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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Oct 2010

GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE

*“The Forest Service is about *sustaining the health, diversity and productivity of the nation’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.*”*

Chief Abigail Kimbell, January 2008.

As I reflect over my Forest Service career (36 years – 3 Regions and 6 National Forests), my tour on the Angeles National Forest has been one of the most rewarding, because of the Los Angeles River Ranger District volunteer program. During my time, I believe we’ve achieved a transparent relationship between Forest Service, volunteers and Forest visitors that has resulted in the accomplishment of common objectives: providing quality visitor interaction (information, interpretation and education (regulation enforcement)), Developed Recreation Site redesign/rehabilitation, hosting special events (ie California and National Trail Day), trail maintenance/planning, these accomplishments and many more have built a strong foundation for the future growth of this program and reinforces the Forest Service mission of “Serving the People and Caring for the Land”. I hope, you’ll continue to assist this District in leading the way towards a long term sustainable Volunteer Program.

Another fond memory, that I’ve enjoyed is working with the cultural diversity and dedication that you bring to this highly energized cohesive volunteer program in accomplishing a quality recreation experience on the Los Angeles River Ranger District.

I want to thank you for providing me the opportunity to be a part of your Vision.

Until the Recreation Officer position is filled the following individuals will be your primary contact: Developed Recreation Site, Gerald Reponen, Assistant Recreation Officer, 818-899-1900 ext 228 or greponen@fs.fed.us and Trails, Andrew Fish, Non motorized Trail Program Manager, 818-899-1900 ext 256 or ajfish@fs.fed.us.

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 above mention individuals, so you can receive either your 2011 Annual Adventure Pass or Interagency – Annual Pass.

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 regarding the Volunteer Program, please contact one of the above mentioned individuals.

As I head towards my new adventure, I want to THANK YOU for the fond memories, accomplishments we’ve achieved and the sharing of ideals and hopes for the Los Angeles River Ranger District.

Take care and Best Wishes on your future endeavors as you assist the Los Angeles River Ranger District in being the BEST IT CAN BE.

/s/ Howard S. Okamoto

Angeles National Forest
Los Angeles River Ranger District
Recreation Officer

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**The only
thing
that is
constant
is change.**

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LARRD VOLUNTEER CALENDAR

October 2010

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Works
Daylight
Saving
Time ends

What is "Make a Difference Day"?

Make A Difference Day, the largest national day of helping others, is sponsored annually by USA WEEKEND Magazine and its 800 carrier newspapers. Make A Difference Day takes place on the 4th Saturday in October each year.

For more information goto:

<http://www.usaweekend.com/section/MDDAY>

• **The Race!** 105 Starters 65 Finishers 10 Buckles

Jorge Pacheco and Keira Henninger win the 23rd Annual Angeles Crest 100

By: Hal Winton and Ken Hamada

The 23rd Annual Angeles Crest 100 rose out of the ashes of the Station Fire

Gradually, we repaired the most damaged trails: El Prieto, Silver Moccasin National Recreation Trail, Pacific Crest Trail from Three Points and the Idlehour Trail where we had a large washed out ravine, which we rebuilt using steel posts, fence and wire netting. Without the hard work done by 122 AC100 Trail Maintenance Volunteers the race would not have happened.

District Ranger Mike McIntyre agreed to give us our Special Use Permit for this year's race through 15 miles of the Station Fire burn area (still closed to the public) because of the hard work performed by 122 AC100 trail maintenance volunteers. If the AC100 volunteers did not clear the 15 miles of trails through the burn area, the Forest Service would not have given us our Special Use Permit to put on this year's race.

Canceling the race (two times in 2002 and 2009) causes problems for both the runners (who were rolled over from 2009 to this year's race) and the race organization. However, many of the local runners and others intent on doing our run, stayed the course, showing up for the trail work days and race weekend.

