



# VOLUNTEER TODAY

Dedicate Yourself to Caring for the Land and Serving the People  
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



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## GREETINGS VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE.

Approximately 95 individuals participated in California Trails Day on April 24<sup>th</sup> at Pines Picnic Area. These individuals accomplished a variety of trail maintenance work on the various access trails leading to Pines Picnic Area and Georges Gap. The quality and quantity of work accomplished is very noticeable as one hikes these trails. At the end of the day, Mt Wilson Bicycling Association furnished a hamburger/hot dog luncheon for all participates.



I want to *THANK* all the Group Leaders, Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association and all participates for making California Trails Day a huge success. Your California Trails Day patch is in the mail. Fire Season has started with a BANG in Riverside County therefore it's important for you to keep informed of the current fire hazard rating when planning your outings. Also, it becomes important in keeping us informed of your work location should an emergency situation develop.

Remember, June 5<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day Celebration at Mt. Wilson and I hope to see you there.

The volunteer program is open to all individuals and/or groups that are interested in assisting the Angeles NF in accomplishing natural resource management objectives. If you're interested in assisting us in managing your National Forest or have questions about the Volunteer Program, please contact me at 818-899-1900 ext 229.

I look forward to meeting many of you at either our monthly volunteer meeting (3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 7:00 pm) or at one of your scheduled work projects.

Again THANK YOU for your dedication to Caring for the Land and Serving the People.

*Howard S. Okamoto*  
Los Angeles River Ranger District  
Recreation Officer

**NOTICE:**  
Road to  
Chantry Flat  
closed for needed  
repairs May 1 to  
July 9.

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Are you ready to  
Volunteer today?

Please call  
818-899-1900.



**ANGELES  
FOREST  
NEEDS YOU !**

# May CALENDER

- 1 May 8  
Advanced Trail Boss Training (Front Country)
- 2 May 12 6:00 PM (NOTE: 2ND WEEK !!)  
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING  
Meetings are held on the third Wednesday of each month at the Wild wood Picnic Volunteer House.
- 2 California Trail Users Coalition meeting  
3rd Wednesday of each month @ 5:00 pm  
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale  
www.ctuc.info
3. May 29  
Take a walk and learn more about the forest. Meet at the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center on Highway 39. Donation is \$5.00 per person. No Adventure Pass needed.  
You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at 626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829.  
This tour is limited to 35 people.
- 4 May 29  
Last Saturday of each month requires No Adventure Pass needed.
5. June 5<sup>th</sup> National Trail Day  
(Basic techniques), Mt. Wilson Trails
6. June 12<sup>th</sup>  
Operation Super Canyon Sweep - 2004

## Haramokngna Schedule of events

Saturday, May 8 - hands-on day  
Sunday, May 9 -  
Nadiya Littewarrior - Spirit Vessel Gourd  
Saturday, May 15 - hike-a-thon  
Saturday, May 22 - hands-on day

For a E-mail newsletter, Send an e-mail to [guykuhn@earthlink.net](mailto:guykuhn@earthlink.net) and notify where the newsletter is to be sent. We need to know who you are when sending it by E-mail to avoid duplication with a hard copy

If you need help or more information on what to do contact: [guykuhn@earthlink.net](mailto:guykuhn@earthlink.net)

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to  
[GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET](mailto:GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET)

### Monrovia Canyon Park

[http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city\\_hall/public\\_works/canyon\\_park/canyon\\_park.htm](http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm)  
626-256-8282

July 6, 2004 Annual Butterfly Count  
Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association  
(CORBA) [www.corbamth.com](http://www.corbamth.com)  
CORBA has adopted Trail 12W09, Valley Forge  
Next outing May 8

### Tales of the Trail

I am preparing a book which I hope will be ready for distribution in 2005 about Saving Our Trails! This book will detail ways in which people have saved or kept a trail open to horses at the local, state and federal level.

If you have a story to share, please email me at this address and let me know of your experience.  
[equestrianrecreation@yahoo.com](mailto:equestrianrecreation@yahoo.com)

International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA)  
<http://www.imba.com>

## Fact: Adventure pass money has enabled the Angeles Forest.

1. 670 new picnic tables at campsites
2. the removal of 133 abandoned cars.
3. Removal of 32,200 cubic yards of trash from illegal dumps and road sides.  
(this does not include the amount already )  
( in trash cans and equal to 805 trash trucks!)
4. Removal of several thousand sq feet of graffiti.
5. Enabled improved cleaning of the restrooms.  
(get ridding of the stink!)

