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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Dec 2010

VOLUNTEER TODAY – December 2010

Season Greetings to All

“USDA Forest Service - 100 years of caring for the **land and serving people**”

I was fortunate enough to meet a number of dedicated Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) volunteers at the LARRD volunteer/trails meeting held last month in Pasadena. My first impression – Wow! What a group! Everyone/each organization contributes their unique talent and passion that supports the larger overall forest goals. I was also impressed with the rapport that my colleagues Andrew Fish and Gerry Reponen have with the group. It's one based on honesty and respect. Needless to say, I was impressed with the dialogue and really admire the dedication in the room to the Angeles National Forest (ANF). It was great to meet folks and place faces with all the organizations that I have heard so much about since 2009 when I began working in the Volunteer Partnership Program. I look forward to working with all of you to sustain and grow our ANF volunteer program. Thanks for welcoming me and for providing the cookies!

As I mentioned last month, ANF is working in partnership with TreePeople to coordinate the “*Forest Aid: Angeles – from ashes to action*” campaign. Beginning in spring 2011, ANF plans to plant a total 23,000 seedlings per year, over the next three years, to help the forest recover from the 2009 Station Fire. We estimate a success that they have now added two more dates – December 4 and January 8 (both dates total of 2,500 volunteers will be needed to accomplish this task. In preparation for this massive tree planting campaign, TreePeople held a Restoration Volunteer Supervisor training in November which was such are Saturdays, 9am to 2pm). If you are interested in this free volunteer training or for more information on “*Forest Aid: Angeles*”, visit:

www.forestaid.net.

Reminders: If you've accumulated 100 volunteer service hours during the 2010 calendar year or accumulated 500 volunteer service hours since January 1, 2007, please contact Andrew Fish (contact info listed below) so you can receive either your 2011 Annual Adventure Pass or Interagency Annual Pass.

ANF volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the forest in accomplishing its natural resource management goals. If you are interest in helping us manage your National Forest or have questions regarding the Volunteer Program, please don't hesitate to contact:

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Andrew Fish, Non-Motorized Trails Program Manager (818) 899-1900, ext. 256 / ajfish@fs.fed.us;

The next LARRD volunteer/trails meeting is being planned for January 2011. Andrew Fish will be finalizing the details (i.e. where and when) and then sending out a meeting notice at least one week before the scheduled date. In the meantime, take time this month to reflect on the number of volunteer hours donated to the ANF in 2010. Take pride in your contribution that promotes local health and recreation for many. On behalf of the entire ANF staff, thank you for a successful 2010 volunteer program. Your support is needed and appreciated.

Wishing you a safe and peaceful holiday season,

/s/ Suzanne Avila
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**The best we can do is size up the
chances, calculate the risks involved,
estimate our ability to deal with them,
and then make our plans with confidence.
- Henry Ford.**

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Electronic copy of Newsletter at:
<http://www.mtlowe.net/VolunteerNews.htm>

Angeles Forest in the News

County renames highway in honor of 2 firefighters killed battling Station Fire

Source: http://www.pasadenastarnews.com/news/ci_16620899

LANCASTER - Two firefighters who were killed trying to protect their fellow firefighters stuck in the path of last year's Station Fire had a section of highway through the burned area named after them Monday.

The Angeles Forest Highway, also known as County Road S-2, was given the honorary name of the "Capt. Ted Hall and Engineer Arnie Quinones Memorial Highway" at a ceremony at a Lancaster fire station.

Hall, 47, and Quinones, 35, were killed while trying to devise a protection strategy for their fire camp, Camp 16, where several dozen inmate firefighters were trapped as the blaze moved toward them Aug. 30, 2009.

Their truck fell off a cliff, perhaps while the firefighters were blinded by smoke.

Camp 16 burned to the ground, with dozens of inmate firefighters sheltering in place. No one was hurt there.

The Angeles Forest Highway bisects the area burned by the fire, and passes near the Mount Gleason area where the men died.

County Supervisor Michael Antonovich joined friends and relatives of the two men during the dedication ceremony at Fire Station 129, near the Antelope Valley Government Center in Lancaster.

"It is a beautiful stretch of highway that both of these men drove on going to work and coming home to their families," said Dave Anderson, a friend of Hall's family. "It is a way to tribute both of these brave men and it will remind us that all firefighters and all police officers take such a huge risk in protecting us civilians and protecting our properties."

