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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Nov 2010

Hello to all Volunteers!

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

My name is Suzanne Avila and I have been serving as the Angeles National Forest (ANF), Volunteer Partnership Coordinator since 2009, working out of the Forest Supervisor’s office in Arcadia. I was asked personally by Howard Okamoto, former Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) Recreation Officer, to oversee the continuation of the creation of this “VOLUNTEER TODAY” newsletter. Although my plate is full with so many other forest-related tasks, I agreed. I not only agreed, but I felt honored that Howard asked me. I know how hard Howard worked to create and sustain the outstanding volunteer program that exists today on the LARRD, and I know the magnitude of volunteer hours that this communication tool generates to help ANF meet its mission and goals. Therefore, I want to wholeheartedly support this effort. Although I envision it will be tough to follow in Howard’s footsteps, I know I can respect the strong foundation he set forth and I can foster his vision for the future growth of this program.

As we move forward this fall, I want to make you aware of a partnership program that the ANF is developing with TreePeople, the Los Angeles based nonprofit environmental organization, to coordinate a “2011 Forest Aide” campaign. Beginning in spring 2011, ANF plans to plant a total 23,000 seedlings/year, over the next three years, to help the forest recover from the 2009 Station Fire.

We estimate a total of 2,500 volunteers will be needed to accomplish this task. In preparation for this massive tree planting campaign, TreePeople is coordinating a Restoration Volunteer Supervisor training on November 20, 2010. If you are interested in this training, sign up at: www.treepeople.org/angeles-restoration-supervisor-training.

I will be working very closely with the following ANF staff members as we transition and develop our future volunteer program goals: Gerald Reponen, Assistant Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900, ext. 228 / greponen@fs.fed.us and Andrew Fish, Non-Motorized Trails Program Manager (818) 899-1900, ext. 256 / ajfish@fs.fed.us.

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 one of the aforementioned individuals, 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 natural resource management objectives. If you are interest in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions regarding the Volunteer Program, please contact one of the individuals mentioned above.

With all the challenges that the ANF faces, it is imperative that we continue to communicate and to work together. I look forward to another tenure of volunteering success on the LARRD and throughout the entire forest. Feel free to reach me if you have any questions or if you care to introduce yourself.

Look forward to working with you in the forest,

/s/ Suzanne Avila
Volunteer Partnership Coordinator
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God has cared for these trees, saved them from drought, disease, avalanches, and a thousand tempests and floods. But he cannot save them from fools.

[John Muir](#)

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

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Angeles Forest in the News

Mudslide traps hikers in Angeles National Forest

October 4, 2010

Several hikers were reported trapped after a mudslide Monday afternoon near the Chantry Flats campground in the Angeles National Forest, officials with the Los Angeles County Fire Department said.

Details were sketchy but the hikers had been trapped, not buried, by the 2 p.m. mudslide, said Fire Inspector Matt Levesque.

The Fire Department dispatched its Urban Search and Rescue task force, which has tools and equipment to deal with entrapped victims, Levesque said.

The location where the hikers reported the slide is approximately a 25-minute hike up the trail from the Chantry Flats campground.

Jody Noiron is changing hats

SAN BERNARDINO – Jody Noiron, Supervisor of the Angeles National Forest, is changing hats and taking on a similar responsibility in the San Bernardino National Forest.

Ms. Noiron has a 27-year background in natural resources and land management and will apply that experience in overseeing the most heavily-visited and complex forest in the nation.

The change comes a year after the Station Fire, the largest in Los Angeles County history.

Ms. Noiron supervised the Angeles National Forest the past 10 years and previous to that was a deputy regional forester.

She replaces Jeanne Wade Evans who was promoted to a deputy forester in August. (INT)

Volunteers sought to help clean up San Gabriel River watershed

The Forest Service and the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District are seeking volunteers to help clean and improve the San Gabriel River watershed in the Angeles National Forest on Nov. 6.

The watershed provides much of the region's water and is troubled by litter and other problems that volunteers will help address.

Volunteers are asked to meet at 8 a.m. at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center in the forest, located on Highway 39 shortly after the off-road vehicle area across the street from the Rincon Fire Station. Volunteers should wear comfortable shoes and clothes, bring gloves, lunch and water.

