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Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Volunteer Newsletter Oct 2017

US Burns through Wildland Firefighting Budget, and the Season May Yet Worsen

Like hurricanes, patterns of wildfire severity are difficult to predict. Forest fires and torrential rain don't mix, which may explain why our hurricane-focused news media are taking so little notice of what's shaping up to be the worst year for US wildland fire in at least a decade and maybe far longer.

Several yardsticks can be applied to fire severity — number of large fires, total acreage burned, personnel deployed, lives lost, dollars spent. With the single, thankful exception of firefighter fatalities, the numbers so far this year are staggering.



Let's start with the money as perhaps the most comprehensive single statistic for historical comparison. This year the US Forest Service's budget for wildland fire suppression was \$1.6 billion; as of Thursday, the service announced that it had already spent more than \$2 billion — with three weeks remaining in the fiscal year, the probable peak in firefighting intensity yet to arrive, and major battles likely to continue through next month before tapering off in a fire season that never really ends anymore.

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**Glory is fleeting,
but obscurity is forever**

US Burns through Wildland Firefighting Budget, and the Season May Yet Worsen (cont)

Already, according to the Forest Service, the 2017 fire season in the West and Northwest has seen “three times as many uncontained large fires on the landscape as compared to the five-year average, and almost three times as many personnel assigned to fires.” *More than 27,000 people supported firefighting activities during peak Western fire season. The Forest Service has been at Preparedness Level 5, the highest level, for 35 days as of September 14, 2017. Approximately 2.2 million acres of National Forest system lands have burned in that time.*



And for context on that \$2 billion, consider this: It was a milestone two years ago when the service asked Congress to appropriate a little over half that amount for firefighting, based on a 10-year rolling average of its actual outlays that came in at \$1.13 billion. But, then, it has been many years since the Forest Service was able to do its job within the congressional allocation. The policy is to spend whatever is needed, then ask Congress to reimburse it for whatever can't be covered by raiding the budgets for other programs — including those aimed at managing the federal forests to make them less fire-prone.

This year will be no exception. In announcing the busted budget for 2017, Agriculture Secretary Sonny Perdue said: *Forest Service spending on fire suppression in recent years has gone from 15 percent of the budget to 55 percent — or maybe even more — which means we have to keep borrowing from funds that are intended for forest management. We end up having to hoard all of the money that is intended for fire prevention, because we're afraid we're going to need it to actually fight fires. It means we can't do the prescribed burning, harvesting, or insect control to prevent leaving a fuel load in the forest for future fires to feed on.*

Perdue also indicated that he would be advocating for an alternative funding approach favored by the Obama administration: to treat wildland fire and its costs on the same footing with other natural disasters, like hurricanes.

'Flash Drought' Drives Fires

So what happened to so greatly intensify a fire year that was looking last spring like it might be milder than normal? Well, like hurricanes, patterns of wildfire severity are difficult to predict.

As of June 1, the National Interagency Fire Center's three-month outlook was for below-normal wildland fire activity in much of the West through early summer. Even for August and September, when the risk rises, NIFC predicted normal fire activity throughout the country except for portions of northern California, northern Nevada and Hawaii, where above-normal patterns were expected (and a little piece of Puerto Rico, where below-normal activity was predicted).

But by Sept. 1, the picture had changed dramatically, with a large swath of the northern Rockies and the Pacific Northwest shaded red for above-normal activity. This was driven mostly by the unforeseen arrival of a pattern increasingly characterized as “flash drought” — sudden and severe dryness, combined with high temperatures.

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And nowhere has the flash been as fierce as Montana, which atop sweeping crop losses is experiencing the worst wildfire year in its history; the entire state has been declared a fire disaster area. As Tanja Fransen, a National Weather Service employee in Glasgow, Montana, told the UK Guardian: *This is unprecedented. This is as dry as it's been in recorded history and some of our recording stations have 100 years of data. A lot of people try to compare this to previous years, but really, you just can't.*



The Pacific Northwest, too, is experiencing wildland fire of unaccustomed scope, with ash “snowing” to earth in places like Portland and Seattle, and public health warnings about lung damage from smoke so heavy and persistent that even Minnesotans have become accustomed to the occasional whiff riding in on a westerly breeze.

