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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

Well we've gone into Very High Fire Danger Level. The "Very High" fire danger level is the fourth in a six-level rating system which is used by the Angeles as a tool to convey current fire danger levels to forest visitors.

What does it mean? It means there are no new use restrictions on campfires or visitor access.

Our work is dictated by the Project Activity Level (PAL). The daily Project Activity Level is determined using the Energy Release Components (ERC) and Ignition Components (IC) of the Fire Danger Rating System.

How does PAL work?

Each Level triggers a set of requirements to which an activity must conform.

Level	Project Activity
A	Business as usual.
B	Increased fire precautions and limitations on work activities
C	Some operations or activities are PROHIBITED from 1 PM until 8 PM. Increased fire precautions or mitigations may be required
D	More operations are PROHIBITED from 1PM until 8PM Some operations are PROHIBITED All Day.
Ev	Same as E with the exception that if site-specific conditions warrant a variance permitting operations or activities.
E	Operations or activities are prohibited.

For Daily PAL Level Information call (661)723-2752.

This month's Safety Alert is Heat Related Illness. Due to record breaking high temperatures experienced across the west, numerous cases of heat related illness have been reported. There is a concern that established guidelines are not being followed and/or personnel are unaware of the seriousness of a heat-induced illness.

Heat-induced illness is a result of the body's inability to cope with heat. This condition can manifest itself as a minor symptom or a life-threatening emergency. While recognition and treatment are important, prevention is the key.

Heat related illness is preventable.

Heat Stress – http://fsweb.mtdc.wo.fs.fed.us/php/library_card.php?p_num=9851%202841

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 in providing a quality recreation experience on the Angeles National Forest.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

Angeles National Forest

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Recreation Officer

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**What to do
when you see
this in the
Angeles?
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I am careful not to confuse
excellence with perfection.
Excellence I can reach for,
perfection is gods business."
Michael J Fox

Los Angeles River Ranger District

Volunteer Events Calander

JUNE 2007

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2 <i>National Trails Day</i> <i>San Gabriel Trailbuilders</i> Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
3	4	5	6	7	8	9 <i>National River Cleanup</i> Trail Patrol/Hike Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour
10	11	12 ACTRWG Mtg	13	14	15	16 AC100 Trail Work – Idlehour Trail <i>San Gabriel Trailbuilders</i> Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour OBA, Inc Drop-in-hike Habitat works
17	18	19	20 CTUC Monthly Mtg <i>LARRD Monthly</i> <i>Volunteer Mtg</i> Rubio Canyon Gap Public Meeting	21	22	23 Mt Wilson Observatory Guided Tour JPL Trailbuilders Habitat works
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If you wish to get electronic copy of this newsletter, then go to <http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Millions of tons of trash wind up in our nation's rivers and streams every year, and [American Rivers](#) is harnessing the environmental passion and community pride of thousands of people to do something about it.

Help Keep America's Rivers Clean

Angela Schock
aschock@fs.fed.us

USDA-Angeles National Forest
818-899-1900
Big Tujunga river
June 9, 2007
9:00 am

Mt. Wilson Observatory

<http://www.mwoa.org/tour.html>

The Observatory grounds and Skyline Park are open to the public seven days a week from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm during the months of April through November, although special conditions may sometimes cause closures or restrict access. See our website for special announcements. During this period from April through November, MWOA docents conduct walking tours of the grounds every Saturday and Sunday beginning at 1:00 pm. Meet at the the pavilion area just above and to the east of the big parking lot. These guided tours take visitors to the Observatory's astronomical museum, past the UCLA 150-foot solar tower telescope and the dome of the 60-inch telescope, and into the visitors' gallery of the 100-inch Hooker telescope (where the telescope can be seen through a big window).

Graffiti Hot line

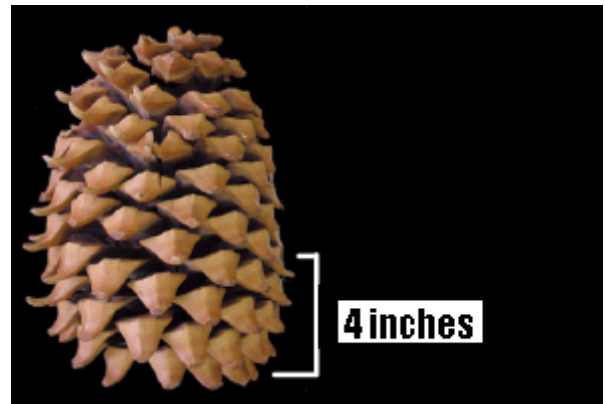
County of Los Angeles Public Works
Department Graffiti Hotline:
1-800-675-4357, option 2
to report any graffiti along County maintained roads (Tujunga Canyon Roads, Angeles Forest Highway etc).