Local legend Jorge Pacheco, 2008 Ultrarunner of the Year, continued to put in long training runs in our mountains preparing for this year's race. Jorge ran Badwater 135 in July and placed 6th. We wondered if he would have enough reserves left to run this year's race. He appeared to be in great shape finishing in 19:20:50 winning the Ram Award, 2 hours ahead of 39 year old Brian Polley who won the 30+ Cougar Award. Forty six year old Roperto Romero was 2 minutes behind Brian in 3rd place winning the 35+ Horse Award. Guillermo Medina (who won the race in 2005) and won the San Diego 100 this year came in 4th place, just over 22 hours and received the Eagle Award for completing 10 straight AC100s, all under 23 hours. Forty one year old David LaDuc from Oakland came in next and won the 40+ Rhino Award. Five more men followed David to the Finish Line all under 24 hours to earn the Sterling Silver Buckle.

Keira Henninger, the new Race Director for the Leona Divide 50 Mile Run, ran a very good 24:15:17 in 11th place overall, even after going off the course at Dawson Saddle trail junction. On target for a fast time she was upset but determined to regain the lead which she did eventually and nearly pulled off a sub 24 hour performance while doing so. Fifty one year old Ken Hughes from Santa Barbara ran a sub 25:47 to earn the Second Sunrise Buckle and win the 45+ 8 Point Buck Award. Forty eight year old Vanessa Jones from Wrightwood earned the Second Sunrise Buckle and won the 30+ Cougar Award.

Forty two year old Donna Utikas from Amherst, Massachusetts won the Bronze Rhino Award. Sixty four year old Jussi Hamalainen (who won the race in 1990 and 1991 and has finished every AC100) won the 50+ Buffalo Award.

Sixty three year old Eric Kajiwara, from Ridgecrest, with a lot of applause from the crowd, crossed the Finish Line, just over 8 minutes ahead of the 33 hour cutoff and won the Elk Award for 10 finishes. Sixty five runners finished the race, very close to the average finish rate of 65%.

The Checkpoint Leaders, volunteers, Medical Team, HAM Radio volunteers, Finish Line Coordinator and Finish Line Food Service performed very well again this year. Our "Live Updates" of the race, to follow the status of your runner on our web site, set up by Gerry Walsh, was available worldwide and was referred to as excellent.

The ongoing stories of the runners in this year's race are endless. Garry Curry and Jussi Hamalainen both have now finished all 23 races. Meanwhile Garry had just finished Leadville 100, one week earlier.

In our pre-race prayer, we asked the assembled runners in Wrightwood, to pray for one of our past Champions Vicki DeVita, who is struggling with a very aggressive form of cancer.

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

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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

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Do you use GoodSearch?
If you use Google or any other search
engine, please try 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!

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:

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pammorey@fs.fed.us



Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy (formerly Altadena 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.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Audubon Center at Debs Park

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

(323) 221-2255

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

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/>

• Oct First Water Trail, installation of retaining wall contact Kevin Hunt or Andrew Fish, Date to be determined

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

www.ctuc.info

• Oct 20th 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

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 10th

Unity Fest Glendale An International Street Fair For information, visit the Unity Fest 2010 web page

• Oct 15th Equinox

Battle of the Bands Event for Teens For information: To be part of the planning team, or to perform at an upcoming equinox call: (818) 548-3785

• Oct 16th • Sept 18th Wilderness workday

Call for additional info (818) 548-2000

• Oct 24th Tree Watering

Come and Care for a Coulter Pine For information or reservations, call: (818) 548-3795.

• Oct 28th Halloween Celebration for Seniors

For information call: (818) 548-3775

• Oct 29th Halloween Hoopla For information, call: the Pacific Community Center, (818) 548-4098.