The Outlook through November

Alas, the current NIFC outlook is for more of the same, at least for a while. Excerpts:

While an active southwestern monsoon has curtailed activity in the Southwest and across portions of the central Rockies, above normal significant fire activity continues to be observed across portions of the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, northern Great Basin and northern California. Fuel moisture levels and fire danger indices in these areas are at near-record to record levels for severity.

Drier and warmer than average conditions across the central Great Basin and Southern California are allowing for the fine fuels to become more receptive to fire activity.

Precipitation received was generally well below average across the Pacific Northwest, Northern Rockies, Great Basin and California in August as most areas received less than 25 percent of normal rainfall.

Fire season will peak by mid-September as the fuels remain much drier than average and as existing precipitation trends continue. By mid-September decreasing solar radiation received and longer nights will allow for fuel moistures to begin recovering. Should a season-slaking weather event not occur, this will be sufficient to allow for the fire activity across the northwestern states to begin to decrease significantly late in the month.

Significant large fire activity will remain possible in wind-prone areas like the Rocky Mountain Front and across Southern California through November and will be event-driven should they occur.

What Makes Them Run?

Scenery, Solitude and Camaraderie Propel the Ultramarathoners

By MARY BARBER, Times Staff Writer

Kenneth Hamada's three-year dream materialized in the dark of night Sunday when one runner, followed by another and then another, loped across the finish line of a grueling 100-mile race.

In all, 35 men and two women completed the first Angeles Crest 100-Mile Endurance Run, to the amazement of Hamada, and Arcadia man whose fantasy in 1983 was to create the toughest mountain race in the West.

Even a year ago, when the dream started consuming Hamada's time and money, he considered the Angeles Crest run a daring dubious venture that few would undertake and perhaps none would complete.

Last year, Del Beaudoin of Monrovia joined Hamada to plot trails from Wrightwood to Pasadena, crossing Mt. Baden-Powell, which rises to 9,399 feet, and several other peaks, including Mt. Wilson. Ted Hill, a pharmacist in Arcadia, joined in the planning. All three are ultramarathon runners who said they are always seeking new challenges.

"We just started talking and we liked the idea of putting on one in our own backyard," Hamada said.

"This race is extremely crazy," Hamada said several months ago, when 30 had signed up.

"Absolutely, we'll do it again," he said Sunday when it was over and unexpected numbers had finished.

Entry Fee is \$100

Of the 69 who paid \$100 to enter the race 59 showed up Saturday for the 5 a.m. start. Of the 37 who finished within the required 33 hours, seven completed the course in less than 24 hours, thereby earning silver belt buckles, the traditional award for 100-milers. The other finishers got plaques.

Racers said ultramarathons (races longer than the standard 26 mile marathon) usually attract fewer than 10 in their inaugural runs. They had predicted that only a handful would finish the Angeles Crest run.

More than 300 volunteers manned 19 checkpoints. Several doctors who were recruited through orthopedic Hospital checked the runners along the trail, and a helicopter, radio and telephone relay operators monitored the route. There were untold gallons of chicken soup, the favored food and beverage of distance runners, administered by teams of supporters.

At Islip Addle, where Bob Pike of Valinda, a veteran runner, coordinated services for runners, there were recreational vehicles, cots and what one runner called "a gourmet feast—everything you could possibly want."

At Chantry Flat, coordinated by Barbara Basta of Temple City, a dozen members of the Foothill Flyers Running Club lavished attention on the racers who were two-thirds of the way through when they arrived. Most stayed no more than 10 minutes, expressing amazement at the support and encouragement they received.

"The reason I run is because of these wonderful people," said Sheila Hasham of Alhambra, who ran on a sore leg that cramped eight miles into the race but was still able to finish. She was nursed and encouraged at each checkpoint. "this is real camaraderie," she said.