For more information, call 626-335-1251 or 626-443-2298.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

• 24th Annual Angeles 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 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.

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.

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org
OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000
avconservancy@yahoo.com

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If you use Google or any other search engine, please try [GoodSearch.com](http://www.GoodSearch.com) to help us build the Sustaining Endowment. Just type "av conservancy" as your charity and Yahoo donates a penny for each search- at no cost to you! Do it now, so you don't forget. Thank you!

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.

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.

Please contact:

Pam Morey
Forest Care Program
Coordinator
909-744-9510 ext. 125
pammorey@fs.fed.us



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.

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.

Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council
<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

Big Santa Anita Firesafe Council

cafiresafe@sbcglobal.net

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/>

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

www.ctuc.info

• Nov 17th 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: edwaldheim@aol.com

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Department

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

Jeff Weinstein Trails and Open Space Specialist
818-548-2000 jweinstein@ci.glendale.ca.us

• Oct 20th Wilderness workday

Call for additional info (818) 548-2000

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org 661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• Nov 6th - Jerry will lead this hike from Islip Saddle to Mount Hawkins 8850 ft elevation

This is a Moderate to strenuous 10 mi RT, 2200' gain hike at higher elevation. The views to the south from the summit are nothing short of stunning. You can see Crystal Lake, the front range of the San Gabriels, as well as the San Gabriel river canyon. We will see several natural springs in the area. Bring hat, sunblock, lunch and snacks and 2 quarts of water, appropriate footwear with good tread. If it is cold, bring jacket, hat, gloves. Attention Drivers: An Adventure Pass is required for parking in the National forest.

• Nov 7th -Helen will lead you on a CAVE HIKE- Meet at Balboa/San Fernando Mission Blvd at 7:45 at the Trader Joes parking lot. We will leave this area to carpool to the trail head at 8:00. We will hike up Devil's slide in Los Angeles County to Ventura County and connect with the old El Camino Real trail. From there we take the wildlife corridor to Rocky Peak and then down Hummingbird. She will point out about 7 caves, some obvious some not. This is an area filled with historical, geological and film making significance. Bring lots of water and lunch. There is about 1,000 ft gain. The hike is about 7 miles RT.

• Nov 12th -Concert-CHC is hosting a concert at the Canyon Theatre Guild at 24242 Main Street, in Newhall.

Tickets are \$15. Each. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Headliner band is Crimson Crowbar with Frank Simes and Dave Shelton. Frank has played with Mick Jagger, Roger Daltrey, Don Henley, Stevie Nicks, and many more. He'll be touring with the Eagles following this concert. Dave has composed for television and film and has been seen and heard on The Rikki Lake Show, The Discovery Channel, and the Tony Danza show to name a few. Music from the 60s and 70s will be presented on acoustical guitar. Geno E and his band will start the evening off and warm us up for Crimson Crowbar. (6:30-Midnight) Beer and Wine will be for available for sale. ID required. Disneyland and California Adventure Park Hopper Tickets will be auctioned off as well as some other beautiful gifts, so bring your checkbook! Ticket sales benefit our At-Risk Kids programs, so bring your friends.

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Community Hiking Club

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• **Nov 13th/14th Red Rock Canyon Geoglyph Adventure.** Drive to Redrock Canyon near Ridgecrest (Cantil) at your leisure and set up your campsite at the Ricardo Campground.

We will drive through Iron Canyon to the "trail head." We will park and hike through Scenic Canyon, at first on a dirt road and then following a wash. Since the geoglyph lies above Nightmare Gulch, we must leave the wash and climb up a steep 25 foot embankment, so be sure to bring hiking poles if you have them. We then follow a ridgeline as it ascends towards the plateau that lies above Nightmare Gulch. Once we reach the plateau there are drainages that require us to descend and then rise slightly once again before we reach our destination. This is truly a cross country hike. There is a modest, but nice chalcedony quarry site that we will transect while en route. The round trip hike will encompass about 3 to 4 miles.



Each tributary canyon is unique, with vivid colors.