• Oct 29th Freaky Friday For information, call: Fabiola Guzman (818) 548-2187



Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers removing a trail slide

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org 661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• **Oct 2nd Hike Devil's Chair at Devil's Punch Bowl**-This 7 mile round trip hike includes some altitude and a mild climb. It is one of the most scenic hikes in our area. The Devil's Punch Bowl itself is a gorgeous site with the protruding rocks and sheer rock faces. We travel through Devil's Punchbowl, and go into Pleasant View Ridge Wilderness area. Bring a lunch, poles if you have them, and lots of water. Meet at Towsley Canyon at 8:00 for an 8:15 AM to carpool departure to the trail head.

• **(Spanish) 3 De Octubre-- 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.

• **Oct 9th - Jerry will be leading you on a fantastic hike from Dough Flat to Cow Spring Camp through the Sespe Condor Sanctuary.** It is a moderate to difficult, rugged 10 mile hike with 1500 feet elevation gain. The Sespe Condor Sanctuary is a remote wilderness of magnificent mountains and towering canyons. The multi-colored layers of sedimentary rock that make up this land have been twisted and tilted by frequent seismic activity and Sespe creek has cut through the inclined strata on its way to the sea. The result is a combination of layered walls, great inclined slabs of polished rock and a canyon bottom littered with enormous purple and yellow boulders. Bring 3 quarts water, lunch, bug spray, sunblock, binoculars, camera, hat and appropriate footwear WITH TREAD. Hiking poles will be helpful.

Meet OUTSIDE Towsley Canyon at 6:50 for 7:00 AM departure, We will carpool in vehicles that are dirt road capable. Adventure passes are required.

• **Oct 16th Weldon Canyon to Mission Point.** This hike is approximately 10 miles through Oak woodland and chaparral with about 2,000 ft gain and fantastic views. We will hike from Weldon Canyon to East Canyon to Mission Point and back. Bring your camera. Deer are often seen along the upper stretch. Bring your lunch and plenty of water. Poles will be helpful on the steep areas. Meet on the street at East Canyon at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure to Weldon Canyon.

• **Oct 17th Leave No Trace Nature Series Event-** Trevor Fulham, our speaker, is a Master Educator for Leave No Trace with 5 years of experience working in the outdoors and running programs in the southern Sierra Nevada for the Boy Scouts of America. In his free time he rock climbs, backpacks and volunteers with various nonprofits in Southern California. This is a perfect venue for Boy and Girl Scouts as well as anyone interested in the outdoors, camping, and backpacking. Trevor comes to us from Adventure 16 in Tarzana! The event will be a 1 1/2 hour talk on the 7 principals of Leave No Trace including activities relevant to several of the principals. This program is great for teachers as well!

Meet at Placerita Nature Center Indoor Classroom 8:30 AM

• **Oct 23rd Nikki will be leading you on one of her favorite hikes: La Jolla Valley Loop at Pt Mugu State Park in Malibu.** This hike will be an 11 mile loop that includes views of the ocean and a climb to the summit of Mugu peak (1260'). Wear sturdy shoes and bring poles, water, lunch. Bug spray is also recommended. There is \$7 per vehicle parking fee for Pt Mugu State park. Meet at Towsley Cyn at 6:45 AM for a 7 AM departure to the trailhead. This will be a fast-paced, strenuous hike on a well-maintained trail that will be difficult for beginners.

To get to the trailhead directly, drive up the coast north on PCH from Malibu. About 1.5 miles north of Big Sycamore Canyon campground on the right is the Ray Miller Trailhead, which is used to access La Jolla Valley, (La Jolla Valley in Point Mugu State Park 9000 W Pacific Coast Hwy, Malibu, CA 90265). An alternative route that we will be using from Santa Clarita, that seems to be faster, is to take the 101 Fwy to Camarillo. Exit S. Las Posas Rd (near the outlet stores). Follow Las Posas Rd to PCH. Go South on PCH. Pass Pt Mugu Rock and the turn for the Ray Miller Trailhead will be the first left. If you see the Big Sycamore Cyn campground, you have gone too far.