# Join One Today

## VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

### HATHAWAY'S SCHOOL

ksarkiss@lausd.k12.ca.us

#### What's happening at Hathaway School

We have shifted our attention to Boulder Creek Trail, Boulder Creek Road to Gold Creek Road and Oak Springs Trail, Oak Springs Trailhead to Fascination Springs until daylight saving kicks in.

Work will continue Wednesdays and Thursdays 3pm – 6pm. We'll continue to pick up overtime projects Saturdays throughout the winter in Gold Canyon 9am –2pm. Currently we're at 7000 feet of the 10,400 feet scheduled to be cleared.

The work on this trail is, in a word , straight up “gnarly”. Even with a crew of fourteen, we're only able to average about 50 feet of tread a day (even with power equipment!) Any help offered, especially an additional certified power saw operator.

### SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

Hike to Henninger Flats. May 12 & , May 26

Next BEAR CANYON outing: May 8  
Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962  
EMAIL: nyerges@spcglobal.net  
<http://www.outdoorsclub.org/>

### JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Next outing May 15

We continue to work Mt Lowe West Trail. We can also work on completing the trail project not finished on California Trails Day. National Trails Day will be in the Mt Wilson area, flyer to follow.

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

Jack Russell 562-861-3187  
<http://www.jplreclclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

### Learning how to splint broken bones correctly



## MEDIC !

Congratulations to the following volunteers completing Red Cross certified training in Basic First Aid and Adult/child CPR:

Patricia Dwyer  
Richard Nyerges  
Pam Becker  
Julia Bailey  
Henry Fifthian  
Tony Hillbruner

# VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

## Join one now !

### THE SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

On July 4, 1893 was the opening day of the Mt. Lowe Railroad. A Los Angeles times reported the grand opening on page 8 in the July 5,1893 edition.

To learn what has happend to the railroad goto <http://www.mtlowe.net>

To help in preserving the historical railroad contact:

John Harrigan  
562-868-8919

[jnsharrigan@earthlink.net](mailto:jnsharrigan@earthlink.net)

Brian Marcroft  
626-968-5092

[emworks@pacbell.net](mailto:emworks@pacbell.net)

### Restoring and securing picnic tables.



### Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

Phone: (916) 349-210      [info@pcta.org](mailto:info@pcta.org)

Working in Liebre Mtn. area brushing from BearCampground south

### Removing downed trees of the trail



### More downed trees to remove



Go ahead volunteer to help them!

# VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS



Do you know which tool is a Mcloud?  
Do you know what to use the Mcloud on?

If you need help on the answers then attend  
the Trail Boss Training session on May 8, 2004.  
call : John Horton

(M-Sat, 8am – 4pm) (818) 899-1900

e-mail: [jbhorton@gte.com](mailto:jbhorton@gte.com).

Next training session will be on June 5, 2004  
(National Trails Day)

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

<http://www.anffla.org>

George & Pam Morey

909-338-3923

Applicants from the community willing to  
volunteer as a Fire Lookout for the 2004 fire  
season can apply for training with the  
(ANFFLA). The lookout towers will be on duty  
starting Memorial day weekend (May 29)

June 17 . Silent Auction

## ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL

[Mmcquierepoolspa@cs.com](mailto:Mmcquierepoolspa@cs.com)

Our mission is to provide educational and  
a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage  
rider's along with monthly trail work to obey forest  
regulations. Working to preserve and protect trails.  
A.M.B.P are here to serve assist and inform the  
public.

Next outing will be May 29 (last Saturday of  
the month)

# TICKS



Hikers should wear long sleeved  
shirts. Do not leave openings in the  
clothes for ticks to enter. Light-colored  
clothing makes it easier to spot ticks  
crawling on your clothes.

Use the buddy system to check  
each other for ticks crawling on clothing  
or backpacks. Brush the ticks off being  
careful not to merely move them around  
or transfer them to someone else.

Some people recommend putting  
tape around the area where pants and  
socks meet for added protection Remem-  
ber, pants usually hit the brush and pick  
up ticks first.

Spraying your clothes with a  
repellent can help too. Consider wearing  
clothes sprayed with Permethrin or other  
repellents that contain DEET if you do a  
lot of hiking in the brush and grass.