The Geoglyph Hike We will be hiking Red Cliffs trail/Hagen Canyon on Saturday if you come early. Sunday we will be taking a hike with an archeologist and a ranger to visit the local Geoglyphs that are closed to the general public. Hagen Canyon Natural Preserve is a striking badlands, with dramatic cliffs capped by a layer of dark basalt. A one mile loop trail explores the area.

Location/Directions The park is 120 miles north of Los Angeles, via Interstate 5 and Highway 14.
Day Use note: If you are only coming for the day hike on Sunday, please park in the Day Use lot. Meet with the group at the Nature Center at 8:45 AM.

• **Nov 20th**-Hike from the Devil's Punch Bowl to South Fork campground and back. This is a 14 mile round trip hike that includes some altitude and a gain of 1700ft on the return trip. Wear sturdy shoes and bring poles, lots of water, lunch, snacks. Wear layered clothing so you can add or subtract layers. Bring a warm jacket...it could be cold. Bug spray is also recommended. Meet at Towsley Cyn at 6:45 AM for a 7 AM departure to the trailhead. This will be a fast-paced, strenuous hike that will be difficult for beginners. After the hike, plan to stop at Charlie Brown Farms in Littlerock for a well-deserved Milkshake. Nikki will be leading this hike. To get to the trailhead directly, Google directions for Devil's Punchbowl Nature Center from your starting location. Plan to meet at the Devil's Punchbowl Nature Center parking lot by 8 AM.

• **(Spanish) 20 de Noviembre-- Para toda la Comunidad de habla Hispana;-hoy será un día fácil! Nos va a hacer el bucle de milla 6.1 en Towsley.** Nos reuniremos al cañón de Towsley, dentro de la puerta, en el primer lote de estacionamiento a la derecha, que es gratuito. Debemos estar a las 8: 00 de la mañana! Traer agua, aperitivos y protección contra el sol.

• **Nov 27th - Fish Canyon is a gorgeous hike in Castaic.** Meet at the OUTSIDE gate of Towsley Canyon by 8:15 for an 8:30 departure to the trail head. The hike can be 5-12 miles or even more, depending upon your ability. You can turn around and head back whenever you need to. The scenery is absolutely outstanding. You might want to bring a camera. The creek will probably be dry, but if it is running, it is all the more lovely. Bring lunch, shoes for water crossings if we have had rain, lots of water and snacks.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association

(CORBA) (818) 773-3555

www.corbamt.com

- November 7th trail day on El Prieto

Friends of El Prieto Trail

bannermoffat@earthlink.net

- November 7th trail day on El Prieto

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.

HABITAT WORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

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

- Nov 13th/14th

If rain, then Nov. 20 & 21, 2010

Kit-Fox Den Installation and Fence Modification
Salt Bush Planting for Pronghorns and
San Emigdio Blue Butterflies
Wind Wolves Preserve

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

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

www.haramokngna.org

Kat katcalls@aol.com

(626) 449-8975

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.

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

- Nov 13th outing

We will start restoring the South San Gabriel Peak Trail. Almost every inch of it needs at least some tread leveling, and there will be some major projects restoring trail width in some areas (after approvals).

Mt Disappointment 50K

Conservation Group

- Nov 20th Kenyon DeVore If coming e-mail Gary Hilliard prior to November 19th.

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

Matt Maxon

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

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

PO Box 70076 , Pasadena, CA 91117

• **Directions to Mount Wilson Observatory via Alternative Route –**

See the MWOA website, www.mwoa.org

• **Cosmic Café Is Open:**

The Cosmic Café is now open. Sandwiches, hot and cold drinks, etc. are available. Hours are 10:00am to 4:00pm on weekends. It is located in the Pavilion overlooking the big parking lot. Picnic tables and a great view of the City are nearby. Free weekend guided tours (<http://www.mwoa.org/tour.html>) of the Observatory also start there at 1:00pm. Bring family and friends, have lunch, and see the sights. For more on the Cosmic Café, see the Mount Wilson Institute (MWI) website. (<http://www.mtwilson.edu/>)

• **Call for Volunteers:** MWOA needs volunteers to help on Mount Wilson on weekends. Membership in the Mount Wilson Observatory Association (MWOA) is desirable. For more detailed information contact Don Nicholson by (dnich@alumni.caltech.edu), or telephone him at (310) 476-4413.