"It looked like a carnival at some of these places. It just blew me away," said Hamada. He, Beaudoin and Hill did not enter the race but monitored it for all 33 hours.

"All the checkpoint coordinators had run ultramarathons and they said they were just returning the favors that they received," Hamada said.

The first to cross the finish line at Pasadena's Rose Bowl, at 2:52 a.m. on Sunday, was Richard Prvost, a 40-year-old banker from San Pedro, who called it "the most difficult race by far. The first 35 miles are unbelievable."

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The second was Jack Slater, 39, of San Gabriel, who came in seven minutes later. He said Provost deserved to win because he had held the lead for most of the 100 miles, even though he veered off the trail at one point and lost 20 minutes.

Another to finish within 24 hours was Michael Gregg, a research fellow in astronomy at the Mt Wilson and Las Campanas observatories, who at age 28 was one of the youngest to enter the race.

Hasham, 44, a computer service engineer at USC, was one of two women to complete the race, finishing ahead of Jeannie Wood of San Pedro. Hasham limped across the finish line favoring the leg that had pained her for 92 miles.

By their ages and attitudes, the participants typified ultramarathoners. Most are over 30 and many are over 40. They say they generally do not like to run on streets or tracks and they usually train on mountain trails where they enjoy nature and solitude. Although they consider themselves competitive, they have strong bonds with their fellow racers.

Some Ran in Pairs

Some of the runners crossed the finish line in pairs, holding hands. All were applauded, patted, toasted and fed.

None appeared to be exhausted or breathless, and they chatted amiably as they awaited others to cross the line. They seem unconcerned that little attention is given to their remarkable feats even though regular marathons, which are slightly more than one-fourth the length and are rarely run at extreme altitudes, are widely heralded.

“A few cans of beer and a silver buckle, and we’re happy.” Hamada “There’s nothing in it for us except the race. Nobody knows about it except those who are doing it.”

An engineer during the week and an addicted runner on weekends, Hamada said he began 10 years ago “when I saw some guys who ran marathons who didn’t look any different from me.”

He said that until then, “I was kind of a klutz. When I played basketball the balls always hit me in the face, so my glasses were always cockeyed.”

But six months after he started running he entered a marathon, and then more of them and longer races. He said he has entered five 100-mile endurance runs, finished three, and won a silver buckle when he completed a race over the Pacific Crest Trail near San Diego in less than 24 hours.

Beaudoin won a silver buckle for a race though the Wasatch Mountains in Utah.

The men estimated that the race cost about \$10,000, and Hamada smiled and shrugged when he said he “lost several thousand.”

The men based the course on existing trails in Angeles National Forest, crossing Angeles Crest Highway several times. Beaudoin devoted more than 700 hours to clearing unused and blocked trails, and just before the race he and Hamada marked every turn with tallow tape.

Runners went through such descriptively named places as Inspiration Point, Eagles Roost, Cloudburst Summit, Windy Gap, Chilao flat, Shortcut Saddle, Idlehour and Echo Mountain.

They passed through pine forests and the home of centuries-old Limber pines that were discovered in the 10960s. They ran through the territory of bighorn sheep and the camp established by pioneer woodsman William Sturtevant at the head of Big Santa Anita Canyon.

They saw deer, birds, one sunset, one of two sunrises (depending on their speed) and their friends all along the way.

“That’s why we do it. Winning’s not important,” Slater said

“These people are unreal,” said Dick Sale, who manned a telephone relay around the clock.

Soon after the race’s end the volunteers and the runners, their families and friends regrouped for a picnic at Brookside Park near the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, looking like the most ordinary and normal of people. Some limped, some carried babies, most drank beer, all sang the praises of the volunteers who manned the rest stations and their support teams who provided changes of clothes, food and encouragement along the way.

A simple brown bag meal began with a prayer of thanks. It ended with a discussion of next years race.

Blast Flash Forward!

