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Los Angeles River Ranger District Volunteer Newsletter Jan 2014

On Jan. 1, 2014, the 60 and 40 watt light bulbs will be banned. In order to comply with efficiency standards outlined in the new Energy Act which was signed into law by President George Bush in 2007. It will be illegal to manufacture or import them after Dec. 31, 2013. But retailers will still be able to sell off any remaining stock.



You're not banned from having incandescent bulbs in your house and you won't be prevented from buying them. The U.S. will simply no longer allow 40W and 60W bulbs to be manufactured or imported, just like 100W and 75W bulbs have already been phased out. There are many exceptions to the rule, and special types of bulbs like 3-way bulbs, appliance lamps, colored lamps, and rough service bulbs will remain legal to produce and bring into the country. Regardless, any incandescent light bulbs you have in your house, either already in fixtures or stored under the sink or in the basement, will remain perfectly legal to use as you see fit. The phase-out applies to the production of incandescent bulbs, not their purchase and use.

The incandescent light bulb is nothing to be afraid of, and in time we'll look at it like the phasing out of leaded gasoline. For now, though, just understand that no one will be taking away your light bulbs, only that you'll see fewer incandescent ones in stores through the next year. There are plenty of options, and all of them are more energy efficient and, in the long run, economical than incandescent bulbs.

Just don't assume your new CFL or LED bulb will work with your current dimmer switch. Look carefully at the bulb packaging. Dimmable bulbs will be labeled as "dimmable" on the package

Noah Horowitz, senior scientist for the National Resource Defense Council states: "Once all of our nation's 4 billion screw-based sockets have an efficient bulb in them, U.S. consumers will save \$13 billion and 30 large coal-burning power plants-worth of electricity a year. The savings really add up,"

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Dream as if you will live forever, live as if you will die tomorrow

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

New Fire Road Up Mt. Lowe Nearly Ready

BY CHARLES HILLINGER

Times Staff Writer

One of the steepest roads in the nation, a single-lane, 6 1-2 mile roadway up the sheer west face of Mt. Lowe, is rapidly nearing completion.

When finished, the Mt. Lowe road will be one of the most important stretches of pavement in Southern California--yet, the public will never use it.

Mt. Lowe-- a 5,598-ft, peak in Angeles National Forest--towers over Altadena, the foothill community above Pasadena often threatened by forest fires in years past.

Past Hardships

It has been virtually impossible to get firefighters into the rugged area to check flames on the mountain's steep slopes from spreading all over the countryside.

But the cliff-hanging "highway promises to be a real safety plug.

It will be one of few fire roads in any of the 117 national forests in the country to be paved.

"We have to pave it to hold it together," explains Don Decker, Forest Service engineer. "If we didn't, it would erode away in a short time."

Ross Crittenden, chief of the survey parties on the road, calls it the "roughest road for its steepness" he's ever seen in his 25 years of mountain construction.

"We've had one heck of a time keeping the grade down to its 15-deg. maximum."

Short Cut

In addition to providing protection to Altadena, the road will play an important role in all future Angeles Forest fires. It will be a short cut from low country to the heart of the forest.

Fire equipment will be able to get to the Mt. Wilson area an hour quicker. Now, it is 23 miles--or an hour and a half--by winding Angeles Crest Highway for forestry fire trucks from the Pasadena-Altadena area.

By the new road it will be virtually 6 1-2 miles straight up--a half-hour drive to where the Mt. Lowe road joins the Mt. Wilson road.

The first 2.34 miles of road are being constructed by C. H. Wicks Co., San Pedro, at a cost of \$324,729.69. The upper section, part of the old Mt. Lowe railway grade, is being constructed by county Fire Department and Forest Service crews.

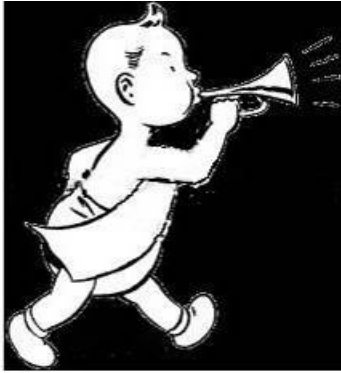
Completion is expected early in April.

IN THE LOS ANGELES TIMES FLASH FORWARD!

Not since the Mueller Tunnel was built in 1942 by the US Forest service, serving as a gateway to the summit of Mount Lowe, has there been an expansion of the fire roads in this area of Angeles Forest.

The amount of \$324,729.69 spent in 1964 had the same buying power as \$2,412,888.72 in 2013.

Don't Forget ! LARRD Volunteer Meeting



**Jan 15, 2014
7:00 p.m.**



**701 N Santa Anita Ave.
Arcadia, CA 91006**

BE ON THE LOOK OUT!

I'd like to get all missing/damaged trail signage fixed. Anytime you are out in the forest and notice missing/damaged trail signs, or locations where signage is needed, please let me know by either emailing or calling me. Thanks.

Dennis Merkel, CPRP, FPO
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Have You Read It?

We have prepared a “Celebration Edition” of the ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST VOLUNTEER PROJECT DIRECTORY, as Forest Supervisor Tom Contreras’s way of expressing his thanks to the many thousands of volunteers who have served the Forest and its visitors in 2013. The directory is posted on our website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering> .

Kathy Peterson
Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant
Angeles National Forest



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for volunteers to work with Forest Service staff in inventorying, reviewing, and refilling official government records that are currently stored in the warehouse at the ANF Headquarters. This will be of interest to those who enjoy researching and categorizing historical documents. Work will also include arranging shelving, moving boxes into the Supervisor’s Office, and generally organizing the warehouse space. Please contact us if you are interested in any aspect of this project. You don’t have to be able to do it all – this is truly a case where “many hands make light work”!

We are also looking for a volunteer to serve as a librarian for the “personal publications” section of our Natural Resources department. Does this interest you? Let us know...

