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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Jan 2011

VOLUNTEER TODAY – January 2011

Welcome 2011!

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

Happy new year to all Angeles National Forest (ANF) volunteers and their loved ones! I hope this message finds you rejuvenated from the holiday season. As we begin 2011, know that the contributions made by ANF volunteers will prove to be more valuable than ever. Our goal is to stay on course with ANF program of work while paying particular attention to fiscal reductions (doing more with less), partnership building (developing our partner base, thus increasing our capacity), and volunteer recruitment and coordination (organizing/training our cadre of volunteers for maximum results). Your patience, passion, and dedication are much appreciated as we move forward through another year predicted to be full of challenges. I'm certain we will tackle each challenge as it comes along, making 2011 the most successful volunteer year ever!

In addition to the numerous volunteer opportunities listed in this newsletter, I want to remind you of our “*Forest Aid: Angeles – from ashes to action*” campaign. ANF, in partnership with TreePeople, is hosting a Restoration Supervisor training on January 8 and February 5, 2011 – both dates are Saturdays and workshop hours are from 9am to 2pm. Our goal is to train interested ANF volunteers on how to supervise other volunteers in preparation for our spring 2011 restoration efforts. The training workshop teaches how to plant native tree seedlings, proper safety and tool use, and how to ensure that everyone has a great time. If you are interested in this free volunteer training or for more information on “*Forest Aid: Angeles*”, visit: www.forestaid.net.

Be extra careful when visiting the ANF during this unusually stormy winter season. Weather conditions continue to change with forecast of more rain, wind, and snow. This, of course, raises the potential for mud slides and road closures, so please check weather and road updates before you visit and always inform someone back home of your trip itinerary.

Reminders: When you've accumulated 100 volunteer service hours during the 2011 calendar year; or if you've accumulated 500 volunteer service hours since January 1, 2007; please contact Andrew Fish (contact info listed below) so you can receive either your 2012 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 Service accomplish its natural resource management goals. If you are interested in helping us manage your National Forest or if you have any questions regarding the ANF Volunteer Program, please don't hesitate to contact:

Gerald Reponen, Assistant Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900, ext. 228 / greponen@fs.fed.us

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

Next LARRD volunteer/trails meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 19, 2011 at 7:00pm at the ANF Supervisor's Office (701 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia, CA 91006). Look forward to working together in 2011,

/s/ Suzanne Avila
Volunteer Partnership Program
Angeles National Forest
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**Always do
right; this
will gratify
some people
and astonish
the rest.**

Mark Twain

NEED A COPY OF THE NEWSLETTER?

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

Mountain roads set to reopen Thursday afternoon

December 23, 2010 | 12:08 pm

Source:

<http://latimesblogs.latimes.com/lanow/2010/12/mountain-roads-set-to-reopen-thursday-afternoon.html>

Three Angeles National Forest roads closed last weekend in anticipation of flooding, debris and rock slides from storms lashing Southern California were minimally damaged and will reopen Thursday afternoon, officials said.

Angeles Forest Highway stretching from Aliso Canyon Road to Angeles Crest Highway, the Big Tujunga Canyon Road from the Los Angeles city line to Angeles Forest Highway and Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road from Angeles Forest Highway to Angeles Crest Highway will reopen by 4 p.m., officials said.

The roads were closed early Sunday morning as a safety precaution due to the threat of fires, flooding and mudslides in an area severely scarred by the Station Fire last year, said spokesman Gary Boze, of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

But the rainstorms only brought a “minimal amount” of debris, water and mud down on the roadways, he said. Cleanup crews were also able to work through the drizzle in the earlier part of the week.

“We were fairly lucky that the brunt of the storm was taken further south,” Boze said. “That is why we are able to reopen so quickly and didn’t have big problems.”

But a rock slide and mudslide did push back the long awaited reopening of Highway 2 from the edge of the Angeles National Forest north of La Canada Flintridge to Mt. Wilson road, Caltrans spokesman Patrick Chandler said. That segment has been closed since January, when heavy rains washed out five major sections of the highway, Chandler said.

The road was scheduled to open to public use this week after months of major repair work but will now be pushed back several weeks, he said.

“A geologist is looking at the rockslide area right now where there were some large boulders,” he said. “They are going to reassess once the rain ends entirely.”