Quinones' brother, Ozzie, said the two men made the ultimate sacrifice to protect the public.

"I'm so honored that my brother and Captain Ted Hall protected us on that day, just to make sure that we have a beautiful day like today to live and keep going," he said.

Bi-monthly Forest Service volunteer meeting 17-Nov-2010

By Kathie Reilly

Andrew Fish (Non-motorized trails program manager) will be representing the Forest Service at our meetings. Also present was his assistant Blake Campbell. We met Suzanne Avila who is a contractor working as a coordinator for all volunteers in the forest. Gerry Reponen (Assistant Rec Officer for the LARRD) was also present.

This was our last meeting at Pasadena School District Maintenance and Operations complex. Thank you, Mark for arranging this for us all year. Our next meeting, January 19, 2011 will be at the Supervisor's Office complex 701 N. Santa Anita Ave. Arcadia in one of the conference rooms. At that meeting we will discuss the meeting schedule for the rest of the year. Andrew will send out a reminder one week before the meeting. To add anyone to the email list, send it to Suzanne savila@fs.fed.us, copy Andrew ajfish@fs.fed.us.

Email to Andrew any of anyone in your crew has 100 hours for this calendar year.

Uniforms – If you are waiting for an order placed earlier, send a copy of it to Andrew since the subcontractor for uniforms had to be changed. Andrew is thinking of offering something other than a full uniform for those who want to work but not have to interface with forest users.

Safety is the priority of the Forest nation-wide. Andrew will be getting hard hats for the trail working groups and give them to the leaders to distribute. According to the Job Hazard Analysis (JHA), if someone gets hurt and was not wearing a hard hat, they may not be covered under Workers Comp. Also required are long sleeves and long pants. Andrew will find out about foot-wear requirements, because it depends upon the work being done. We are treated the same as Forest Service employees.

Acting Forest Supervisor is Marty Dumpis. Acting Deputy is (sp?) Sonia Bergdoll?

Budget looks like it will be less, whenever it gets passed. Whatever the Forest gets will be focused on training (chain saw, cross cut, rigging and rocks, first aid) and tools. Stimulus funds were used on the Lower Merrill Trail, and reconstruction of Buckhorn Campground (it should re-open mid-summer).

Andrew and Gerry are trying to get more of the Forest open. Some of the main reasons for the closure are: 1) high risk of debris flow 2) increase of invasive plants from hikers bringing it in on their boots and clothes, where there is fertile soil. A full assessment needs to be done of the burn area and what needs to be done, what needs funding. Part of the reason the budget is low is because less Passes are being sold. The surveys involve using a wheel, and lots of paperwork. Once we have a big rain, we will have to withdraw from working in the burn area. Let Andrew know if you are willing to volunteer at trailheads to educate closures to forest users trying to get into closed areas, or to do surveys.

Andrew is working on new forms for reporting hours and will distribute ideas for comments. Mileage is now miles of trail maintained to standards.

Hopefully the Angeles Crest will open early December. That is totally up to Caltrans.

There is a partnership with TreePeople for tree planting in 2011, 2012 and 2013. There will be training for volunteer leaders, check <http://forestaid.net/> for more information.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

AC100 <http://www.ac100.com>

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

• 24th Annual Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run will be July 23, 2011. The on-line log in works and we are now accepting applications

All runners must:

- 1) Qualify: All runners must complete at least a 50 mile run within the last 12 month, prior to race weekend.
- 2) Perform Trail Maintenance: All runners must complete 8 hours of trail maintenance within the last 12 month, prior to race weekend.

Perhaps in Feb we can begin to assess the trail work needs and what FS roads accessibility is expected to get back out there and that everyone is welcome however new safety standards of full length clothing, leather boots and hard hats will become a top priority for all trail workers according to the USFS. Hopefully the FS will find a way to provide hard hats for us. We will be expected/required to meet the same safety standards as the FS employees in the field as the FS has described it to us.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

Monthly meetings on second Tuesday at Altadena Community Center

www.altadenatrails.org

626-797-7243

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTk)

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

m.rmeguire@hotmail.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.P is here to serve and inform the public.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

<http://www.anffla.org>

- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- Interested in becoming a Fire Lookout?

It's probably easier than you realize to become an active Fire Lookout with the ANFFLA. It just takes

a few classes training (which are quite fun!) and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest.