Kathy Peterson
626-437-5789
AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com.

Forest Restoration Supervisors Wanted!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

TreePeople and the U.S. Forest Service are gearing up for our fourth season restoring areas within the Angeles National Forest that were devastated by the historic Station Fire of 2009. This is one of the largest volunteer efforts on National Forest land in the United States, and we need your help supervising and educating thousands of volunteers who will plant 10,000 seedlings in the 2014 season.

Become a leader and join our team as a Forest Restoration Supervisor! Without the work of our volunteer supervisors, we would not only be unable to safely accommodate all the volunteers, but we would be unable to plant with the success that we have over the past planting seasons. We need and depend on the support of trained Restoration Supervisors to help guide and support other volunteers through the planting season.

Forest Restoration Supervisors help:

- Teach volunteers how to plant native seedlings.
- Lead teams of volunteers as they restore the forest's beauty.
- Make sure tools are being used properly and safely.
- Ensure everyone has a great time!

Sign up to attend an Angeles Restoration Supervisor Training on January 12 to learn everything you'll need to know to guide and support others in the Angeles—and get a special T-shirt and nametag for yourself! Don't miss the opportunity to take on a vital volunteer role and inspire others to take care of our forest.

• **Already a Restoration Supervisor?**

We highly encourage those of you who have already been trained as Restoration Supervisors to attend a training for the 2014 season. Our trainings get updated every year and refreshing your memory is always a good thing. We encourage you to bring friends and family along, too!

• **Interested in bringing a group to the Angeles?**

If you would like to bring a group of 11 or more people to plant trees in the Angeles, we recommend some of your group members attend one of our training sessions. We stick to the ratio of one supervisor for every ten people. Securing enough supervisors is what limits the number of volunteers we allow at our events, so if you can provide your own supervisors your group has a much higher chance of attending a planting in the Angeles.

• **For More Information: Tree People**

12601 Mulholland Drive
Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600
<http://www.treepeople.org> FACEBOOK: Tree People

ARROYOS & FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY

NATURAL HABITAT RESTORATION

FIRST SATURDAY OF EACH MONTH, 9-12, MILLARD CANYON, ALTADENA

Join us for important environmental work in the woods of Millard Canyon. Led by our Restoration Specialist Bill Ramseyer. Learn about the ecology of our local foothills. Meet the local animals and actually improve their lives!! Help save the planet... one canyon at a time!!

- January 4th
- February 1st
- March 1st

Meet @ lower Millard fence on Canyon Crest Rd (off Lincoln).

Email Bill: wmr83@earthlink.net for directions, what to wear, and to RSVP.

FUN FUN FUN!!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Riverwalk Workday

(on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ WHEN:

Sat. Jan 11, 2014

8:00 a.m.

until

12:00 p.m.

◆ WHERE:

**Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk**

300 Paula Ave.

Glendale, CA 91201

corner of Paula Ave & Garden St

**Questions? Call us at
(818) 548-3795**

We are headed back to the Los Angeles River to help with the maintenance of the landscaped areas along the trail.

Participants are asked to wear sturdy shoes, protective clothing, long pants, hat and sun protection.

We will provide the tools, gloves, drinks and snacks, but if possible bring your own work gloves and hand clippers.

Families, individuals, groups, clubs and students needing Community Service hours are encouraged to attend. Everyone must sign a waiver prior to working. Minors must provide a waiver signed by a parent or guardian.



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PLEASE NOTIFY US WITHIN 72 HRS PRIOR TO EVENT DATE.**



Trails & Open Space January - February 2014

Community
Services
& Parks



January 2014

Saturday, January 4, 2014

Trail Building 101

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Attend our introduction to trail building and maintenance as we offer a morning of instruction and field training. Learn trail terminology, tool use and safety, tread conditions, hillside hydrology and more...

Saturday, January 11, 2014

Riverwalk Workday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Glendale Narrows Riverwalk

We are back for a Riverwalk Workday as we help maintain the landscaped areas along the trail. Have yourself an up close and personal experience on the river.

Saturday, January 18, 2014

3rd Saturday - Wilderness Workday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Make your plans to join us for a few hours of working out as we get physical while hiking the trails to water, weed and plant. Great for all ages and abilities.

February 2014

Saturday, February 1, 2014

Experimental Forest Tree Planting and Watering

9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Verdugo Mountains

We are heading up into the Experimental Forest for a time of tree planting and watering. This is a rare opportunity to see the views and a unique part of the city.

Saturday, February 22, 2014

4th Saturday - Wilderness Workday

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. Deukmejian Wilderness Park

It has been a week since Valentine's Day and you need to spend more quality time with the ones you love. How about a day in Glendale's Great Outdoors for a romantic morning of tree watering and weeding?

Programs are sponsored by the
Glendale Parks & Open Space Foundation
www.glendaleparksfoundation.org



Have trash on the trail that is to far to reach?

SPECIAL REPORT

Well Mark Gage of Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers may have found the perfect tool to pick up that trash!

The 144 inch EZ Reacher Outdoor Pro Collapsible Professional reaching tool. (yes that is 12 feet of reach!)

- Locking feature turns on and off with the flick of your thumb.
- Lightweight, ergonomic design.
- Sturdy no-rust construction
- Strong rubber cup grip

PART #: 144PF-1 144EZ Reacher W/Folding Handle-Single

Get it at:

Arc Mate Manufacturing Corporation
911 Andreasen Dr.
Escondido, Ca. 92029

Phone/Fax: 1-888-637-1926

COST: \$43.00 plus tax/shipping..

Open: Mon-Fri 7 am-3:30 pm

Note: They have a variety of sizes on down from 12 foot.