Chandler said Caltrans plans to add some features to the repair work to prevent future rock slides.

Angeles Forest in the News



**Clarita ANF Crew 5130
Reviewing first aid**

**Clarita ANF Crew 5130
Clearing grass from trail
Thanks ANF Crew 5130!**



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.

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.

Move rock!

You're blocking Castle Canyon Trail



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.

Please contact:

Pam Morey

Forest Care Program Coordinator

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pammorey@fs.fed.us

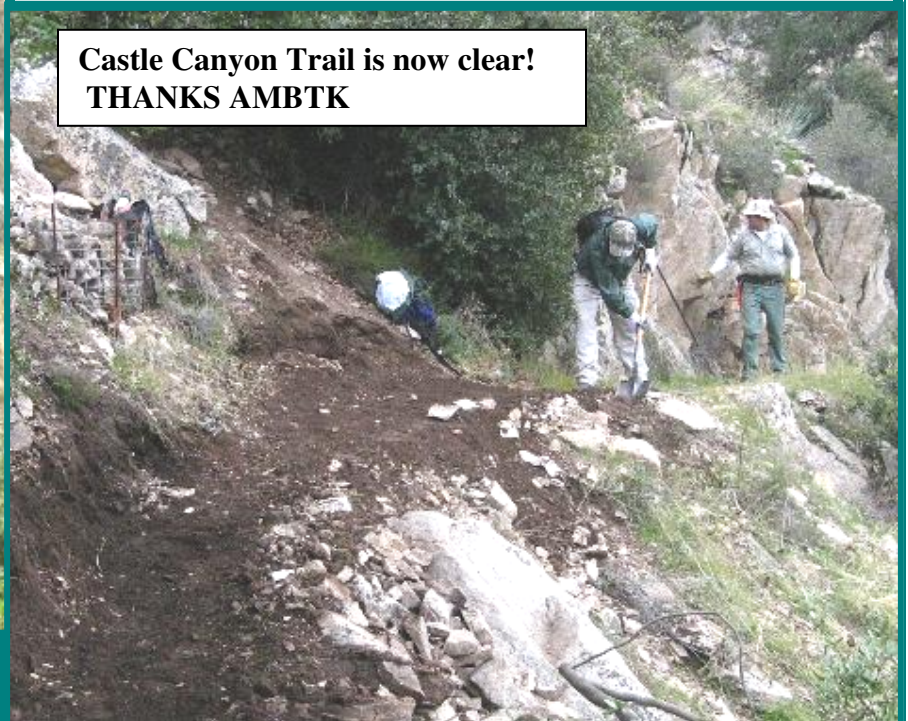


Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

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.

**Castle Canyon Trail is now clear!
THANKS AMBTk**



VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Antelope Valley Conservancy

www.avconservancy.org

OFFICE PHONE (661) 943-9000

avconservancy@yahoo.com

Facebook: Antelope Valley Conservancy

- 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

Do you use GoodSearch?

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!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

nsteele@altadenafoothills.org

Double the impact of your gift to the Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy through a matching grant program, offered by the Eaton Canyon Nature Center Associates. If you make a gift now it will be matched dollar-for-dollar by the Nature Center Associates, up to total gifts of \$10,000.

And if you join AFC's Foothills Society, the Nature Center Associates will match your entire five-year pledge, now. Foothills Society members commit to give \$1000, \$500, \$250 or \$100 per year for five years.

For more information, or to get involved in AFC, contact John Howell, our executive director: (626) 796-3004. We'd be delighted to hear from 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.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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BEYOND BASECAMP

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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/>

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

- Jan 8th Eaton Canyon Clean Up

Boy Scouts of America

Los Angeles Area Council

<http://www.laac-hat.com/>

Learn how to work on trails take Trail boss Training!

- April 16th, 2011
- May 7th, 2011 (Advanced)
- Sept 10th, 2011 (Advanced)

California Trail Users Coalition

(CTUC) www.ctuc.info

- Jan 19th 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 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

Dear Friends,

Please note that Deukmejian Wilderness Park is closed to the public until further notice. The facility survived the rains, but we want to let things dry out and stabilize. Once we finish our evaluation, a date will be announced for the re-opening. Thank you for your understanding and support.

Jeff W.