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• **Oct 30th Slide Mountain is 13 miles round trip on a steep trail. An Adventure Pass is required for parking in the Angeles National Forest.** Bring lots of water, lunch, snacks, and hiking poles will be helpful.

We will meet at the outside gate of Towsley Canyon at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure. We will be carpooling to the trailhead above Castaic on I-5. If you would like to meet us in Castaic, take the I-5 North to Templin Hwy. Exit. Turn left under the freeway, and then make a right on the road that parallels the freeway (it's the only road there). Follow this road to the end (Frenchman's Flat). We will meet in the parking area by the gate.

• **(Spanish) Oct 31st para toda la Comunidad de habla Hispana;habra una excursion en Placerita Canyon.** Sylvia y Letty les guiaran en una fantastica excursion 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. Traer almuerzo o bocadillos, mucha agua. Usen proteccion solar, un 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 del 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 izquierda y siga hacia donde estan los edificios. Estacione su carro y busque por el letrero de la entrada al camino.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) (818) 773-3555

www.corbamt.com

- **November 7th trail day on El Prieto**
- **Oct 2nd 09:00 AM Take a Kid Mountain Biking 2010 Malibu Creek State Park, Calabasas, California**
This event is free so bring your own kids, nieces, nephews, friend kids, neighbor kids! **Kids must have their own bikes and helmets.**
- **Oct 17th FAT TIRE FEST 2010 Castic Lake, CA**
Pre-register at: FatTireFest.com before Oct 10 and get 10 free raffle tickets

HABITAT WORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

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

- **Oct 2nd Heart of the Arroyo Seco Station Fire Recovery**
Invasive Species Removal Angeles National Forest
- **Oct 16th San Francisquito Canyon**
Tamarisk and its Allies Angeles National Forest
- **Oct 30th-31st Heart of the Arroyo Seco Station Fire Recovery**
Invasive Species Removal and Campout Angeles National Forest

Matt Maxon

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

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.

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

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(626) 449-8975

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

- **Oct 9th outing** • **Oct 30th 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**

- **Oct 16th Kenyon DeVore** If coming e-mail Gary Hilliard prior to **October 14**

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

Monrovia Canyon Park

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

- **Oct 20th Volunteer Meeting**

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

**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.

- **Oct 30th “The Cosmic Dark Ages” 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

- **Amateur Astronomers needed to volunteer at DPS-AAS Meeting, October 3-8, in Pasadena**

Division for Planetary Sciences Meeting, American Astronomical Society, in need of volunteers. Individuals are needed to support various tasks in the DPS cyber café, press office, speaker ready room, and at the registration desk. The meeting will be held in Pasadena, CA, October 3-8,2010.

Dps.aas.org/meetings/2010/index.shtml.

If you have questions, please contact the DPS volunteer coordinator, Dr. Bidushi Bhattacharya (bhattach@pac.caltech.edu).

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

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.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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

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 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.

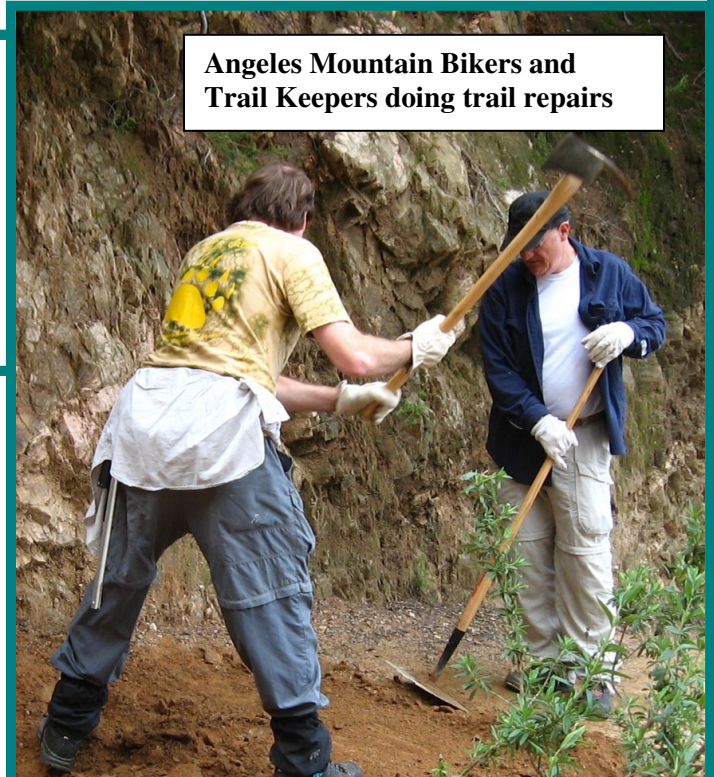
San Bernardino National Forest Assoc.