NEW BENCH

Dr. Kwang-hee Park and Jochen Strack, owners of Spring Acupuncture and Spiritual Direction in Pasadena, have donated a public bench along the Altadena Crest Trail near the Cobb Estate. They say “Hiking, resting and viewing contribute towards healing,” and who can doubt them? The dedication was held on Dec. 14, at 10 AM.





Trail Building 101

(Classroom and Field Instruction)

◆ **WHEN:**
Sat., Jan. 4, 2014
8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

◆ **WHERE:**
Deukmejian Wilderness Park
3429 Markridge Rd
Glendale, Ca 91214

Fifteen spaces are available for this program (you must be at least 16 years old)

Call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot

Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt, bring water and a hat

Have you ever wondered who built the trails in the parks and wilderness areas? Do you know who maintains these paths? Would you like to learn the ABCs of trail construction and maintenance? Do you want be part of a Trail Crew?

For the answers to these questions and more you need to attend Trail Building 101.

Topics to be covered in the class and in the field include: Trail Terminology; Tool Use and Safety; Climate and Clothing; Tread Conditions; Hillside Hydrology; and a Construction Project in the field

Our instructor for the course is Karen Buehler. Karen received her training from the Pacific Crest Trails Association. She has led projects at Deukmejian Wilderness Park and in the Angeles Forest.



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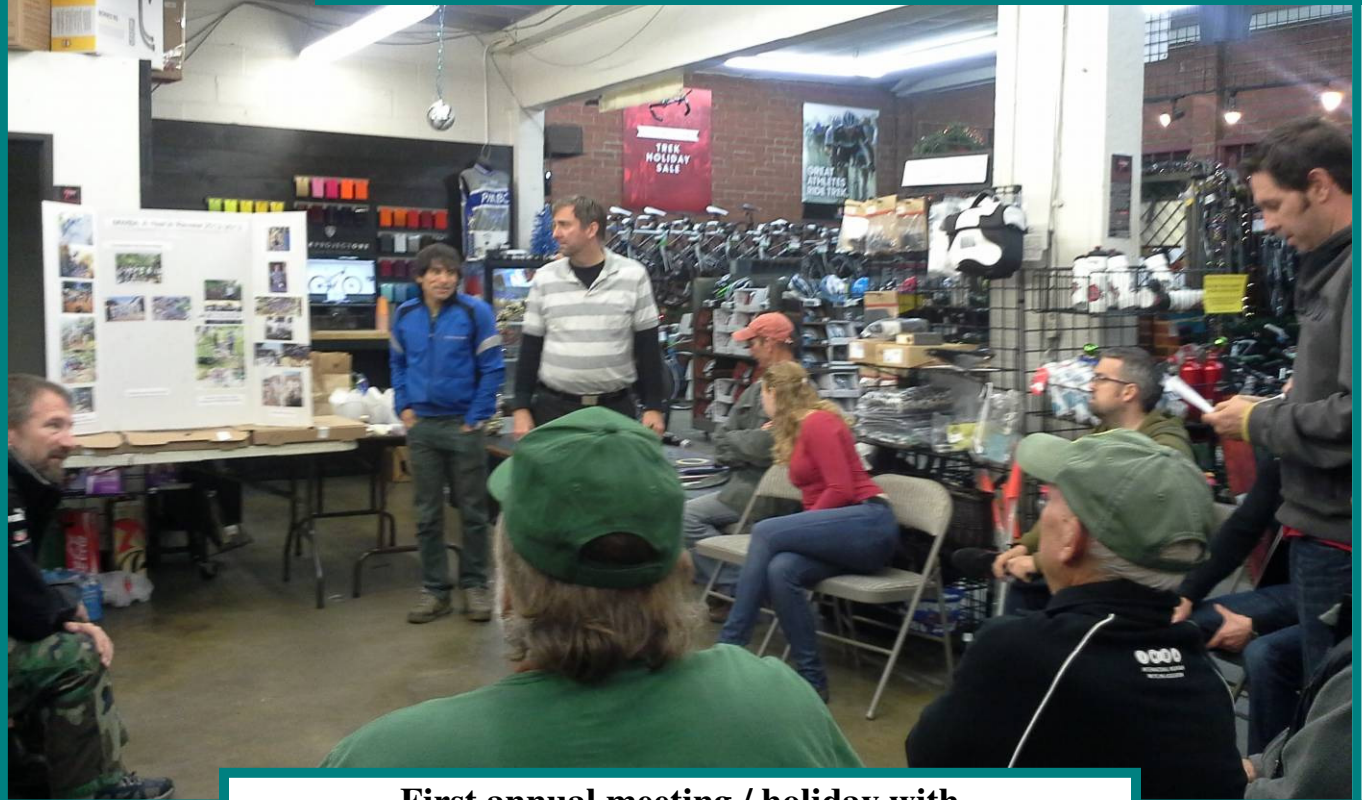
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VOLUNTEER PLANNING/ CELEBRATION



**First annual meeting / holiday with
Mount Wilson Bicycling Association
& Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol**



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



A 18-inch diameter was blocking the Gabrielino National Recreational Trail (11W14)

The Trail is no longer being blocked thanks to the work David Ledford and John Syzdek.



A 18-inch diameter log and a 8-inch diameter cottonwood climb-over deadfall were blocking the Gabrielino National Recreational Trail

The two trees were removed by David Ledford and John Syzdek with a pruning saw, 28" crosscut saw, and a 42" 1-man crosscut saw.



The Plight of California Condors

The Community Hiking Club and Placerita Nature Associates Present:
The Plight of California Condors

January 19, 2014

2:00 PM

In the Classroom at Placerita Nature Center



These remarkable birds are the largest birds in North America. They are native to California and are the subject of myths, songs, and real life stories. As the poster child of a successful captive breeding program, Condors are now flying free and wild again in the mountains of Southern California. But their plight and fight for survival is far from over.