- **JAN 15th 2011 Wilderness workday**

Call for additional info (818) 548-2000

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org 661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

Facebook: Community Hiking Club

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.

- **Jan 1st -Los Pinetos to Wilson Saddle to the base of Bear Divide and return to Walker Ranch.**

Happy New Year! This annual hike is a great, simple way to start the New Year. 11 Miles RT with 1500' gain. Meet at the Walker Ranch Trail head in Placerita Canyon at 9:00 AM.

Bring a lunch, snacks, plenty of water, and dress in layers as it will be colder on the ridge. Bring your camera if it is clear-you will be able to see the ocean!

- **Jan 2nd Caballero Cyn, Garapito Trail to Eagle Rock** Moderately paced 9 mi, 1200' gain hike in northern Topanga State Park. Some classic, Sycamore-covered SoCal geography, with meadows, boulder formations and outcroppings, and rolling chaparral ridges. Excellent views of the Pacific Ocean, and the Santa Monica Mountains. If the weather has been wet there may be water flowing in the creeks. **Bring waterproof boots.** Meet at Towsley Park at 8:00 for an 8:10 departure or meet at trailhead at 8:45 Directions to Caballero trailhead in Tarzana: I-5 south to 405 South to 101 Ventura Fwy west. Take Reseda Blvd, exit 23, go South 2 mi. Look for the brown sign on the left (going south) "Caballero Cyn". Bring hat, sun block, lunch and snacks and 2 quarts of water, **appropriate footwear WITH TREAD.**

- **Jan 8th Temescal Canyon is a beautiful canyon in Pacific Palisades.** Meet at the outside gate at Towsley Canyon at 8:15 to drive to the trail head at 8:30. This trail has an easy 1000 foot gain and is about 5 miles. If we have a hearty group we will take the 2nd trail to Will Rogers which will add another 5 miles. If you are in Dianne's car, plan to do the 2nd hike as well. The views are lovely from the top where you can see the ocean. There is also a beautiful little waterfall, with shallow pools below. (Directions to trailhead: Take the 405 to the Sunset off ramp. Exit. Turn right on Sunset. Continue all the way to Temescal Cyn Road and turn right into the MRCA property. Parking \$7.00). Please share the gas and the parking fee with your driver.

- **Jan 15th - Eaton Cyn to Henninger Flats and then to Idlehour Trail Camp in the San Gabriel Mtns-** This will be a 11 mile RT hike with apx. 2000 ft gain. Bring water, lunch, poles, and wear your hiking shoes/boots. On the return trip, we may take an optional hike to Eaton Cyn Falls (1 mile RT), and watershoes would be helpful to bring for this. This hike will be fast-paced, strenuous, and is not recommended for beginners. Meet at the trailhead at 8 AM. Directions: From Santa Clarita, take the 210 Fwy East toward Pasadena. Exit at Altadena drive and head north to the entrance to Eaton Canyon Nature Center. Park in the lot and meet in front of the Nature Center.

- **Jan 22nd - Boy Scout Trail to Whittaker Peak-**10 mile RT with 2,000' gain. We should see some lovely wildflowers on the Boy Scout Trail. Part of this hike will be on a single track trail, and part of it will be on a fire road. There are some lovely views from the higher areas of this hike, and the area is also loaded with deer. Meet outside the Towsley gate at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure to the trailhead. Bring water and lunch.

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• **Jan 23rd - Monarch Butterfly Migration Nature Series in Goleta**-This is your chance to witness the Monarch Butterfly migration in Goleta. You will take a short hike into Ellwood Butterfly Preserve. In the morning, when it is cold, you will not see the butterflies until you look closely at the tree bark.....here, you will see millions of resting butterflies, clinging to the trunks. As the temperature rises, the butterflies begin to move, and suddenly there is a symphony of motion as they take flight and flutter through the preserve, sometimes landing on people standing around the trees. The hike to the grove is very short...perhaps ¼ mile. After you view the butterflies, your carload of people can walk along the cliffs, or the beach, and consider whether or not you would like to go out for lunch on the way home. Bring water, lunch (or money for lunch), and your camera. **Meet at 8:00 at Towsley Canyon outside the gate for an 8:15 departure to the Preserve, OR Meet at the trail head at 10:00.**

Directions to trail head: Drive time approx. 90 minutes

From Santa Clarita to Santa Barbara, take the 5 freeway north. Exit right to Hwy 126 West. Merge onto the 101 Fwy North. Take the Storke Rd. exit off the 101 freeway. Exit and turn left. At Hollister turn right. Coronado Drive is one street past Entrance, which is prominently marked. Turn left. Park near the end of the road. There is a hill with a big display sign at the bottom with information about the butterflies. That is where you start!