General Information

The Coulter Pine is a erect, medium-sized pine prefers south-facing slopes, and tolerates dry rocky soil. The tree most often appears in mixed forests. The species is named after Thomas Coulter, an Irish botanist and physician.

California's coulter pine (*Pinus coulteri*) has one of the largest seed cones on earth. Of all the more than 100 species of pines in the world, this is one of the most massive cones. They may be up to 14 inches (36 cm) long and weigh more than 8 pounds (3.6 kg). Other pines, such as the sugar pine (*P. lambertiana*) have longer cones, but they have flimsy cone scales and do not weigh as much.

The heavy cones of Coulter pine with talon-like, curved scales are definitely a hazard to anyone standing or sleeping under a cone-laden limb. Hence, the earned nickname "Widow maker"



Are you interested in learning about presenting Environmental Education Programs? Los Angeles Conservation Corps, San Bernardino National Forest Association, and Mt Baldy Education Center is conducting school environmental education programs at Eaton Canyon Nature Center.

These tours are being conducted on Tuesday afternoon, if you're interested in assisting in this program by being a tour/host assistant, please contact Howard what dates you would like to assist, so that he can provide you with further details. June 5 & 19

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

<http://www.angeleslookouts.org>

Kermit Eller kermiteller@dslextreme.com

Hawkins Fundraiser - A special hat is available with proceeds going towards the South Mt Hawkins Lookout Building Fund. Hats are embroidered black and gold with the ANFFLA name and Fire Lookout inscribed below. Cost \$15.00 - Please email George & Pam pgmorey@aol.com for more info

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trailbuilders

Mark Gage mrgy33@hotmail.com

Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill and Castle Canyon.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

(AMBP) 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.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG)

www.altadenatrails.org 626-797-7243

Please consider using our Freelanropy <http://www.freelanropy.com/?> engine page for all your web searches. Each use provides 2 cents to help defray the costs of printing and mailing public comments, petitions and letters, at no cost to you. Thanks!

Alpine Training Services

<http://www.atsenviroaction.com>

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

Altadena Foothills Conservancy

Rob@altadenafoothills.org

The Conservancy is in need of a free or low cost webmaster to assist us with maintaining the website and perhaps helping with a redesign. If you are interested, contact Nancy Steele, (nsteele@altadenafoothills.org).

AC 100 <http://www.ac100.com/>

June 16, 7:00AM (Saturday): Trail Work

- Meet at Hahamongna Park-Ball Diamond at 7:00AM
- Trail Work, Idlehour Trail East Side (High Clearance Vehicles Only, Mt Wilson Toll Road top end, to Idlehour Ckpoint)
- July 21, 6:00 PM (Saturday): Training Run**
Flashlite run to the finish area. (This training run will not have aid during the run):
- Meet at the "dirt parking lot" on Windsor above Johnson's Field at 6:00PM
- Carpool to Chantry Flats, need carpool drivers, no cars left at Chantry Flats . (Start together after a short briefing please.)
- Run 26 miles from Chantry Flats to dirt parking lot on Windsor.
- Must be completely self-contained:
Water accessibility at Chantry Flats & Millard Campground (private residence hose bib).
- Idlehour Side Stream before Main crossing (Purification tablets).



Hart ANF Crew 5130
Hard at work

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

The Audubon Center at Debs Park
http://www.audubon-ca.org/debs_park.htm
(323) 221-2255

The Audubon Center is a unique urban nature center, envisioned by Audubon as a model to serve a new demographic of nature lovers. Located along the historic Arroyo Seco Parkway (110 Freeway) between downtown Los Angeles and City of Pasadena, in Ernest E. Debs Regional Park.
Hours: Wed. thru Sun. 9am-5pm

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.

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

Looking for volunteers to assist in fuel hazard reduction, trail maintenance and visitor information in the Big Santa Anita Canyon.

Beyond Basecamp
Frank Gallegos frank@beyondbasecamp.com
Needs volunteers to help in the maintenance of Valley Forge, West Fork and Devore Trail Camps

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.corbambt.com>

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW (BCTC) <http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>
Richard 626-285-0962

Hi Everyone,
What can I say?? We had another great day in Bear Canyon. Twelve volunteers set out early to get the trail work done. May 12 was our last scheduled date in here and we wanted to get the trail complete as possible to the campground. Henry, Hakno & Danny worked on the section that required rock bars and they laid out about 30 yards of new trail. It looks great. We put in one 8' section of fencing to hold the trail up and worked the tread all the way from the campground out of Bear. It really looks great for the summer hikers.

I'd also like to thank Lee Eismann, Trudy Rutland, Christopher & Jessica for their work at cutting back the poison oak from Tom Sloan Saddle down to the canyon floor and as they hiked through the canyon. It was a pleasant surprise to see them at the end of the day. But a big THANK YOU just the same. As a treat to those that have put so much time & effort into the canyon, Pam & I provided a nice lunch for everyone after our days work Switzers Picnic area. Everyone enjoyed a great time relaxing, telling stories and having lunch together.