Condors have no natural enemies, and yet, they have become endangered, hitting a low of 10 individuals before they were captured and placed into monitored breeding facilities in Los Angeles, San Diego, Central and Northern California



What caused the decline of the condors? Are they still considered critically endangered? Where are the condors in Santa Clarita? How BIG are they, really? What the HECK is Condor School??

Here's your chance to ask all the questions!

The Plight of California Condors



Dianne Erskine, of The Community Hiking Club, will share the condor story and her passion for condors in this month's Nature Series. This program is great for kids AND adults, so bring the whole family.

See you there! It's fun, it's free, and great for the whole family!

Dianne Erskine-Hellrigel is the E.D. of the Community Hiking Club and the President of the Santa Clara River Watershed Conservancy. She has worked with the condors for 8 years, preventing deaths from micro-trash and doing educational presentations for the community to try to keep the condors safe.

Directions: From Valencia, take the I-5 Freeway South to the SR-14 North. Exit at Placerita Canyon Road. Go approximately 2 miles to Placerita Natural Area. You will see a wooden sign and a driveway on the right side. Enter the drive and park close to the building. Meet in the classroom inside the building before 2:00 PM.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail KeepersMark Gage mr33@hotmail.com

- Trail Maintenance- "Gardening by the Mile not the Yard."....
Hikers and Bikers working together on trails. We work on the trails almost every Saturday. Our focus trails are Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon and Echo Mt. Trails.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol m.rmccuire@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.B.P is here to serve and inform the public.

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION<http://www.anffla.org>Pam Morey pammorey@fs.fed.us Forest Care Program Coordinator

909-744-9510 ext. 125

- Help rebuild Vetter Mtn Fire Lookout with a purchase of a reusable tote bag for \$5.
- Help support ANFFLA every time you shop!
Register your Ralphs Club Card and your Food4Less card and ANFFLA will receive a donation every time you shop. It's an easy to help support our efforts and costs you nothing!

**Antelope Valley Conservancy** www.avconservancy.orgavconservancy@yahoo.com PHONE (661) 943-9000 Face book: Antelope Valley Conservancy

- Looking for a sustainable gift? Consider giving a Membership in Antelope Valley Conservancy. Only \$25. A gift that keeps on giving.
- 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!

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/>John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

Face book: Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

We have some very good news -- we just signed an agreement to buy 11 critical acres of wilderness in Pasadena's Cottonwood Canyon. Now we are starting to raise the money to save it.

Cottonwood Canyon runs straight west from the northernmost holes of Brookside Golf Course. As the Star News' Larry Wilson said in his recent article, "This is the wildlife corridor that lets bears like the one that caused such a ruckus last Thursday get back to the mountains safely. This is where I've seen two bobcats, one up close. This is home to a year-round spring that flows into the Arroyo."

There's much more to be told. Wildlife depends on Cottonwood Canyon to travel between the San Rafael Hills, the Arroyo Seco, Hahamongna Wilderness Park and South Pasadena. This property holds a treasure trove of history.

PLEASE HELP NOW to Save Cottonwood Canyon and its extended wildlife corridors.

Audubon Center at Debs Park

4700 North Griffin Ave. Los Angeles, CA 90031

PHONE: (323) 221-2255

Contact : http://debspark.audubon.org/email/1617/field_location_emailCalendar: <http://debspark.audubon.org/events>

- Every Saturday 8:30 a.m. Free Tai Chi contact: <http://debspark.audubon.org/forms/contact-us/636>

Giving just a little bit of your time can make a big difference to the success of the Audubon Center at Debs Park. We offer many opportunities to help us bring people together to appreciate, enjoy, and protect birds and nature.

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

Hopefully everyone is having a happy holiday season. I know I am, and I also know that I will be spending the next week pigging out at the trough in a major way. That means next Saturday will be prime time for working off some of the excesses of the season. Come join us as we hike down into the cool canyon to work up a sweat as we improve the trail heading into Bear Canyon.

There is plenty to be done for these first few months as we fix what has deteriorated over the summer on this heavily used trail. There is easy work to be done with loppers and trimmers and more serious tread repairs to perform as well. In addition, we will be joined by a chainsaw crew and they can always use some swampers to clear what they've cut. I have plenty of McCleods, shovels, and pick-mattoxes for the heavy work and a few saws, loppers and trimmers for the smaller work. However, if you have your own tools feel free to bring them.

Link to next outing details:

<http://us3.campaign-archive2.com/?u=78447812fcd2503cfd06819a8&id=43270d5f9b>

Link to subscribe to Bear Canyon List: http://eepurl.com/ID_Rr

Bear Canyon Trail Maintenance 2013-2014 Schedule With Old Farmer's Almanac Weather Prediction

- **Jan 25th Outing** Temp. 53° (1° below avg.) 25th-27th Sunny, cool
- **Feb 22nd Outing** Temp. 52.5° (2.5° below avg.) 22nd-28th Showers, then sunny, cool
- **Mar 22nd Outing** Temp. 56° (1° below avg.) 21st-25th Scattered showers, cooler
- **Apr 19th Outing** Temp. 60° (avg.) 15th-20th Showers, then sunny, warm
- **May 17th Outing** Temp. 66° (2° above avg.) 11th-19th Sunny, warm inland
- **Jun 14th Outing** Temp. 68° (avg.) 13th-17th Sunny inland

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- **Open Year round, 6 am to 8 pm every day.**
- **The road is gated and the gate is locked at night.**

Be sure to return to your car before 7:30 pm or you may not get out! During and after heavy rains, fires, or after significant earthquakes, and during fire alerts the road may be closed.