The 2017 Angeles Crest 100 Celebrated its Thirtieth Anniversary.

by Gary Hilliard, Jakob Herrmann, and Ken Hamada

This year's 2017 Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run celebrated both its Thirtieth Anniversary and the life of Hal Winton, Co-Director, who passed away from cancer on May 24, 2017 with his family at his side. Hal co-directed the Angeles Crest 100 for thirty years with Ken Hamada, Race Director. Hal managed the AC100 Trail Maintenance Program, which has contributed over 30,000 hours to the Angeles National Forest (ANF). His dedication and contributions to the AC 100 and the ANF were inspirational and he will forever be missed.

For 30 years, the AC 100 has climbed out of Wrightwood, California at 6000 feet to the Pacific Crest Trail at 8200 feet. At 18 miles, the original course crests Mount Baden-Powell at 9300 feet and has remained unchanged to Islip Saddle at 26 miles. After Islip Saddle, the course has had a couple alterations due to Wilderness Area designations and Protected Habitat areas. Yet, the AC 100 course primarily still follows the original one-way crossing of the San Gabriel Mountains all the way to Altadena, California.

At Chilao, pacers can join their runners at 44 miles or runners may have chosen to run the race Solo (no pacers). Jorge Pacheco (Solo) led at Chilao, followed by Dominic Grossman, Jerry Garcia and Branden Bollweg (Solo). Rachel Ragona (Solo) continued to lead at Chilao, followed by Diana Triester (Solo), and Serena Eley.

After Shortcut Saddle (51 miles), the 2017 course was altered from the 2016 course by adding trails to Red Box (60 miles) and a dirt roads to Newcomb Saddle (68 miles) because we wanted a more challenging course replacing both Mt Williamson and Coopers Canyon sections that was removed from the original course to avoid the Pleasant View Wilderness Area. The change proved more challenging as the lead runners arrived at Newcomb Saddle an hour behind their 2016 times.

At Chantry Flats (75 miles), it has always been said, "This were the race begins." The 2017 race proved that correct again. At Chantry, Grossman and Bollweg arrived together. They were followed by Garcia and Pacheco and then Mario Martinez. All five lead men had arrived within 18 minutes of each other. The women's leaders running order remained unchanged from Newcomb, with Rachel Ragona leading, followed by Serena Eley, Diana Triester, and Vivian La Barreda.

When leaving Chantry Flats, the 4-mile uphill climb up Mt. Wilson has always been one of the deciding factors in this race. After that climb comes the descent to Idlehour (84 miles), followed by the 4- mile trek through Idlehour Canyon and the arduous uphill to the Sam Merrill (90 miles).

The following six-mile single-track descent to Millard (96 miles) is narrow, rutted and steep. Four miles after Millard the runners exit the ANF and close in on the Finish.

Arriving first at the Loma Alta Park Finish Line in Altadena was Jerry Garcia, 39, a local USFS Hot Shot in 20:04:12, winning the Ram Award for First Overall male. Branden Bollweg, 30, (Solo) was second in 20:13:49, winning the Cougar Award for First Solo male. Dominic Grossman, 30, was third in 20:36:16, winning the Rhino Award for First 30+ male. Rachel Ragona, 34, (Solo) ran a champions race, leading from Start to Finish and finishing in 24:32:45, winning the Ram Award for First Overall female (she was also the First Solo female and First 30+ female but when she won the Overall Award, she vacated the other two events, one award per runner.) Serena Eley, 36, finished second in 25:58:38, winning the Rhino Award for First 30+ female. Diana Triester, 48, (Solo) finished third in 27:38:47, winning the Cougar Award for First Solo female.

Blast Flash Forward! (cont)

Four-time winner, Jorge Pacheco, finished his eleventh AC 100. Andy Kumeda finished his twelfth consecutive AC 100 and he also wore George Velasco's race bib. George is currently fighting cancer and through Andy, George got his tenth AC 100 finish, winning the Elk Award.

The Thirtieth Anniversary of the Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run proved again to be both a great race and a tough race across Southern California's premier mountain range. Hal would have been proud. He loved this race and the runners here loved him. It was a Great Day for Southern California Ultra-running community and we expect the next thirty years to be even better!



Jerry Garcia (USFS employee) and Rachel Ragona holding their 1st Place Ram Awards.