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!



Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers doing trail repairs

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

• Oct 21st

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

<http://www.mtlowe.net>

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Sierra Club www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

(626) 791-7660

Sierra Club-Pasadena Group

P.O. Box 94086

Pasadena, CA. 91109-4086

• **Oct 6th meeting** Information is available on the group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers are always welcome. Social hour begins at 7:00 pm, program starts at 7:30 pm. Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For addtn'l info contact Membership Chair Elizabeth Pomeroy 626-791-7660.

• **Oct 9th Trails Restoration: Strawberry Peak Trail – Redbox Picnic Area to Strawberry Peak:** Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain over 200 miles of trails damaged by 2009 Station Fire. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long- sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically end by 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. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location (we need headcount to provide proper number of tools). Ldrs: SHARON MOORE, JIM FLEMING, WINNETTE BUTLER.

• **Oct 23rd Trails Restoration: World of Chaparral – Georges Gap Trailhead to Clear Creek Fire Station.** Join the Forest Committee's San Gabriels Trail Crew to help restore and maintain over 200 miles of trails damaged by 2009 Station Fire. Tools and instructions provided. Boots, gloves, long- sleeved shirts, and pants mandatory. Hiking distances vary. Events typically end by 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. Contact leader (email preferred) week before for destination, meeting time and location (we need headcount to provide proper number of tools). Ldrs: RON SCHRANTZ, JOHN & DANA HUNTER.

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Wednesday Hiking Club

• Oct 9th 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 Oct 12, 1919

Page VII SILVER LINING IN LATE FOREST FIRES

DEFINITE AGITATION STARTS TO BUILD HIGHWAYS THROUGH RESERVES

A silver lining has been found in the clouds of forest fire smoke, which recently surged over Southern California foothills, in the fact that local and visiting motorists are more likely than ever to have some adequate roads built leading into the wonderful scenic sections of the southern part of the State.

Also, point out, officials of the Automobile Club of Southern California, the clearing away of the smoke from burned-out watersheds reveals the astounding fact to the public that of all government funds available for the forest road work in this State, 80 percent, have been allotted to regions lying north of San Francisco.

Only 20 per cent of the total funds are available for Southern California, to protect its valuable watersheds, upon which some \$100,000,000 in ranches and homes depends for preservation.

Now a definite agitation is in the wind to get some action out of a Washington, D.C. in seeing that A specific fund is set aside to save from total devastation the forests of Southern California. Senator Phelan according to J.B. Lippincott, consulting engineer for the Automobile Club has already interested himself in the project of the Angeles Forest Reserve road and others are following suite.

Telegrams have been sent to the Senator and the Secretary of Agriculture by the Automobile Club and other organizations showing the hopelessness of trying to protect \$100,000,000 in ranches and homes with no roads leading into the watersheds.

With \$2,000,000 needed to complete the circuit of highway through the Angeles Forest only approximately \$417,000 is available from State, county and municipal sources. Of this sum the government, through the forest reserve department, has appropriate \$21,000.