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Antelope Valley Conservancy

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- May 7, 2011 The Antelope Valley Bicycle Ride and Bicycle Ride Day in Lane Park
- May 20, 2011 Endangered Species Day Conference
- July 15 – 28, 2011 Nature And The Arts Exhibition

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Audubon Center at Debs Park

http://www.ca.audubon.org/debs_park.php

(323) 221-2255 FACEBOOK: AUDUBONDEBSPARK

The Audubon Center at Debs Park is an environmental education and conservation center for the communities of Northeast Los Angeles and the region.

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

<http://www.altadenafoothills.org/>
nsteele@altadenafoothills.org

Rubio Canyon is a gem in the Altadena foothills. Located between Millard and Eaton canyons, Rubio is home to a year-round stream, waterfalls, and diverse habitat.

The canyon once served as the gateway to the foothills for Angelenos who wanted to hike its trails or ride the Mt. Lowe railway, which began at the canyon's mouth. That role has been lost, however, as private landowners limited access to the property over the years.

With the help of the local community, the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy is working to conserve the canyon in perpetuity, ensuring trails for hikers and habitat for wildlife. The conservancy acquired 20 acres in the canyon in November 2009, and is currently raising funds to buy the remaining 21 acres in the mouth of the canyon -- and prevent a pending plan to develop the land.

You can make a secure on-line donation right now by going to:

<http://www.altadenafoothills.org/rubio/donate.html>
and click on DONATE.

Or, you can mail a check to:

Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy
P.O. Box 3
Altadena, CA 91003-0003.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) www.ctuc.info

• Dec 15th meeting

To provide a forum for all trail users to discuss related issues, problems and alternative solutions; to assist in the planning, development, maintenance and hosting of trails; and to help enforce the rules of the road; and to develop and maintain programs designed to educate users on proper use of trails and trail etiquette.

Come and Join Us

CTUC meets on the 3rd Wednesday of every month at 5:00 p.m. at 3550 Foothill Blvd., Glendale, CA.

Our meetings are open to everyone who wishes to participate. Volunteers have a great time working together on these types of projects. To volunteer on one of our projects, please join us by calling our Chairman, Terry Kaiser at 818-353-4682.

You may also e-mail:

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BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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BEYOND BASECAMP

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Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway dayhiker86@yahoo.com
Graffiti Removal & Trail Clean Up.

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

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

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

Boy Scouts of America
Los Angeles Area Council
<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

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CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department

<http://www.ci.glendale.ca.us/parks/default.asp>

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• JAN 15th 2011 Wilderness workday

Call for additional info (818) 548-2000



Just the right thing to supply
electricity to a worksite!
Volunteers needed to pull.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST REFORESTATION PROJECT DATES-TREE PLANTING on Fridays and Sundays in March and April-Contact Dianne for information at zuliebear@aol.com

Book a date NOW.

• **Dec 4th - Mt. Lowe to Inspiration Point!** This will be a 10 mile RT hike with a 2500' gain. Meet at Towsley Canyon at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure to the trail head in Pasadena. You will visit old hotel and railroad ruins, and climb to the top of Inspiration Point via the Sam Merrell Trail where you will be able to see as far as Catalina, if it is clear. Bring your camera, lunch, and lots of water. Traditionally, we stop at a Pastrami restaurant on the way back, so if you'd like to join us for this, bring snacks and money for a late lunch.

• **Dec 11th - East Canyon to Omelveny Park.** A Moderate 8 mi rt, 1400' gain hike with car shuttle. The East Canyon trail takes you through three species of oak, California bay laurel, California black walnut, and bigleaf maple. As we get up in elevation we will find an unusual forest of bigcone Douglas-fir. This species is more ideally suited to the climate of 18,000 years ago. The dirt fire road travels on a steady climb to magnificent views of Santa Clarita Woodlands Park and the Santa Clarita Valley. After reaching Mission point, we will have lunch and enjoy the views of Simi Valley and Rocky Peak. The trail leads into the 500-acre O'melveny Park through Bee Canyon which straddles the ridgeline of the Santa Susana Mountains.

Meet at O'Melveny Park Just inside the Entrance gate at 8:00 for 8:15 carshuttle departure to the Trailhead

Directions to O'Melveny Park:

Take I5 South to Balboa Blvd, go south 1 mile to Sesnon Blvd. Turn Right on Sesnon.

Go west 1 mile and turn right into O'Melveny Park. The parking lot is just inside the entrance.