- **The Sierra Madre Police Dept. is in charge of locking/unlocking the gate. If you are concerned that the road might be closed you can call them for info: 626 355-1414.**
- **Adams Pack Station Contact:**
Friday, Saturday & Sunday 8:00 am - 5:00 pm (626) 447-7356

Blight Busters Trail Crew

Danny Treadway

dayhiker86@yahoo.com

Boy Scouts of America Los Angeles Area Council

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

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)

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

- **Jan 15th MEETING** 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 email: edwaldheim@aol.com

- **CTUC MAPS** The first map in our series was completed in 2005 and now, several years later, there are eight maps in print with as many as four more in the works. CTUC maps are unique in that they are not complete inventories of routes. Instead they are travel guides to the area with selected routes shown.

For more information: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/maps>

• **Jan 4th Trail Building 101 (See flyer on page 9)**

Location: Deukmejian Wilderness Park

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: Topics to be covered in the class and in the field include: Trail Terminology; Tool Use and Safety; Climate and Clothing; Tread Conditions; Hillside Hydrology; and a Construction Project in the field our instructor for the course is Karen Buehler. Karen received her training from the Pacific Crest Trails Association. She has led projects at Deukmejian Wilderness Park and in the Angeles Forest

Info: Fifteen spaces are available for this program (you must be at least 16 years old). Call us at (818) 548-3795 to reserve your spot.

Wear sturdy shoes, long pants and long sleeved shirt, bring water and a hat

• **Jan 11th Riverwalk Workday (See flyer on page 7)**

Location: Glendale Narrows Riverwalk, 300 Paula Ave., Glendale, CA 91201

(Corner of Paula Ave & Garden St)

Time: 8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Description: We are headed back to the Los Angeles River to help with the maintenance of the landscaped areas along the trail.

Info: Questions? Call us at (818) 548-3795

Community Hiking Club

communityhikingclub.org

661-259-2743

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel email: zuliebear@aol.com

• **Jan 1st -Los Pinetos to Wilson Saddle**

Join us for our annual New Year's Day hike! Today we'll meet at the Walker Ranch Trail head and take the Los Pinetos Trail up to 3N17, then follow it all the way to Wilson Saddle. Total Mileage is 6 1/2 miles with about 800 ft gain.

Bring snacks, lunch, lots of water and wear boots with good tread. If you have poles, they will be helpful going up Los Pinetos.

Bring your camera too....there will be ample opportunity for some nice shots!

Meet at Walker Ranch Trail head (by the road) at 10:00.

Directions to Walker Ranch Trailhead: From the I-5 freeway, take the SR-14 North to Placerita Canyon Road. Exit. Turn right. Go about 4 miles into the Canyon. You will see the Walker Ranch Trail head on your right side. There will be a large wooden sign.

Rated: Moderate due to gain **Leader:** Steve hills)

(cont P17)

• **Jan 4th - Boy Scout Trail in Castaic Boy Scout Trail to Whittaker Peak**

Description: 10 mile RT with 2,000' gain. We may 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. You will also see the weather station on the top of Whittaker Peak.

Meet outside the Towsley gate at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure to the trailhead. Bring lots of water and lunch. Poles are also helpful on this hike.

Please share the gas with your driver. Bring your adventure pass if you have one.

To meet at the Trail head, go north on I-5. Exit Templin Hwy. Turn left. Go under the freeway and turn right on the road immediately past the freeway. Stay on this road until you see a sign on the left side that says Boy Scout Camp. You will park on the street near this drive way. There is very little parking inside, so it is advisable to remain on the street. Meet us on the street. We will walk in together to the trail head. If you meet at the trail head, please be there at 8:40. **Please share the gas with your driver.**

Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Moderate ++

• **Jan 11th-Quigley Canyon has 4 loops/trails.**

Total distance is about 6.0 miles. Gain of about 350 feet on one hill, with a tough, steep descent. Make sure you wear good boots. There are easy, moderate and steep areas on this hike, so there is something for everyone. We will be doing all 4 loops. **Due to the steep uphill and downhill on one loop, poles are HIGHLY recommended.** This will be the last loop that we do, so if you would like to avoid this hill, you can sign out just before we start this last portion. The scenery is lovely, and there is abundant wildlife. We will see the working ranches, an oil company, an intermittent stream, great views of Melody Ranch, and some very pretty vistas. This set of trails is very private and quiet. You will only see hikers and equestrians on this trail, with an occasional mountain biker.

Bring lots of water, snacks, and poles. Wear sunscreen, a hat, long pants as some of the trails are a little overgrown, and good boots. You might want to bring your camera to capture some of the interesting sights along the way.

Meet at the trail head at 8:00 for an 8:15 departure on the trail.

Directions: Exit the I-5 freeway at Lyons and turn left if you're coming from Valencia, and right if you're coming from the San Fernando Valley. Take Lyons all the way to the end of the road. Turn Left on Railroad Avenue. Turn right on 13th Street. 13th Street will become Arch Street. Go straight on Placerita Road. Turn left on Quigley Canyon Road, and right onto Cleardale. Take Cleardale all the way to the end. This is where the trail head is. Park on the street. Please be courteous to the homeowners and the land surrounding their property. **Leader:** Richard? **Rated:** Easy to Moderate ++ (due to the hills)

• **Jan 12th -Day hike in Red Rock Cyn State Park to Nightmare Gulch.**

Meet at the trailhead at 8:30 am. This hike will be approx. 9 miles with gain/loss of approx 1,100 ft mostly during the first half of the hike. We will climb up to top of the first of three separate ridges and follow along the top of each ridge for stunning views into Nightmare Gulch to the south, and the Sierra Nevada matins in the north. After the 3rd ridge, we will descend to the eastern end of Nightmare Gulch, then walk through the Gulch to the west end.

We'll then climb out of the Gulch area to complete the 9 mile loop to reach our cars. While beautiful rock formations will tower above you as you walk through the Gulch, partway through, we'll take an additional short detour to see the amazing rock formations within the area known as the Magic City.

Bring lots of water, snacks and lunch. A jacket and layered clothing are recommended, and don't forget your camera.