Photo Credit: Ivan Buzik

Volunteer Fun

2017 Live Music Events

<http://adamspackstation.com/season/2017/>

Join Us & These Artists for an Afternoon of Great Music

10/01/2017
12:00-05:00 Grit
01:45-03:15 Tim Tedrow
03:30-05:00 Wild Mountain Mystics

10/03/2017
12:00-01:00 Ted Russell Kamp
01:00-02:30 Terry Okey's Cactus Jam
03:00-04:00 Bliss Bowen
04:00-05:00 Devon Rowland Band

10/15/2017
12:00-01:30 Jordan Sollitto (or Los Dos)
1:45-03:15 Ocho-X
03:30-05:00 Chico's Bail Bonds

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley

◆ WHEN:
Sat., Oct. 7, 2017
9:00 a.m. - noon

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

◆ WHAT TO WEAR/BRING:
Sturdy shoes, long pants, and a long sleeved shirt, and bring sunscreen, sunglasses and a hat

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

Trail snacks and water will be provided

Dr. Thom Davis, Geologic Maps Foundation (www.geologicmapsfoundation.org), returns to lead a hike throughout Deukmejian Wilderness Park as we learn about the geology and geologic hazards of the local region. This will be a fast paced hike for the entire three hours on moderately difficult park trails. We will have several stops along the trail to observe and discuss the geologic features.



This event is recommended for ages 12 and older. You must call to save your place on the hike.

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VOLUNTEER TRAINING

Learn how to move large objects with a Grip Hoist!



Hello FTBs,

The San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders are conducting a Rigging For Trail Work class on Friday the 13th of October through Sunday October 15th. Jed Talbot and crew will be the presenters.

- **The class will be at the Rincon Education Center, in San Gabriel Canyon.**
- **Class size is limited. Please RSVP back to me ASAP.**
- **There is no charge to any participants for this training.**
- **Using a grip hoist will be the focus.**
- **Thanks very much, best regards, Ben**

Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078

Or E-Mail: benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org

Southern California Trail Skills College



2017 Trail Skills Colleges are scheduled for Oct. 7, Oct. 14, and Oct. 21 in Southern California. Photo by Michael Lewis.

In 2017, the Pacific Crest Trail Association and your local Trail Gorilla volunteer chapters will host three Trail Skills Colleges throughout Southern California.

All three Trail Skills Colleges will be one-day Intro to Trail Maintenance classes. Intro to Trail Maintenance will focus on developing “trail eyes,” understanding hillside hydrology, trail brushing and clearing, tread maintenance, identifying and cleaning drainage features, Personal Protective Equipment, and working safely in the field.

Trail Skills College is offered free of charge in an effort to inspire citizen stewardship of trails. In exchange for attending the training, we encourage you to volunteer at least 8 hours of work on trail projects in the coming year..

When and where is Trail Skills College?

- October 7 near Idyllwild
- October 14 near Mount Laguna
- October 21 near Lake Hughes

Are meals and lodging provided?

After each Trail Skills College, the class and instructors will enjoy dinner in town. Volunteers must provide all other meals and water for the day. Lodging is not provided before or after any of the 2017 Trail Skills Colleges.

What’s the fitness level of Trail Skills College?

The fitness level will vary depending on the location of your class, however, all participants should be prepared to hike a minimum of 1-2 miles while carrying personal gear and tools. Participants should also be prepared for the hands on learning opportunities in each class, resulting in 6-8 hours of active trail maintenance.⁵

What classes are being offered?

All three Trail Skills Colleges will cover PCTA’s Intro to Trail Maintenance course curriculum. The same curriculum will be taught on each date, so volunteers do not need to sign up for multiple dates.

How do I sign up?

Contact VOLUNTEER@PCTA.ORG or (916) 285-1838.

Angeles National Forest and San Gabriel Mountains National Monument Volunteer Meeting Minutes

September 20, 2017 - Supervisor's Office, Arcadia

By Kathie Reilly

Our newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- www.mtlowe.net

Reminder for each group to send their reports to Guy at guykuhn@sbcglobal.net for the next newsletter. These minutes contain items shared at the meeting that are considered to be of interest to everyone. All are welcome to the bi-monthly meeting.