• **(Spanish) 11 de Diciembre--para toda la Comunidad de habla Hispana, habra una excursion en Placerita Canyon.** Sylvia y Letty les guiaran en una fantastica caminata en el Canyon Trail a las Cascadas. Esta sera una caminata de 5.5 millas ida y vuelta con aproximadamente 300 pies de altura. Nos encontraremos en la entrada del Canon, ahi hay un letrero que dice "Canyon Trail Head Wood" (entre el trailer y el nuevo centro de naturaleza) a las 8:00 a.m. para salir a las 8:15 a.m. Se recomienda que traiga almuerzo o bacardillos, y mucha agua. Usen proteccion solar, sombrero, zapatos de excursionista o zapatos tennis con buen amarre.

Direcciones a Placerita: Salida en la autopista SR-14 a Placerita Canyon Road. Si viene de sur, de vuelta a la derecha en Placerita Canyon Road. Si viene del norte, salga y de vuelta a la izquierda a Placerita Canyon Road. Siga aproximadamente por 2 millas hasta que mire un letrero de madera que diga "Placerita National Area'. De vuelta a la derecha y siga hacia donde estan los edificios. Estacione su carro y busque el letrero de la entrada al camino.

• **Dec 12th -Station Fire Recovery Slide Show by Corina Roberts.** Corina, who is a writer, photographer and the founder of Redbird, a Native American environmental non-profit association, has spent the last year documenting the recovery of the Angeles National Forest from the Station Fire, the largest wild land fire in the history of Los Angeles County. The Forest Recovery Project examines the role of fire in healthy ecosystems as well as the human relationship to fire management, past and present. Roberts has amassed a collection in excess of 20,000 images from the forest's three primary biomes; chaparral, riparian and hardwood/conifer forests. Corina will show us some of her beautiful slides of the fire, the aftermath and the recovery, and lead us on a hike into the burn area at Placerita. This program is suitable for all ages.

• **Dec 18th -Today we will hike a portion of the Pacific Crest Trail from Vasquez Rocks to Indian Canyon and back.** The total mileage is 15 RT, but you can turn around at any point and head back. If the whole group has had enough around 10 miles, Dianne will turn around. This is a great hike, and we will be able to cross under the SR-14 via the animal corridor tunnel. Bring a head lamp or a flashlight if you get nervous in the dark. Bring lunch, lots of water and wear good boots. Poles are also helpful. There is about an 1800' gain. Meet at Vasquez Rocks at 9:00 at the farthest parking area to the left of the entrance. (When you enter the park, turn left. Then follow the road back until it ends). We will head out on the hike from the green gate at 9:10. Snow in the area will cancel the hike. Please check with Dianne on December 17 if this may be an issue.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

FACEBOOK: CORBA (818) 773-3555

www.corbambt.com

Friends of El Prieto Trail

bannermoffat@earthlink.net

An organized group of individual working on improving the trail to pre fire condition. If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail.

Friends of Hahamongna

www.fohwp.org

The Friends of Hahamongna is an advocacy group working together for the protection of Hahamongna Watershed Park, one of Pasadena's last great open spaces

The Committee also received a letter from the LA County Department of Public Works, Water Resources Division, informing them of a major sediment removal project in Hahamongna necessitated by the Station Fire. As the letter notes, the Station Fire burned over 160,000 acres in the San Gabriels including the Arroyo Seco and deposited 936,000 cubic yards of post fire debris. The sediment removal in Hahamongna will make room for future sedimentation that is expected to occur. Construction is expected to begin as early as next summer. The County will make a formal presentation of this project to the Advisory Committee when the details have been finalized.

The Committee also asked for a report on the Hahamongna Basin Multi-Use Project which includes a sediment removal component as well. The latter is one of the two Upper Los River Watershed projects selected to be included in a Proposition 84 implementation grant application by the Greater Los Angeles County Integrated Regional Water Management region. The initial amount requested was \$2.971 million with a total cost of 7.255 million. Should the Prop 84 funds be awarded, the CEQA date is December 2011 and the estimated construction start date is May 2012.

Given the urgency of the County's Station Fire sediment removal project, the Committee asked that the County's presentation be given at their next meeting if at all possible. The date of the next meeting has not yet been set.