I hope that maybe next season we'll be seeing some new and old faces once again.

See You On the Mountain.
Richard

P.S. To see the photos from Saturday go to www.outdoorsclub.org go to the calendar for May 12th and click on Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HABITAT WORKS OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA

Kim Clark 818-353-4653
Tom Persons 310-412-4986

Get details on our calendar page:
<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

**6/16/07 Native Pines Tree Watering
(1/2 day) Mt. Pacifico,
Angeles National Forest**

**6/23,24/07 Native Streams Conservation
4WD Backpack, Piru Creek
Los Padres National Forest**

**To date, we have removed
1,845 pounds of microtrash
from local condor habitat**



Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org
626-445-8975

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.jplrecclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>
Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)
626-798-7256 (home)
Jack Russell 562-861-3187

**June 2 National Trails day
June 23**

We will get back to maintenance on the Strawberry Peak Trail from Josephine Saddle. The hike is getting long, but we're getting to the overgrown part. We'll be cutting back brush and widening the trail tread.

A separate flyer will be sent closer to the National Trails Day date.

Outward Bound Adventures (OBA)

<http://www.obainc.org>

OBA – Every Second Saturday of the Month
OBA hosts Drop-in-hikes. These hikes are open to the public for youth aged 11-18. Hikers meet at OBA at 9am on Saturday morning and participate in a day-long curriculum that engages youth in environmental education, teambuilding activities, Leave No Trace Wilderness principles, outdoor careers and a physical challenge.

Phone: 626-564-0844

E-mail: obainc.sbcglobal.net



**Bear Canyon Trail
Crew trail work**

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://WWW.PCTA.ORG>

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

For additional information: ·

Suzanne Wilson ‘Fannypack’

Regional Representative Projects on SBNE, ANF, and BLM.

951-492-9836 swilson@pcta@org

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

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

<http://www.crystallake.name/>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

626-303-1078

For this spring and summer 2007, we are continuing to work on river access trails in the North and East Forks of the San Gabriel River. We will also continue restoring trails in the Crystal Lake basin. We work on the first, third, and fifth, Saturday of each month.

Details as to what to bring are on our website at : <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org/volunteer.html>

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

Emworks@verizon.net

TreePeople

TreePeople 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.

For more information

Volunteering (818) 623-4879

volunteer@treepeople.org



William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita
ANF Crew 5130

Work continues on an adopted 8.7 mile stretch of the PCT from the Indian Canyon Trailhead (Soledad Canyon) to North Fork Station on Wednesdays and Thursdays from 3-7pm. In its first three months of operation, this crew of six local high school students has been able to successfully survey and record data for more than 17,000 ft of tread, while clearing more than 1.25 miles. For more information on how you can help, contact: Kevin Sarkissian at ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org.

Upcoming Events:

June 2nd - National Trails Day, Mt. Wilson



Water bar Installation

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

National Trails Day 2007

DATE: June 2, 2007
TIME: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm, Registration 8:00 – 8:30
LOCATION: Meet at Mount Wilson west parking lot

The USDA Forest Service and associated LARRD volunteer organizations will celebrate National Trails Day on June 2, 2007. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on the Mount Wilson Trail System, and a lunch in the Pavilion. This event is sponsored by the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Lunch will be served at 1:00 pm.

At 2:00 pm Mt Wilson Observatory Association will provide a docent for a Mt Wilson Observatory guided tour. Plan approx. one hour for this tour.

This activity is open to all volunteers, including sponsored groups. Please let David Ledford 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.

Directions: From 210 Fwy in La Canada, go north on Angeles Crest Hwy (CA State Rte.2). Upon reaching Clear Creek Junction (9 miles) continue on Angeles Crest Hwy to Red Box Station (4 miles). Turn right off the Angeles Crest Hwy and continue to Mt. Wilson (5 miles). Park in the west parking lot. Allow 0.75 Hour Driving Time from the 210 Fwy. Carpool if possible.

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

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

(Tuesday - Saturday, 8am – 4:30pm): Howard Okamoto

Recreation Officer
(818) 899-1900 X229
hokamoto@fs.fed.us

(M-F, 9am-6pm): Kathie Reilly Bob Shockley
JPL Trail Builders BSA Trail Activities
(818) 354-8321 (310) 417-3186

(Evenings): David Ledford John Horton
Trail Boss Training Trail Boss Training
(310) 373-2111 (310) 375-5032
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**Los Angeles River Ranger District
12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342**



A car broken into

**First do not approach them if it is being done.
Second collect information about them, including pictures if possible.
Then if you're a volunteer, you contact Dispatch.
Or if you're a visitor, you contact the nearest Forest Service Office
and report the incident.**

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: _____