• **Jan 29th -Sullivan/Rustic Cyn** Moderately paced 8 mi, 800 ft elevation gain, fascinating hike in Sullivan and Rustic Cyns. See the remnants of structures of a WWII Nazi camp and then later an Artists colony. Lush ferns, large oaks, sycamores and maples cover the canyon floor, creating a tropical prehistoric feel. Be aware of poison oak. Long pants and sleeves are advised. Some stream crossings. Wear waterproof hiking boots.

Bring 1 quart water, lunch, bug spray, sun block, hat and appropriate footwear WITH TREAD. Hiking poles will be helpful. Meet at Towsley at 8:00 for an 8:10 departure

• **Jan 30th -Hike with Alan in a beautiful portion of the forest near Lake Piru.** Meet at Towsley at 6:30 for a 6:45 departure to the Temescal Ranger Station where we will meet Alan. The loop is about 11-12 miles, with a 2000' gain/loss if we can do a shuttle, otherwise we will need to hike another 1 1/2 miles and 2 crossings (wet feet) on Piru Creek. This hike is moderate to strenuous, but if it seems to be too much for you, you can always turn back the way you came. Bring lots of water, lunch, snacks, water sandals if you have them, warm clothes, and good boots with tread. This will be an all day hike and we should be back to the station between 4 and 5 pm. To meet at the ranger station: Meet 7:30 am at the Temescal Ranger Station: Take 126 west to Piru and follow the signs to Lake Piru which is north of the town. The Temescal Fire Station is on the left just before the kiosk. There is small parking area. If anyone else has an SUV, we can do a car shuttle.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (818) 773-3555
FACEBOOK: CORBA
www.corbamt.com

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center

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

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
**MASSIVE SEDIMENT REMOVAL PROJECT
PLANNED FOR HAHAMONGNA**

- 300 - 400 TRUCKS PER DAY HAULING 1.6 MILLION CUBIC YARDS OF DEBRIS ON OAK GROVE DRIVE AND THE 210 FREEWAY MAY THROUGH DECEMBER FOR 3 YEARS
- 50 ACRE EXCAVATION SITE INCLUDING 15 ACRES OF WILLOW HABITAT TO BE PERMANENTLY REMOVED
- PERMANENT PAVED TWO LANE ROAD PLANNED FOR THE SOUTHWEST CORNER OF THE PARK
- PROJECT COST ESTIMATE OF \$35 MILLION
- EMERGENCY EXEMPTION FROM THE CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY ACT
- SEE "<http://www.fohwp.org/id14.html>" FOR DETAILS

HABITAT WORKS

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653

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

• JAN 8th/9th

Kit Fox Den Installation

Salt Bush Habitat Restoration

Wind Wolves Preserve

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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

Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL)

626-798-7256 (home)

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• Jan 8th outing

• Jan 29th 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)

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

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>

Matt Maxon

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

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

Mt Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

gary@mtdisappointment50k.com

- Jan 29th - Silver Moccasin or Kenyon Devore (depends on Weather)
- Feb 12th - Silver Moccasin or Kenyon Devore (depends on Weather)
- Mar 12th - Silver Moccasin or Kenyon Devore (depends on Weather)
- April 2nd - Mt Disappointment / San Gabriel Peak Trail (depends on Weather)

Mt. Wilson Observatory Association

PO Box 70076, Pasadena, CA 91117

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

• Jan 22nd MWOA Free Public Lecture: in the Community Room of the Altadena Public Library. The speaker and topic are TBD. Refreshments are at 2:00 pm, the program begins at 2:30 pm. The Altadena Public Library is located at 600 E. Mariposa Street, in Altadena

Outward Bound Adventures

2020 Lincoln Ave.
Pasadena, CA 91103

FACEBOOK: Outward Bound Adventures

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

We, at OBA, want you to know that after almost 50 years as a 501(c)(3) serving underserved youth in Southern California we are still here fighting the good fight.