HABITAT WORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

<http://www.habitatwork.org/calendar.htm>

• Dec 11th Heart of the Arroyo Seco ~ Station Fire Recovery Watershed and Native Plant TLC Angeles National Forest

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Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

Kat katcalls@aol.com (626) 449-8975

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that patrols trails and can pack Trash, Rubbish, Equipment, Material and Supplies etc...to your Trail or worksite.

Contact:

Jonathan Schultz a Forest Certified Animal Packer, Master Teacher for "LNT", Chainsaw & Crosscut Saw Certified Volunteer.

951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

Glen Foster 760-868-8313 or 760-508-0344
or

Dave Ewbanks 909-489-5470

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• Dec 4th outing

The South San Gabriel Peak Trail is closed for work until after winter . We will now be working on the middle Merrill Trail. (after approvals)

Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

Matt Maxon

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

Monrovia Canyon Park

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer call Kathleen at 626-256-8282.

<http://www.cityofmonrovia.org/community-life/parks/342-monrovia-canyon-park>

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/>

Ray Herrera ray@pmbc.

The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association was founded to be advocates of responsible trail use for mountain bikers in the San Gabriel Mountains. We are a part of Save the Trails, an umbrella group for trail advocacy in and around the San Gabriel Valley, and cooperate with CORBA, IMBA, Pasadena Mountain Bike Club, Mt Disappointment Endurance Run, and others.

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117

The Mt. Wilson Institute (MWI) has submitted a proposal to the board of trustees of the Mt. Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) whereby MWOA would merge with MWI. The MWOA board is currently considering the proposal, and negotiating details with MWI management, paying particular attention to status of the members of MWOA and their dues specific privileges. A more detailed statement will be forthcoming for the annual meeting of MWOA on 27 November at the Altadena Library. Meanwhile, the MWOA board has decided to temporarily suspend accepting new members, although we do encourage current members to maintain their memberships, pending the outcome of the proposed merger.

Outward Bound Adventures **FACEBOOK:** Outward Bound Adventures

<http://www.obainc.info/>

The mission of Outward Bound Adventures is to provide nature-based education that promotes positive self-development, environmental responsibility, and outdoor career exposure for low income, at-risk, and urban youth. Outward bound Adventures has numerous opportunities for volunteers, both administrative and for outings. To inquire about opportunities, please e-mail rsendrey@obainc.org or call **626-564-0844**

Pacific Crest Trail Association **FACEBOOK:** Pacific Crest Trail Association

www.pcta.org

1331 Garden Highway
Sacramento, California 95833

• **Jan 1st - Dec 30th 'Fannypack' Projects [FALC]. SBNE, ANF, CNF, and BLM. Swat teams to inventory trail, clear trees and boulders, and repair slides on short notice. Open to qualified volunteers.**

Contact

Pete Fish, Email: pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net, Tel.: 805-658-6540

or John Hachey, Email: goaliejhachey@msn.com, Tel.: 909-605-3219.

From desert to glacier-flanked mountain, meadow to forest, the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) symbolizes everything there is to love - and protect - in the Western United States. Join us as we celebrate, enjoy and safeguard this unique American treasure.

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

626-303-1078

• **Currently working Islip Ridge Trail.**

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month.

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

A diverse user committee (Government – City of Santa Clarita Parks, Recreation and Community Services, Santa Monica Mountain Conservancy and US Forest Service; Groups - Equestrian, Mtn Bikes, Hikers (Community Hiking Club) formed by County of Los Angeles Parks and Recreation Department to assist in enhancing the non motorized trail experience within the NW portion of Los Angeles County (ie City of Santa Clarita, Acton, Antelope Valley etc).

Meet quarterly at Santa Clarita Activities/Sports Center.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.

www.sbnfa.org

909-382-2790

Since 1992, we've worked to complement the mission of the US Forest Service. We develop new resources and partnerships that create new opportunities, particularly through the efforts of volunteers, for conservation, education, and recreation that have added value to the forest's role as public land. Support Your National Forest Association! Donate a lot or donate a little and help support the programming you love today!

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

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Original Mt Lowe picnic tables

Restoration of picnic tables at Mt Lowe!



I need a hole drilled here!