From Santa Clarita, allow at least 1 hr 30 mins to reach the trailhead. Follow Hwy 14 North to the Ricardo campground turnoff at Abbot Drive (apx 60 miles from Sand Cyn exit). Do not enter the campground. After you pass the turnoff, continue approximately ¾ mile further north on Hwy 14 to the small dirt parking lot on the east side of the highway. The hike will begin there at 8:30 AM. If hikers would like to organize their own carpools from Towsley Cyn, they should meet at 6:45 AM and plan to leave there prior to 7 AM. Any hikers who would like to carpool with the leader, should FIRST confirm on the meet up page. You can then plan to meet the leader at the Denny's parking lot off of the Sand Cyn Rd exit by 6:50 AM for a 7 AM departure

Leader: Nikki **Rating:** Moderate ++ due to elevation gain and distance

• Jan 18th - This is a two for one hike. Dianne will first lead you to the waterfall in Whitney Canyon.

Along the way you are apt to see deer grazing near the beautiful stream. This first portion of the hike is 5 easy miles RT. It is an easy and delightful trail. This hike is great for the whole family. You can finish up the hike when you return to the parking area from this hike, or you **can continue on to historic Elsmere Canyon** where you can view some of the remnants of the late 1800's oil industry in the SCV. This leg will add another 5 miles to your adventure, giving you a RT of 10 miles. There is virtually no gain on the Whitney hike, and about 500' of gain on the Elsmere hike, which is all at the beginning

Bring lots of water, snacks if you're only going on the Whitney Hike, and lunch if you're going on the Elsmere hike.

Wear shoes with good tread, and you will find that poles will be helpful on the steeper areas of Elsmere. Meet at the trail head at 8:15 for an 8:30 departure down the trail.

Directions to trailhead: From Valencia, go south on I-5, then north on SR-14. Exit at Newhall Avenue, and take the first RIGHT on the off ramp. Turn right. Park in the Park and Ride at the End of the street for free or park in the MRCA lot (to the left at the end of the Park and Ride) for \$7.00. We will meet at the 2nd MRCA Green Gate at the end and to the far left of the Park and Ride. (This is the same meeting spot for Elsmere Canyon, but we are doing a different trail. Note: We are meeting and the SECOND green gate)

Leader: Angela Myers **Rated:** Easy (Whitney) Easy to Moderate (Whitney and Elsmere)

Leader: Dianne **Rated:** Easy for the first part, Moderate for the 2nd part

• Jan 19th -Plight of the California Condor (See Flyer on page 12)**• Jan 19th 2:00 PM - Fish Canyon to Piano Box**

Fish Canyon is a gorgeous hike in Castaic. This hike is 9 miles RT. The scenery is absolutely outstanding. You might want to bring a camera. The creek will probably be running, and it is lovely. You will feel like you've been on vacation when you see the stands of Sycamore, Oaks and Willows. We will take an asphalt road down to the trail head, then we'll be on a dirt road for 3 miles before we branch off onto a single track trail to an area called Piano Box. Your feet and lower pants will get wet, so wear shoes that you don't care much about, and pants that will dry quickly. I do not recommend shorts since there is poison oak bordering the trail in many areas.

Bring lunch, shoes for water crossings if we have had rain, lots of water and snacks.

Meet at the OUTSIDE gate of Towsley Canyon by 8:15 for an 8:30 departure to the trail head.

If you would like to meet us at the trail head, take the I-5 North to Templin Hwy. Exit. Turn right. Follow this road until it ends at a white barricade. Park. This is where we will meet at 8:50. Don't be late! You'll never find us! **Leader:** Lise **Rated:** Moderate

• Jan 25th -Pico Canyon

This is a great 8 mile round trip hike with about 800 ft of gain. The first 2 miles of the hike is on a paved road to California Star Oil #4 Oil well (later to become Standard Oil of California. This part of the route is a gentle, flat 2 miles. Once we see the ruins of California Star Oil #4, we will begin to climb the next 2 miles to the top. At the top will be a table where you can have lunch, snacks, and relax. The views are amazing at this point! On our return, we will take a different, more challenging but shorter trail back to see a mock-up of an oil well, an old bar and a dance and recreation area. From there, we will return to our vehicles.

Meet at the parking area in Mentryville at 8:00 AM, for a 8:15 departure. Bring lots of water, snacks, camera and wear boots with lots of tread for the return hike where you will be making your way down a small waterfall.

Wear a hat, sunscreen and definitely bring poles if you have them.

Directions: Take Lyons Avenue WEST. It will become Pico Canyon. Continue on Pico until it ends. It will end in the town of Mentryville. Go over the bridge and park close to the big pepper tree by the rest room, where Dianne will meet you. You must pay MRCA parking to park here of \$7.00. If you wish to avoid this parking fee, you can park outside the green entry gate for free, and walk in, but allow an additional 40 minutes to walk in.

Leader: Lise

Rated: Easy++

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VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 773-3555 FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>
<http://corbamt.com/>

For schedule goto: <http://corbamt.com/Calendar/index.shtml>

• **Dec 6th COSTAC Monthly Meeting** The Conejo Open Space Trails Advisory Council meets the first Monday of the month to discuss Conejo Open Space Conservation Agency trails issue. The public is welcome to attend. **For more information, contact Nicole Tindell, 805-495-0545.**

• **Dec 27th Monthly CORBA Board of Directors meeting. All are welcome**

The Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA) is an all-volunteer non-profit organization serving the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. We are dedicated to preserving open space, maintaining public access to public lands, and creating more trail opportunities for all to enjoy. We are a chapter of the International Mountain Bicycling Association.

