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<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/>



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GREETINGS

VOLUNTEERS ARE THE HEARTBEAT OF THE FOREST SERVICE.

At Take Pride in America Kickoff event on May 15th, the following individuals and groups were recognized for their participation in Furthering the Goals and Mission of Take Pride in America. BSA Volunteers, Tom & Patty Dwyer, Sierra Madre Area Singles, JPL Trailbuilders, Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol, Hathaway House, Scenic Mount Lowe Historical Committee, Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association and Angeles Crest 100.



On May 16th, Tom & Patty Dwyer were involved in a Search & Rescue operation of an exhausted hiker at Wildwood Picnic Area. At 2010 hrs, they were contacted by a woman, who stated she needed help. Her husband became exhausted and collapsed on the trail. They did the following: 1) Contacted Dispatch to report the emergency and provided updates. 2) Directed arriving emergency personnel to the staging area. 3) Advised helicopter of power line location. And 4) Provided comfort & reassurance to the wife. Both the husband and wife were very grateful for their assistance.

On May 15th, I had the opportunity to meet some of the JPL Trailbuilders as they worked to complete maintenance on the World of Chaparral Trail, #12W03. It was great to see the work this group was accomplishing in Caring for the land and Serving the people. I hope to visit your projects, soon.

Many of our non-motorized trails allow hiking, mountain biking and equestrian use on the same path which can create user conflict. Some of this conflict can be contributed to trail design however the majority of it appears to be a lack of knowledge of other trail user concerns. One of the biggest concerns, I've heard since being here is about Downhill Freeriding Mountain Bikers. These individuals pose the greatest danger because they're swift and silent travelers when traveling downhill. To help inform other trail users, these individuals need to make noise which will forewarn other trail users of their presence and avoid an accident. If you have any good ideas on how to resolve this concern, please let me know and I'll compile suggestions for a further Newsletter article.

Fire Indices are very high to extreme for Southern California which is abnormally early for this time of year. Therefore it's important for you to keep informed of the current fire hazard rating when planning your outings and keeping us informed of your work location should an emergency situation happen.

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 (3rd 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
June 7- July 30

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Are you ready to Volunteer today?

Please call 818-899-1900.



ANGELES FOREST NEEDS YOU !

June CALENDER

1. June 5th National Trail Day
(Basic techniques), Mt. Wilson Trails
2. June 12th Operation Super
Canyon Sweep - 2004
3. June 13th, Supervisor Michael D.
Antonovich Trail Dusters Ride & Barbecue
For info call: Bobbie Garcia (626)369-4111
or Lupe Withers (626) 369-5646
4. June 16th 7:00 PM
VOLUNTEER GROUP MEETING
Meetings are held on the third
Wednesday of each month at the
Wild wood Picnic Volunteer House.
5. June 16th 5:00 PM
California Trail Users Coalition meeting
3550 Foothill Blvd, Glendale
www.ctuc.info
6. June 26th
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. Adventure Pass not needed.
You must RSVP with Steve Segreto at
626-335-1251, ext. 225 or 909-982-2829.
This tour is limited to 35 people.
7. June 26th
Last Saturday of each month requires
No Adventure Pass.

Haramokngna Schedule of events

- Saturday, June 5 – Guest Host –
Carlos Reynosa
- Saturday – June 12 – Hands-on day
- Sunday, June 13 – Manny Saenz
beaded medicine bags workshop
vendors
- Saturday, June 19– Summer solstice -
storytellers

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If you need help or more information on what to do contact: guykuhn@earthlink.net

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Send news to
GUYKUHN@EARTHLINK.NET

Angeles National Forest Trivia – San Gabriel Mtn.
Did you know the same stuff the Apollo astronauts scuffed their boots on can be found here.
Anorthosite, a rock that makes the moon glow a bright silver.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) www.corbamthb.com

CORBA has adopted Trail 12W09, Valley Forge
Next outing June 5th National Trail Day

Recreation Trails Program (RTP)

The Recreation Trails Program has helped communities build and repair thousands of miles of trails involving 6,700 projects in all 50 states. In the 10-year history of the program, more than \$330 million has been distributed. For every federal dollar invested in the program, communities leverage more than an additional dollar by rallying local and state governments, outdoor enthusiasts and community leaders in support of trail projects. To learn more about the program and how to apply for trail funds in your state visit the Federal Highway Administration's website at:
fhwa.dot.gov/environment/rectrails/index.htm.

