month at the Wildwood Volunteer House.
- Mar 18th Haramokngna Spring Equinox
- Mar 18th CORBA Outing
- Mar 18th SMAS Outing
- Mar 18th Haramokngna center Spring Solstice celebration
- Mar 25th ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL Outing.
- Mar 25th Take a walk and learn more about the Angeles Forest. Meet at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center on Highway 39. You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829. This tour is limited to 35 people.
- Mar 25th ACTRWG Trail Repair Day
- Mar 25th - 26th HABITAT WORKS outing

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

George & Pam Morey 909-338-3923

Presently looking for more volunteers to train. Come and learn!

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

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org

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>

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.

La Tuna Trail

This sweet singletrack trail located in the Verdugo mountains is due for some brush work. We hope to get a big crew out for this one so we can get it done in one day. Lunch and cold drinks will be provided by CORBA!

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

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN

CALIFORNIA <http://www.habitatwork.org/>

- Mar 25th Mar 26th Los Padres NF outing

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

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

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

KatCalls@aol.com
310-663-4011

Mar 18th Haramokngna Spring Equinox
March 25th - Hands-on activities

Hathaway - Sycamores Child & Family Service

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

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

• Mar 11th 8:15 AM Mt Lowe

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

TreePeople's

• Mar 4, 5, 10-12, 16-19, 23-25
Angeles Forest Tree planting dates

TreePeople's mission is to inspire the people of Los Angeles to take personal responsibility for the urban forest - educating, training and supporting them as they plant and care for trees and improve the neighborhoods in which they live, learn, work and play.

9:00a - 2:00p Angeles National Forest Volunteer Mountain Forestry Planting During March and April TreePeople's Mountain Forestry program will focus its efforts in the Angeles National Forest, volunteering with the U.S. Forest Service's annual tree plantings. Your help is needed in this restoration effort!

Volunteers are invited to participate in one or more days of any scheduled planting, overnight camping is available at no charge in beautiful secluded pine forests near most locations (must bring own camping equipment and supplies).

Planting projects will run from 9 a.m. to approximately 2 p.m. each day. Contact Tom Persons for directions and to RSVP.

For more information Tom Persons Telephone (818) 623-4846 Email tpersons@treepeople.org

Boy Scouts of America

The High Adventure Team – Los Angeles Area Council provides training opportunities for all interested individuals.

For more information: www.boyscoutsla.org
click H.A.T.

Forest Service Help Wanted

Chilao Visitor Center has a wide variety of volunteer opportunities available. Volunteers can lead a monthly nature walk or an occasional prescheduled school or campground presentation or can staff the Visitor Center and help others enjoy their visit to the Forest. For more information, contact Matt McGrath at 626-796-5541 or mmcgrath@fs.fed.us.

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

“Mission of the PCTA is to protect, preserve and promote the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail so as to reflect its worldclass significance for the enjoyment, education and adventure of hikers and equestrians.”

• Jan 1 to Sep 30. ‘Fannypack’ Projects on SBNF, ANF, and BLM. Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice. Open to qualified volunteers.

Contact: Pete Fish 805-658-6540
pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919
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First Aid Training

If you need First Aid or CPR training, please let me know.
Tick Management Handbook –
www.caes.state.ct.us

Angeles National Forest Explorer Post 99

• Mar 4th Forest Explorer Post 99 Pancake fundraiser

The Angeles National Forest Explorer Post 99 is part of the Learning for Life career education program for young men and women between the ages of 16 and 21 years old. The purpose of exploring is to provide experiences to help young people mature and to prepare them to become responsible and caring adults. Exploring is based on a unique and dynamic relationship between youths and the organizations in their communities. Post 99 is a Wildland Firefighting Post focusing on the many aspects of wildland firefighting. We train our cadets the fundamentals of becoming a wildland firefighters through classroom and hands-on training. Firefighting requires arduous physical activities, so we include a strict physical fitness program as well.

Angeles National Forest Trivia by Deb Kure

The Bark Beetle is a native species in our forests. Water pressure in healthy wood cells resists their boring. When trees are stressed by overgrowth and drought, the cells can't resist, leading to the now abundant bark beetles.

Changes in the Recreation Pass Program

As of January 1, 2006, there will only be two days of the year when a Recreation Pass will NOT be needed in designated National Forest Areas. The two days are September 30 and June 3.

SEPTEMBER 30

National Public Lands Day is the nation's largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands American's enjoy.

JUNE 3

The first Saturday every June is designated National Trails Day (NTD) in the United States. On that day every year more than a million hikers, bikers, equestrians, and others take part in thousands of events nationwide in celebration of America's trails. These events include new trail dedications, workshops, educational exhibits, equestrian and mountain bike rides, rollerblading, trail maintenance, and hikes on America's favorite trails

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

Trail patrol/hike G. Aumann

Dear hikers:

My short writeup of the Fall Creek trail hike on 11 February 2006 with trail and campground conditions and four pictures can be found on

www.geocities.com/hhaumann@sbcglobal.net/hiking

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the next hike on the second Saturday of the month, 11 March 2006

George Aumann

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com/>

Next E.A.D. outing May 2006

Environmental Action Days (E.A.D.) are an original creation of Alpine Training Services. We felt with the increased traffic canyons have seen over the last several years as the sport of canyoneering has grown, it was necessary to initiate a series of cleanup days to keep the canyons free of trash. E.A.D. is a new program from Alpine Training Services representing our "One Earth" philosophy — that being there is only. One Earth for us to live on, grow on, and make a future on.

To learn more about Alpine Training Services and the programs we offer including our full course curriculums for canyoneering, rock climbing, kayaking, & backpacking feel free to follow the above linking, kayaking, & backpacking feel free to follow the above link

California Canyon Coalition

1919 East Beverly Way #106

Long Beach, CA 90802

Trudy Rutland 562-491-1989

transplatedexantr@yahoo.com

Group of canyoneers, who are interested in keeping canyons free of trash and graffiti. Next outing March 11 Big Tujunga Canyon, Narrows bridge to Fall Creek TC.

FUN FACT: the Outdoor Industry

Association's annual Outdoor Recreation Participation Study for the United States 2004 reports that 71.6% of all Americans 16 and older (or 159 million people) participate in at least one of the 22 outdoor activities they track, which include: 75.3 million hiking; 13.3 million backpacking; 39.5 million trail running; and 9.8 million cross country skiing.

Secure Rural Schools and Community Self Determination Act

The purpose of this Act which was passed in 2000 was to lessen the financial impact on rural counties that had lost revenues for the support of roads and schools due to declining timber harvests from federal lands.

The goal is to raise \$800 million which would provide for a phase down over the next 5 years in the funding to local counties. Lands that are potentially eligible for this proposal have been identified. For a list of these lands and other related information, go to the Forest Service Secure Rural Schools website at

<http://www.fs.fed.us/news/2006/releases/02/secure-rural-schools.shtml>.

A Federal Register notice requesting comments on the lands identified as potentially eligible for sale, including a detailed set of maps, will be published by the end of February. The maps will be available on the Secure Rural Schools website once the Federal Register notice is published.

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



**Want to help open
up this trail?**

Fill the form!

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: _____