So great is the economic need of such a mountain road as shown by the forest fire menace that officials are not even pointing out the great advantage of developing the route from a touring and scenic standpoint which in itself is incontrovertible.

Officials of the forest reserve service have stated that if there had been roads in the Angeles Forest the fires which raged there could have been stopped in their early stages.

But there were no highways reaching up into the Arroyo Seco nor to the strategic points from which the flames could have been conquered despite the fact that motorists have been urging the building of mountain roads for several years.

It is not a question of "locking the stable after the Flivver has been stolen," say club officials strenuously endeavoring to secure funds now for an Angeles reserve road. Even if more than 160,000 acres of watershed has been burned off for the need of a serviceable route into the reserve is only emphasized and not done away with because the fire has come and gone.

If motor trucks laden with man and supplies could have toiled into the areas where the fires were first discovered there would have been no gigantic loss. It would have been the motor driven vehicle which would have averted the catastrophe.

Fire fighters during the recent holocaust tired before they ever reached the fire lines, say the authorities, from the long hike on account of there being no roads and later became exhausted from long waits for supplies which had to be taken in on pack animals.

Flash Forward

Who knows what events will occur as a result of the 2009 Station Fire.

But one thing is certain, history will be written.

Bi-monthly Forest Service volunteer meeting 15-Sep-2010 notes

By Kathie Reilly

- **This was Howard's last meeting with us since he will be retiring as of 1-Oct-2010, and we will miss him. He has been with us since 2003 and is retiring after 36 years to move to Phoenix. We had a cake and card. AC100 gave him a gift certificate for REI, and JPL Trailbuilders gave him a JPL cap and JPL water bottle.**
- **Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (Mark)** almost finished with Lower Merrill Trail, then will work Castle Canyon Trail.
- **AC100 (Hal)** race took place August 28-29. 104 runners started, 65 finished, same winner as last year. Thanks to a lot of trail work the race was able to take place. The race dates are moving next year to July 23-24 to get out of fire time.
- **JPL Trailbuilders (Kathie)** are working San Gabriel Peak South that needs lots of work. Warning: A prolific plant after the fire is purple flower poodle dog which can cause a rash something like poison oak.
- **Terry Tanner** is still collecting letters of recommendation to rename a peak after Jim Spencer. He is worried that it will not happen.
- **Scenic Mt Lowe Railway (Brain)** – a Boy Scout project will be doing brushing at Mt Echo, around the ruins
- **Sturtevant Camp** A pitch for Sturtevant Camp which is struggling. It costs only \$35 for a cabin with kitchen and hot shower. You can book over the Internet. <http://www.sturtevantcamp.org/>
- **William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew (Kevin)** – He has started recruiting for his spring class for up to 35 kids. He has drafted a website where you can sign up for classes, and there are links to Internships. www.hartrop.com/forestry
- **There are requests to open Little Tujunga Canyon to Yerba Buena**, but requests take about a month.
- **custom trail signs** There is a company in Glendale the Forest Service may use for custom trail signs.
- **Forest Service Uniforms** Uniform orders have stopped since the Forest Service is not pleased with the dye not lasting.
- **Wilderness area tree removal** To remove trees in wilderness area, need cross-cut saw training.

Non Motorized Trail Program

- **PCT** FY11 Funding request – Williamson Rock & Mt Pacifico reroute With funding the Mt Williamson rock reroute will be lined this spring, maybe start construction next fall.
- **Station Fire Recovery** Sierra Club worked Gabriellino Trail between Red Box and Valley Forge, and have plans for working all winter.
- **Cobb Estate Trail System** 9/14 FS provided updated map exhibiting trails (designated/user) to Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group Altadena Crest Trail would like to make a loop with Camp Sierra Trail.
- **Chilao Visitor Center** It will be another 5 weeks before power restored.
- **LA County Parks & Recreation**
 - Draft Trails Manual completed prior to public meetings.....Early November / Mid November 2010
 - Noticing for upcoming public meetings Late November / Early December 2010
 - Public meetings in each of the five Supervisorial Districts February 2011
 - Trails Manual completed ?