• **Nov 27th Free Public Lecture** in the Community Room of the Altadena Public Library. At 600 E. Mariposa ST, Altadena Refreshments at 2:00 pm, 2:30 pm lecture

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]. SBNF, 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

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

<http://www.crystallake.name>

Ben White bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

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• **Currently working Islip Ridge Trail.
We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday
of each month.**

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!

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

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

- Oct 23rd Outing
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William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

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661.259.0033 X 525
• Check out the new website!
www.hartrop.com/forestry

• Nov 3rd meeting Renowned JPL climatologist Bill Patzert discusses "Climate Change and Our Future Water Supply: It Ain't What It Used To Be". Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. 7 pm social hour, 7:30 pm program at Eaton Cyn Nature Ctr, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact: Group Chair: Elizabeth Pomeroy

• Nov 13th Chapter Centennial Trails Restoration/El Prieto Trail

Location subject to change depending on hillside conditions. Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain parts of the 500+ mi trail system in the Angeles National Forest. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long-sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically run 9 am -3 pm. Bring lots of water, lunch, safety glasses if you have them, and enthusiasm to work as little or as much as you want. For further details contact: Leader: Don Bremner; Asst: Bob Cates

Sylmar Hang Glider Association

<http://www.shga.com/>
P.O. Box 922303
Sylmar, CA 91392
Assisting in Kagel Mtn OHV restoration project

Tree People <http://www.treepeople.org>

Telephone (818) 753-4600 CHECK US OUT ON FACEBOOK

• Nov 11th Angeles National Forest

Learn how to supervise volunteers during our restoration efforts in the Angeles National Forest. Participants will learn how to teach volunteers to plant native tree seedlings, proper safety and tool use, and how to ensure that everyone has a great time. **All volunteers must individually pre-register to attend.** This is a first come first served opportunity.

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.

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest Wrightwood, CA

<http://www.grassyhollow.net>
grassyhollow@hotmail.com

Loren Lake
lorenll@verizon.net

Wednesday Hiking Club

• Nov 13th 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

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES on Jan 1, 1961

Page SF5 Nike Sites in Angeles Forest to Be Closed

SAN FERNANDO- Two Nike Ajax sites in the Angeles National Forest. Which were established by the Army four years ago as part of a Southland missile defense perimeter, will be closed down later this year.

Scheduled for closing are sites on Mt Disappointment. Located about four miles east of the Red Box Ranger Station on the Angeles Crest Highway above La Canada and atop Magic Mountain north of San Fernando.

Abandonment of the sites is due to adoption of the Nike Hercules missile which is said to have three times the range and more than twice the altitude capabilities of the Ajax missile, said a spokesman of the Army's 47th Army Artillery Brigade at Ft. MacArthur.

Conversion Scheduled

Among Southland sites scheduled for conversion are the Van Nuys and Newhall Nike facilities according an Army official.

Inactivation of the Ajax sites will take place in an orderly fashion and will follow a staggered schedule which will extend over a period of several months, an Army spokesman said.

Conversion of the Ajax sites to accommodate the Hercules missile project will take place before the closing of the specified Nike sites, the spokesman added.

Flash Forward

You can still find the remains of the Nike missile site in the Angeles Forest that can be checked out after the closure order is lifted.

On Mt Disappointment are the concrete slab of the administration building. The launch site antenna farm, that can be seen nearby is now a relay station.

Hike along the San Gabriel peak trail and notice the telephone poles that provided the communication from the radar site to the launch site at Barley Flats.

Part of the trail that goes from Red Box to Strawberry peak was part of the service road to the Nike launch site. The trail follows the road from Red Box for about a mile then makes a sharp left turn. Notice the metal sluices on right side of road/trail to drain water from the road. Beyond the point where the trail turns left, the road has returned to the forest.

The only thing that remains of the Barley Flats Launch site were the admin buildings. The missile launching magazines were destroyed.

The buildings was used as a probation camp by the Los Angeles County Sheriffs Dept. However the buildings were destroyed by the Station Fire.

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

TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Aug 24, 2010 email: info@tundracomics.com



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 / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