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

Annual PCTA Photo Contest

Do you have a picture that would look great on the cover of the Communicator or in our Special Edition Calendar? Many of the pictures we'll publish in 2011 will be selected from those entered in the Annual Photo Contest.

There are six categories of entry. If you're a category winner, we'll publish your winning image and send you a prize:

First Place – A year's free PCTA membership (keep it for yourself or give it as a gift) and **ONE** free item from the PCTA store valued at \$25 or less including shipping and handling.

Second & Third Places – **ONE** item from the PCTA store valued at \$25 or less including shipping and handling.

FOR MORE INFORMATION GO TO: <http://www.pcta.org/pdf/Call4Entries2011.pdf>

- **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>

Helen Oakley: 626-792-4573

Ben White: 626-303-1078 | ben@SGMTrailbuilders.org

The **San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders** (SGMTB) is an all-volunteer public service organization dedicated to constructing and maintaining hiking trails in the San Gabriel Mountains' Angeles National Forest in Southern California.

Santa Clarita Valley Trails Advisory Committee (SCVTAC)

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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.

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! **For more colander details go to www.sbnfa.org**

- Jan 1st/2nd/9th/15th/16th/22nd/23rd/29th/30th Nature walks
- Jan 5th Mountain Rim FSC: Crest Forest
- Jan 5th Volunteer Meeting
- Jan 9th/15th/16th/22nd/23rd/29th/30th Snowshoe Tour
- Jan 18th Wrightwood Fire Safe Council
- Jan 22nd Animal Tracking

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<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

For more colander details go to http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#jan

- Jan 1st New Year's Day Hike to Echo Mtn
- Jan 5th Meeting
- Jan 6th/13th/20th/27th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Jan 8th Chapter Centennial Trails Restoration/Grizzly Flat Trail
- Jan 8th Eaton Canyon Gardening and Trail Work
- Jan 8th Mt. Fuji (3600')
- Jan 22nd Echo Mtn (3207') with a 'Dawg' (a endearing term for sports fans from a number of universities including Univ. of Washington)
- Jan 23rd La Cañada Trails Day
- Jan 29th Azusa Pk (2081'), Glendora Mtn (3322')

Tree People

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Beverly Hills, CA 90210
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<http://www.treepeople.org>

FACEBOOK: Tree People

TreePeople could not do our work without the assistance of volunteer leaders. Our volunteer leaders go the extra mile by providing the instruction and inspiration to make our work successful. If you're a natural leader or you want to develop your leadership skills, this may be your calling. We offer a variety of volunteer leadership opportunities:

Citizen Forester Planting Supervisor Angeles Restoration Supervisor
Santa Monica Mountain Restoration Supervisor
Teen Leader Tree Care Coordinator Tree Care Supervisor
For more colander details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2010-12>

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

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 5130

Kevin Sarkissian
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www.hartrop.com/forestry

Beginning in January 2011, 'Basics in Forestry and Trail Construction' will once again be offered as a 10 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, and MRCA. In addition to high school credit, participating students may be offered a paid work experience internship while gaining practical exposure to land management practices and career pathways related to conservation and resource management including; trail maintenance and construction; wildlife conservation; backcountry navigation; environmental stewardship; search and rescue response; and much more!

This 18 week class is also open to interested non-district students, adults, and agency personnel.

For a complete course outline, visit www.hartrop.com/forestry or contact Kevin Sarkissian at: ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org
661.259.0033 X 525

Wednesday Hiking Club

- Jan 8th 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

Sylmar Hang Glider Association

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

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Sylmar, CA 91392

Assisting in Kagel Mtn OHV restoration project

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

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Scenic Angeles Forest Road Will be Opened Next Friday

By Lynn J. Roges

Outdoor Editor

After more than six of difficult construction work the Angeles Forest Highway will be officially opened to travel through the San Gabriel Mountain range between the Pasadena area and Antelope Valley next Friday.

Considerable traffic is expected over the new route

During the coming week-end, although about one-half mile in all is still to be oil-surfaced and mining work has not been completed just north of the bridge over Big Tujunga Wash.