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Bi-monthly Forest Service volunteer meeting 15-Sep-2010 cont

Los Angeles River RD

Developed/Dispersed Recreation

- Switzer RSI Contractor working site
- Buckhorn ARRA Contractor working site
- **BSA Eagle Scout Projects:**
 - Chilao Little Pines/Manzanita Campground
 - Doc Larson Trail
 - Echo Mountain Picnic Area
 - El Prieto Trail
 - Stonyvale Picnic Area
 - Vogel Flat Picnic Area
 - Wildwood Picnic Area

Rim of the Valley Corridor Special Resource Study

Public Meeting Schedule

www.nps.gov/pwro/rimofthevalley

- **Calabasas:** Monday, October 4, 2010.
7-9 p.m. King Gillette Ranch, 26800 West Mulholland Highway, Calabasas, CA 91302
- **Tujunga:** Tuesday, October 5, 2010.
7-9 p.m. Northeast Valley City Hall, 7747 Foothill Blvd., Tujunga, CA 9104
- **Altadena:** Wednesday, October 6, 2010
7-9 p.m. Charles S. Farnsworth Park-Davies Building, 568 East Mount Curve Ave., Altadena, CA 91001



**Look who came
to the
Mt Disappointment 50K
to work with
Pam Hilliard
and
Gary Hilliard!**

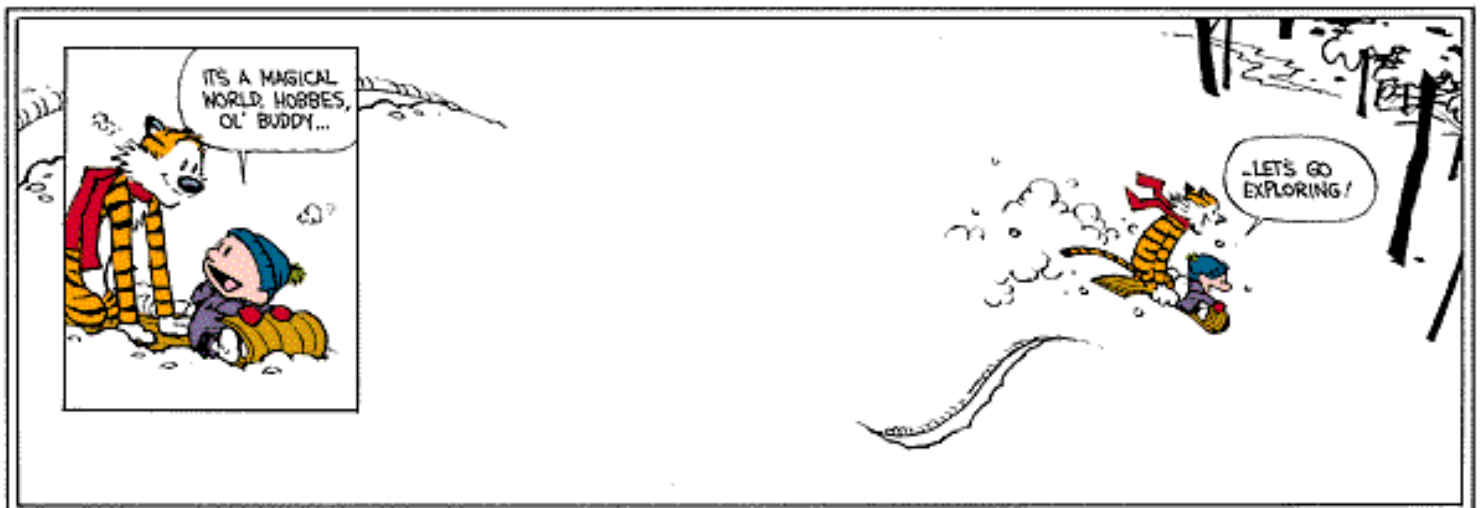
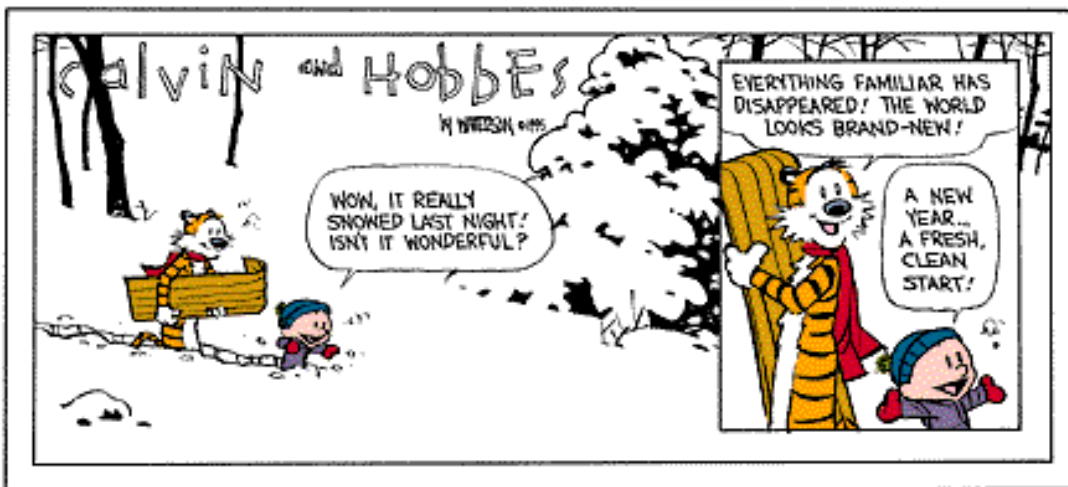
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Good bye.