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew aka CV Trail Crew

Karen Buehler 818-363-6216

karen.buehler2@gmail.com

Face book: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/cvtrail.crew>

• **Fridays – 7:00 AM to 12:00 PM Trail Restoration Deukmejian Wilderness Park**

• **Dec 14th - 8:00 AM to 3:00 PM - Sierra Club- Strawberry Peak Trail**

Lead by Karen Buehler. **For more information, contact Karen.**

• **Jan 4th January 4 - Trail Building 101 Class.**

(See page 8)

• **TBD -Vineyard Interpretative Trail Construction-Deukmejian**

• **March 2014 TBD -Rosemont Preserve Trail Maintenance**

We will also continue maintenance of the trails in Deukmejian Wilderness Park and other projects in Angeles National Forest.

Friends of El Prieto Trail

An organized group of individuals working on improving the trail to pre fire condition.

If interested in assisting, please contact Banner Moffat by e-mail.

- Banner Moffat

HABITAT WORKS <http://www.habitatwork.org>

Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653



• **2014 Tongva calendar**

The calendar is illustrated by contemporary artworks by local Native artists with a history of supporting Haramokngna.

This is the first time a Tongva calendar is being made, a significant achievement and historic first. Tongva words appear alongside English, and we acknowledge the Advocates for Indigenous California Language Survival for partially funding the project

If you are interested in ordering a calendar for \$20 – or ordering several for gifts – please go to our website www.haramokngna.org to order on-line.

• **Stop by our Center any weekend from 10am – 4pm** and by appointment for groups during the week . We are happy to answer any questions about Native American culture, the Angeles National Forest, hiking trails, camping, etc. We have ample parking out front.

• **Volunteers** As a cultural, environmental and arts organization, Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center shares the flavor of Native American history, culture, traditions and arts with the Los Angeles community. We are always looking for energetic individuals ready to represent the Cultural Center during special events and regular office hours.

• **Check the Pukuu's Amazon Store** <http://astore.amazon.com/pukucultcomms-20>
When you order items thru our store, a percentage is donated to our center. THANK-YOU

High Country Riders

Forest wide equestrian volunteer group that packs

Equipment, Material and Supplies etc. to your Trail or worksite. Packs Trash & Rubbish out of the Forest.

Contacts: Jonathan Schultz 951-830-3400 maujds@earthlink.net

- Forest Certified Animal Packer, • Master Teacher for "LNT",
- "C" Crosscut Saw Certifier • Chainsaw "B" faller

Glen Foster 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344 pjgwfoster@aol.com
Certified Packer

JPL TRAILBUILDERS Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) Jack Russell 562-861-3187

• **Jan 18th Outing**

WHAT'S HAPPENING: We will continue maintenance on the Mt Lowe West Trail, working from the middle up (unless some other request comes up). Maintenance involves cutting back brush to 6 foot-wide clearance, and tread repair to 3 foot-wide.

Matt Maxon matt@mattmaxon.com

Continuing to work on the Stone Cyn Trail. No set schedule. Hope to get out for 1 day at least, every month. I'm very flexible If you want to come out contact me and we'll work something out. Brush clearance top down is my main focus right now, but there is plenty of tread that needs work, switch backs that need to be rebuilt, and 2 slide areas / washouts that need something done with them.

Mount Disappointment 50K Conservation Group

www.mtdisappointment50k.com Gary Hilliard, Director

- We are planning the races for in 2014

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association

<http://mwba.org/> Mitch Marich, info@mwba.org

- GO HERE TO BECOME A MEMBER:

<https://www.imba.com/civcrm/contribute/transact?reset=1&id=124>

In an ongoing effort to improve and expand the mountain biking opportunities in California, Mount Wilson Bicycling Association (MWBA) and the International Mountain Bike Association (IMBA) have teamed up through IMBA's Chapter Program. The Mount Wilson Bicycling Association was founded by IMBA Hal of-Famer Alan Armstrong in 1996 to advocate trail use by mountain bikers through an effort to reach out to all trail users to support the local trail system in a productive way. Your membership dues support trail work efforts by providing equipment and supplies used to improve our local trails for all users. Don't forget to attend MWBA's annual Pancake Breakfast which is our main source of funds.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Mount Wilson Institute P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909
(404) 413-5484 <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

- **Cosmic Cafe close for the winter**

Support Mount Wilson Observatory

We Need Your Help - Mount Wilson Observatory is privately owned and receives no continuing state or federal support. You can help ensure the continued operation of this science heritage.

- **Join** our Friends of Mount Wilson Observatory organization to receive a variety of member benefits and stay informed on the latest scientific and other activities from the mountain.
- **Contribute** to our Second Century Campaign. As Mount Wilson continues into its second century, a capital campaign is being developed to preserve this great observatory for future generations.
- **Be a Docent Tour Guide** - We welcome applications from individuals interested in participating as docents in our very active guided tour programs.

For application information go to: <http://www.mtwilson.edu/docents.php>.

Mount Wilson Race <http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

- **Plans are being made for the May 24th, 2014 race.**

If you are interested in sponsorship opportunities please contact the Recreation Supervisor for the City of Sierra Madre Kyle Schnurr, kschnurr@cityofsierramadre.com or by phone at (626) 355-7394.

SAN GABRIEL TRAILBUILDERS <http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Ben White: 626-303-1078

ben@sgmtrailbuilders.org

We work on the first, third, and fifth Saturday of each month Trail working volunteers may join the San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders in the continued restoration process for trails in and around Crystal Lake, East Fork, Heaton Flats, Upper & Lower Bear Creek, the Baldy Area and many other locations on the Angeles National Forest.

Learn how to use all the Trail tools to work the trails. Help you learn how to get your certificates for Chainsaw and Crosscut Saws use on the National forest.

If you would like to volunteer your time, please send e-mail to feedback@crystallake.name I will let you know when, where, and what you need to know to join us.