To learn more about specific trails that have been built in your state, you can search the new RTP database at funoutdoors.info.

California Trail Users Coalition

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

Looking for interested hikers, mountain bikers and equestrians to be a part of this Coalition. If interested come to our next meeting or check out www.ctuc.info

Join One Today

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

HATHAWAY'S SCHOOL

ksarkiss@lausd.k12.ca.us

Work will be completed on the Boulder Creek Trail by Memorial Day weekend. We will continue Wednesdays and Thursdays 3pm - 6pm until graduation on June 17th (no trail work will be scheduled from June 17th until July 9th due to summer recess). Hathaway's summer work program will kick into high gear the week of July 12th, Monday through Thursday 3-7pm, with a crew of 21 students.

We plan to turn our attention back to the lower part of the Gold Canyon trail for the duration of the summer. 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, would be greatly appreciated.

Congratulations to Crew Leaders (and 2004 Grads!) Diana . and Jonathon A. Crew 5130 wishes you the very best in future endeavors!

Also a special thanks to Matt Maxon of PCTA for your recent power saw support in Boulder Creek .

Medic Correction

Congratulations to

Pam Bailey & Julia Backer

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Pam Becker & Julia Bailey

for completing Red Cross certified training in Basic First Aid and Adult/child CPR

Monrovia Canyon Park

626-256-8282

July 6, 2004 Annual Butterfly Count

http://www.ci.monrovia.ca.us/city_hall/public_works/canyon_park/canyon_park.htm

Need volunteers and trail maintenance work on Ben Overturff and Waterfall Trails

SIERRA MADRE AREA SINGLES (SMAS)

Hike to Henninger Flats.

June 9 & June 24.

Next BEAR CANYON outing: June 5

Richard Nyerges (626) 285-0962

EMAIL: nyerges@spcgobal.net

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

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Next outing June 5, June 26

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.jplreclubs.caltech.edu/hiking/>

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)

<http://www.pcta.org>

Phone: (916) 349-210

info@pcta.org

Working in Liebre Mtn. area brushing from BearCampground south

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

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emworks@pacbell.net

Brian Marcroft

626-968-5092

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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).

June 17 . Silent Auction



How is a Alidade used to fight fires?
Want to learn how to use it?

Then come to the Vetter Mountain fire lookout and find out and learn what is needed to be a volunteer lookout. Vetter Mountain fire lookout is off the Angeles Crest Highway in the Charlton Flats area. It is a 1.1 mile hike from the Charlton Flats Picnic Grounds.

ANGELES MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL Mmcquierepools@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 June 26.
(last Saturday of
the month)



California trails day

Thank -you Tom & Patty Dwyer for the pictures
Thank-you MWBA and Corba for the food



TRAIL BOSS TRAINING

How do you fix a 6 foot section of trail that has slipped downhill?



How to hold a 8 foot post while using a sledge hammer.



If you want to learn how to be a leader in trail maintenance then attend the Basic Trail Boss Training session on June 5, 2004.

An Advanced Trail Boss Training (High Country) will be held on September 11, 2004.

call : John Horton
(M-Sat, 8am – 4pm) (818) 899-1900
e-mail: jbhorton@gte.com.

Thank-you
George Aumann
for the pictures!

Installing the weld wire



Now 6 feet of trail has been restored!



**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: _____

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

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

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National Trails Day training activities are open to all individuals.

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