Motorists may find less travel and more opportunity to enjoy the scenery at a later date. Nevertheless, Antelope Valley, Pasadena and Los Angeles interests are planning a ribbon-cutting ceremonies next Friday and a caravan over the entire route from a point 9.5 miles up on Angeles Crest Highway from Foothill Blvd. through to Vincent on Mint Canyon Highway.

12 MILES SAVED.

Mileage checks made last week by The Times-Automobile Club of Southern California scouts traveling in a new Mercury eight club convertible coupe, fueled with PDQ Petro gasoline, furnished by authorized Mercury dealers of Southern California coincide with recent county figures which show a savings in distance of 12 miles between Los Angeles and Palmdale and 20 miles between Pasadena and Palmdale on the new route as compared with the Mint Canyon Highway. Except for a short link on each side of the \$133,000 Armstrong Memorial Bridge, 185 feet above the stream over Big Tujunga Canyon, the 33.5 miles are oil-surfaced roadbed.

Spectacular at a few pints and a generally scenic road winding gracefully through several canyons, the Angeles Forest Highway will be essentially a passenger-car route, in the opinion of county officials. It will be a largely a recreational highway, permitting circle trips with the return by way of Mint Canyon or via Big Pines Recreation Park, Wrightwood, Cajon Pass and San Bernardino.

CREST ROAD BUILDING

The \$10,000,000 Angeles Forest Highway between La Canada and Vincent is a direct route with long radius curves, moderate grades and wide two-lane roadbed. It is not to be confused with the Angeles Crest Highway, which is the State route still under construction extending from Foothill Blvd at La Canada across to Big Pines Recreation Park. Angeles Forest Highway is a county road built by detention camp labor.

History of the road dates back to 1914, when county surveyors made a preliminary investigation of the route and to the 1917 State highway survey. Engineers selected the Mint Canyon route as a easier and more feasible to build at that time for both commercial and pleasure travel.

Then in October, 1927, the Angeles Forest route was traced by an Automobile Club of Southern California reconnaissance party. The 18 participants walked over the ground, stopping at the Monte Cristo mine and at Switzer's Camp for two nights of the study trip.

As a result of this survey the automobile club joined with Antelope Valley, Pasadena, Long Beach and other interests in requesting the county road department to make a careful location survey and estimate of cost of constructing the proposed road. This was undertaken and eventually resulted in actual construction by county detention camp forces.

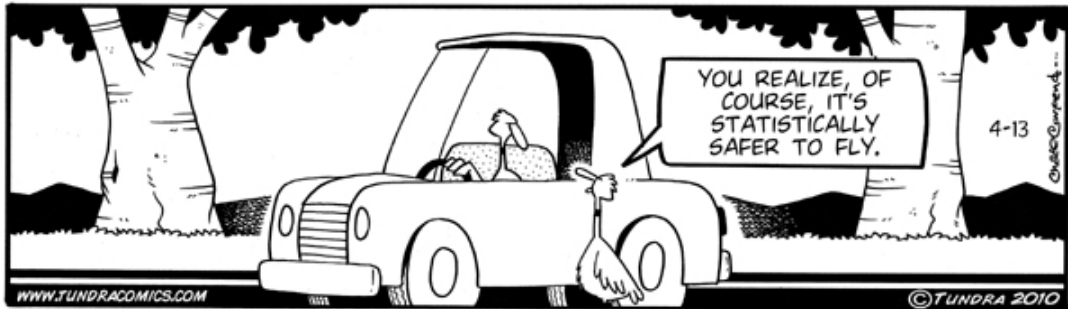
The historic trail blazing trip over the Angeles Forest Highway of 14 years ago was recalled recently when a large group of engineers and officials of cities and county made a preview tour of the highway. The party of about 50 representatives of chambers of commerce, county road department, United States Forest Service, cities on both sides of the mountains, automobile club and other groups included several who had made the original reconnaissance trip that pioneered the present highway back in 1927/

Principal attraction on the new mountain route is the Armstrong Memorial bridge, extending 437 feet across Big Tujunga Wash. The road then continues through a 400 foot tunnel and for 18 more miles on a fairly straight line to Vincent.

Angeles Forest Highway will be an important recreational artery. It will be an alternate route to the Mint Canyon highway. The new road will cut travel distance and time and form a more direct connection between the Antelope Valley and northern recreational regions and the Los Angeles area.

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