MEETING LOCATION :

San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center,
1950 North San Gabriel Canyon @ 7:30am

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY <http://www.mtlowe.co>
Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919 E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

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

Angeles Chapter Office

3435 Wilshire Blvd. #660, Los Angeles, CA. 90010-1904

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to http://www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/outings_3mos.html#Jan• Jan 8th 7:00 PM**Monthly Meeting: Note: This meeting is one week later than usual due to New Year's Day.**

Dave Weeshof, President of San Fernando Valley Audubon Society, presents "Canada, Iceland, and Greenland: Wildlife and native cultures in the Arctic north". Information on Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities. Newcomers always welcome. Doors open at 7 pm, program at 7:15 pm at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. For information contact Group Membership Chair, Elizabeth Pomeroy

- Jan 2nd/9th/16th/23rd/30th Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- Jan 4th Hahamongna Update
- Jan 11th La Cañada Trails Day
- Jan 11th Strawberry Peak Trail Restoration
- Jan 17th -Jan 20th MLK Weekend in Yosemite at Wawona
- Jan 25th Mt Lukens (5066') from Deukmejian Park
- Feb 1st Mt Fuji (3600'):

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

FACEBOOK: Tree People

12601 Mulholland Drive

Beverly Hills, CA 90210 Telephone (818) 753-4600

For more calendar details go to:

<http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2014-01>

- Angeles Forest Supervisor Training Jan 12th
- Campus Orchard Care Jan 11th
- Campus Planting Jan 25th
- Fruit Tree Program Feb 13th/18th/25th
- Moonlight Hike Jan 17th
- Native Plants and Turf Reduction Dec 7th
- Park Work Day Jan 9th/16th/23rd/30th
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Jan 4th/11th/12th/25th/26th
- Santa Monica Mountains Restoration Supervisor Training Jan 11th

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tippecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

Awards and Recognition!

We're so honored to wrap up our 20th-year anniversary year with recognition and accolades from our partners for making a BIG difference in the health and future of our public lands and our youth. Though a strong collaboration among staff, volunteers and community partners, all sharing a passion for getting more people outdoors, giving back through community service and recreating responsibly, your Southern California Mountains Foundation has been recognized with these awards for our work in 2013:

- Partner of the Year, U.S. Forest Service, Pacific Southwest Region
- Organization of the Year, California Invasive Plant Council
- Nonprofit of the Year, Big Bear Lake Chamber of Commerce
- Certified Conservation Corps of Inland Empire, California Conservation Corps
- 21st Century Conservation Corps

Pacific Crest Trail Association

<http://www.pcta.org>

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/#!/PCTAFan>

Liz Bergeron lbergeron@pcta.org

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 2

- **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.

- **Join us! The Pacific Crest Trail is more than a trail from Mexico to Canada.**

It is a community that stretches around the world. Come out and play.

<http://www.pcta.org/get-involved/> **Play in the dirt, Meet new people, Sleep under the stars.**

Pacific Crest Trail maintenance volunteers are needed throughout California, Oregon, and Washington to help repair erosion problems, clear fallen trees, and remove encroaching brush. Help make the hiking and equestrian experience a better one now and for future generations.

Volunteers can head out for the day, a weekend, or longer with car and backcountry camping options available. There are no fees to volunteer and meals are included at our overnight events. Prior trail maintenance skills are not needed on most projects, experienced crew leaders are there to teach you the skills needed. To learn more contact Merrit Hoeh at (916) 285-1838, volunteer@pcta.org or check out the volunteer schedule at www.pcta.org. Have an adventure of a lifetime by volunteering on the Pacific Crest Trail!

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest

Wrightwood, CA <http://www.grassyhollow.net>

Visitor Center Phone #: (626) 821-6737 Loren Lake lorenll@verizon.net

- **The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and Grounds are open for day-use only**

Hours: Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays 10:00 am to 4:00 pm

Weekdays- for school groups, youth organizations, etc. By Appointment

William S Hart UHSD of Santa Clarita ANF Crew 135

Kevin Sarkissian 661.250.0022 X 552 ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org

Continuing on January 13, 2014 'Outdoor Recreation and Wilderness Conservation' will again be offered as a 5 credit class through the District's Regional Occupational Training Program as a collaborative training venture between WS Hart Union High School District, USFS, PCTA, LA County Parks and Rec, and the 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

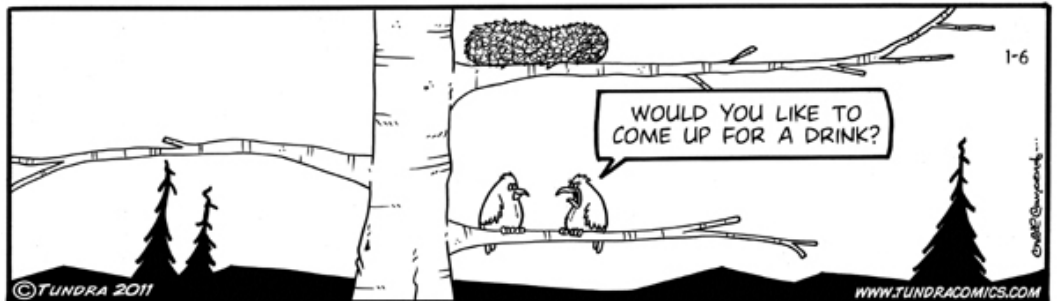
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12371 North Little Tujunga Canyon Road
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TUNDRA by Chad Carpenter, Los Angeles Times Jan 1, 2011 email: info@tundracomics.com



Volunteer Today
Send this in Right Away to
Dennis Merkel —12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Rd
San Fernando, CA 91342

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Address _____

Phone # (hm) _____

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Interests

Indicate what you would like to do. Circle area or enter your interests.
Campground Host/ Visitor Information/ Smokey Bear - Fire Prevention/
Recreation Aid / Forest Patrol /Resource Management / Computers/
Research-Librarian / Office Clerical / Tour guide/ Fire Lookout/
Conservation Education / habitat restoration and tree planting

Other: _____