Final installation



That should do it

Sierra Club

www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

(626) 791-7660

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086

- Dec 1st meeting Holiday Dinner Celebration
- Dec 2nd Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Dec 4th Altadena Ramble
- Dec 5th Switzer to Red Box
- Dec 9th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Dec 11th Eaton Canyon Gardening and Trail Work
- Dec 11th Hastings Pk
- Dec 16th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Dec 23rd Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Dec 30th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Jan 1st New Year's Day Hike to Echo Mtn

Tree People <http://www.treepeople.org> Telephone (818) 753-4600 **FACEBOOK:** Tree People

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|------------------------|---------------------|--|
| Angeles Restoration | Supervisor Training | • Dec 11 th |
| Campus tree care | | • Dec 4 th |
| Fruit Crew Orientation | | • Dec 18 th /5 th |
| Full moon Hike | | • Dec 21 st |
| Fruit Tree Load | | • Dec 27 th |
| Mountain Restoration | | • Dec 4 th /5 th /11 th /12 th /18 th |
| Outreach Training | | • Dec 18 th /5 th |
| Park Work Day | | • Dec 2 nd /9 th /16 th |
| Pruning Workshop | | • Dec 4 th /5 th |
| Street tree care | | • Dec 11 th |

TreePeople's mission is to inspire, engage and support people to take personal responsibility for the urban environment, making it safe, healthy, fun and sustainable and to share the process as a model for the world.

Wednesday Hiking Club

- Dec 11th Outing

We're Korean-Americans, who love working in the National Forest. We work the 2nd Saturday of each month on maintaining the Sunset Ridge Trail, 12W18. If you would like to join us or have any questions, please contact Ted Kim at infocus804@yahoo.com

William S Hart UHSD of Santa

Clarita ANF Crew 5130

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- Check out the new website!
www.hartrop.com/forestry

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest Wrightwood, CA

<http://www.grassyhollow.net>
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Loren Lake

lorenll@verizon.net

Sylmar Hang Glider Association

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

P.O. Box 922303

Sylmar, CA 91392

Assisting in Kagel Mtn OHV
restoration project

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES on Jan 18, 1918

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Instrument Invented by an Oregon Man Used by Forest Ranger in Work

High up at the lookout station on the peak of MT. Hood some day a forest ranger sees a thin column of smoke rising against the horizon. It is the beginning of a forest fire, and the ranger must report it to the proper supervisor that fire fighters may be sent out. For determining the exact location of the fire a unique instrument called a fire finder is used, the invention of William B. Osborne, Jr., forest examiner, which is on the principle of engineer's transit with a number of improvements.

A perfectly level cedar base board, a lower plate of soft gray iron. An upper plate of iron which revolves about the lower plate—this much is easy but from then on the parts are a little more complex. But, to locate the fire, the ranger simply squints through a tiny hole and brings the pointer on the other side to bear on the smoke. He then knows the fire lies somewhere on the line of the steel ribbon running across the map which is on the second steel plate. The exact distance on the line is stimulated by a comparison of all the topographic features along the line of sight with those shown on the map.

LOCATED BY ANGLES

Another way, a little more complex, is by finding the horizontal angle or azimuth of transit precision by using a little instrument just below the rear sight. By plotting the intersection of these angles from two or more stations, the exact location of the fire may be determined.

Or the vertical angle of transit precision may be found by the indicator and tangent scale on the front sight. And the intersection of this angle with a graphic profile of the topography along the line of sight be plotted.

Still another method, more interesting than the last two, consists in putting a strip of celluloid around the edge of the map and after sighting the fire, releasing a spring which supports a pencil, which drops and runs along, plating the contour of the land in that vicinity. This method gives the actual name of watershed or mountainside on which the fire is located, and may be used at night when the outline of all the ridges is obliterated.

The Osborne fire finder is in forest service offices throughout the entire United States, and orders are constantly coming in for the instruments. (Oregon Journal)

Flash Forward

The Fire Finder was invented by William "W.B." Osborne, a United States Forest Service employee from Portland, Oregon, and has been in service since 1915. Mr. Osborne also designed the photo-recording transit for making panoramic records of forest conditions, as well as a collapsible water-bag knapsack for firefighting (U.S. patented in 1935). Many fire finders were manufactured from 1920 through 1935 but after 1975, the manufacturer Leupold & Stevens, Inc. stopped production of replacement parts.

In recent years, with the resurgence and recovery of fire lookout towers, new Osborne devices were needed. The U.S. Forest Service, San Dimas Technology and Development Center (SDTDC) was contacted regarding the deteriorating condition of the Osborne Fire Finders housed in fire lookouts throughout the United States. A pilot program to create new Osbornes was coordinated with manufacturer, Palmquist Tooling, Inc. and now Osborne Fire Finders are available again.

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