If you find a tick, don't panic.  
Remove it quickly to prevent transmission  
of disease. Don't use a lighted match or  
cigarette, or Vaseline to force the tick to  
back out.

You should grasp the tick with fine  
Tweezers as close to your skin as possible,  
and pull straight out. Then treat the bite  
like a cut. Clean the area with disinfectant  
and apply a bandage

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



**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/ Fire Prevention/ Recreation Aid /**

**Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/ Research-Librarian /**

**Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/ Conservation Education**

**Other:** \_\_\_\_\_

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# Forest Plan Revision Update

## Open House Schedule – Angeles NF

### What is a Forest Plan Revision ?

A Forest Land and Resource Management Plan (Forest Plan) is a comprehensive, broad set of direction that instructs the Forest Service how to manage the resources of a national forest. These long-range goals and objectives attempt to strike a balance between the public's often conflicting need for values, services, products, and uses and the physical and biological capability of the land.

The National Forest Management Act of 1976 (NFMA) requires each national forest to have a Forest Plan. A Forest Plan must be consistent with environmental laws and regulations such as the Endangered Species Act and the Clean Water Act.

Forest plans are programmatic in nature. That is, the direction is broad in scope, meaning it is generally long-term and covers a large geographic area such as an entire forest rather than a small watershed. This is different than most of the "site-specific" or project-level planning the Forest Service conducts for such management activities as trail construction or harvesting timber.

Programmatic planning is similar to the concept of zoning a city for certain uses such as residential, lightcommercial business, or heavy industry.

Forest Plans contain six types of decisions. These are:

- Goals and Objectives
- Standards and Guidelines
- Management Area Direction
- Special Area Designations
- Designation of Suitable Land Uses; and
- Monitoring and Evaluation Strategy

**May 26 (Wednesday)**  
Santa Clarita Activities Center  
20880 Centre Pointe Parkway  
Santa Clarita, CA  
3:00 – 8:00 pm

**May 27 (Thursday)**  
Ramada Inn, Emerald Room  
300 W. Palmdale, Blvd.  
Palmdale, CA  
3:00 – 8:00 pm

**June 3 (Thursday)**  
Foothill Christian center  
242 West Baseline Avenue  
Glendora, CA  
5:00 – 9:00 pm

**June 4 (Friday)**  
Wrightwood Community Center  
1275 Highway 2  
Wrightwood, CA  
3:00 – 8:00 pm

**June 5 (Saturday)**  
Pasadena City College  
Campus Center Lounge  
1570 E. Colorado Boulevard  
Pasadena, CA  
11:00 am – 4:00 pm

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# National Trails Day Event: Angeles National Forest

Event Name: **Mt. Wilson - NTDC**

Date: **Sat, Jun 05, 2004**

Event City and State: **Mt. Wilson CA**

Time: **8:00 AM, Registration 8:00 – 8:30**



**Directions:** From 210 Fwy in La Canada, go north on Angeles Crest Hwy (2) to Red Box (13.9 miles). Turn right (south) onto Mt. Wilson/Redbox Road, go 5 miles to Skyline Park. Allow 1 -Hour Driving Time from the 210 Fwy. Carpool if possible.

The USDA Forest Service will celebrate National Trails Day. The celebration will include 4-6 hours of trail work on Mt. Wilson Area trail system, and a barbecue lunch at Skyline Park. This event is sponsored by the Los Angeles River Ranger District. Lunch will be held at Skyline Park and will include a short Volunteer Recognition ceremony. Lunch will be served at 1:00 P.M.

This activity is open to all individuals, including sponsored volunteer groups. Those who are volunteering for trail work for the first time, please identify yourself to the registrar, so we can arrange for a Trail Boss to provide instruction and proper tools.

Please bring personal equipment listed below.

Work Gloves, Work Shoes, Work Clothes (long sleeve shirts and long pants), Sun protection hat, Hard-Hat (if available), personal First Aid kit, Water (2 Qt's.), Snacks. Lunch will be provided!!!

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

USDA Forest Service, LA River Ranger District

(M-Sat, 8am – 4pm): Howard Okamoto

Recreation Officer

(818) 899-1900 X229

Julie Smith

Trail Program Manager

(818) 899-1900 X237

National Trails Day training activities are open to all individuals.

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