On October 1, 2010 it will be for Howard Okamoto a new day just like it was for Calvin and Hobbes attached below , a new world to explore.

Enjoy your new world Howard and always remember the Journey is the Reward.

Guy Kuhn



DON'T TOUCH THIS!

WHAT?

After a wildfire, the dry ridges of Southern California may be invaded by the quaintly named poodledog bush.

But all charm ends here, for the sticky and strong-scented poodledog is covered with stiff microscopic hairs that deliver a noxious punch. These glandular hairs, known as trichomes, discourage herbivores and plague passing hikers who brush up against the foliage.

The chemicals — prenylated phenolics — emitted by the hairs cause dermatitis and an inflammation similar to that caused by poison oak.

The scientific name *Turricula* means "little tower" in reference to the stalk of deep blue flowers that rises over the plant in the spring.



IN BLOOM



This stout and densely leaved plant can form thickets growing nearly 10 feet tall.



The long linear leaves may be rolled under along their margins



Special Note:
Even when dead, this plant can irritate your skin

Modus Operandi of Poodledog Bush

It is endemic to California and Baja California, and can be found from the southern Sierra Nevada and San Joaquin Valley southwards to Baja California. It is found in chaparral, on slopes and ridges from 300 to 7,500 feet.

Its seeds can remain dormant in soil for long periods, with the plant springing up quickly when the soil is disturbed or where a wildfire has gone through.

It grows into a moderate size, perennial woody shrub, branching from the base but with main stems extending for up to 3 meters. Its leaves are long and narrow, and may be toothed at the edge; they can be from 4 to 30 cm long. It flowers from June to August, having attractive bell-shaped blue, lavender or purple flowers.

Presumably because of its irritant properties, poodle-dog bush is rarely grown in gardens despite its attractive flowers; it is in any case difficult to grow in garden conditions.

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TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter Los Angeles Times Aug 16, 2010 email:info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today
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