Meeting began at 7:10 pm by Robin McGuire with introductions all around. You can send photos to Robin for the volunteer Face book page.

REPORTS FROM GROUPS

JPL Trailbuilders, Kathie Reilly: Passed around the photo book of Chris Fabbro and volunteers for everyone to sign to thank him for his service. It will then be taken to him.

Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run and Mt Disappointment 50K Race, Gary Hilliard: Put together a report of the volunteer trail work and road clearing work done with a grader, 1700 hours and dedicated to Hal Winton. AC100 race was won by a Forest Service employee, Gary Garcia, completing it in under 20 hours. The closed part of Gabrielino Trail from Switzers to Oakwilde will be done by contractor.

Altadena Crest Restoration Group, Kevin Singleton: Cabin near Chaney Trail being used as AIRBNB. Pinecrest Gate is down, was put up in the 1980's, interested in history of the gate and something nicer put in it's place.

Scott: Chantry Flats electric is in. Need help relocating a donated 20-foot shipping container, probably will go to Little Tujunga.

Bear Canyon Trail Crew, Alan : Was any interest given in trail workshops, not much.

Horse Patrol, Jim Lesh: Glen Foster getting back to horse packing in and out at upper Bear Creek Trail.

Thanks to **Terry Tanner** for his work in the back country.

MWBA – Mount Wilson Bicycling Association, Mitch: Passed around flyers for annual pancake breakfast at Henninger Flats Oct 8 starting at 9 am. Would like electric mountain bikes, now only allowed on OHV trails, to be allowed on fire roads. Report if you see them where they are not supposed to be, where signs say No Motorized Access so they can be informed.

Boy Scouts, David Ledford: Eagle Projects coming up to repair fencing at Red Box, install bear boxes at Little Jimmy.

(Volunteer Meeting Minutes cont)

FOREST SERVICE

Dennis Merkel, District Recreation Officer

- Labor Day was the slowest holiday, probably due to fires and heat.
- Our fire crews are out on the fires.
- ALCOA provided 120 volunteers, worked at Vogel Flats.
- Still volunteer opportunities at the LA County Fair.
- Sep 30 is National Public Lands Day. It will be at Mt Wilson hosted by National Forest Foundation, REI and Edison. A flyer will be sent out.
- Fiscal year ends Sep 30. As of Oct 1, the districts not in the San Gabriel Monument (Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers and LAARD) will become the Los Angeles Gateway District. Soon to be out-of-date LAARD volunteer T-shirts in X-Lg and XX-Lg were available.
- Passed out chain saw stickers.
- The Gould Mesa squatters were notified Sep 14 by Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) to vacate, and about half have left (14 tents down to 8).
- Call Dennis if you want a graffiti kit which consists of 3 cans of spray paint, graffiti removal cleaner and brush.
- Reminder drones require a license, you can see the regulations on FAA recreational use rules.

Quinten Perkins, Volunteer Coordinator, qperkins@fs.fed.us 210-787-6765

- Feels volunteer coordinator “herd cats into water”
- Need Volunteer Agreement for each group and renew every year. Will be able to do 1 Agreement to cover Monument and Forest rather than having to do 2.
- End of year volunteer hours need to be in by October 1 to Dennis. Working on a better way to track hours.
- Annual Award Ceremony is tentatively October 26 at 6:30 pm here. Let him know of anything else to be rewarded.
- Will have a meeting of all Districts and Monument volunteers to meet and discuss what is being done.
- People who want to volunteer can go to the Forest Service website and send an email.
- Working on a place to post before-and-after photos so everyone knows where work is being done.
- Last week to volunteer at LA County Fair, evening shift 2:30 to 8 pm.

Happy Birthday, Robin! Robin provided home-made chocolate cake for her 65th birthday.

Next LARRD Volunteer Meeting will be Wednesday, November 15, 2017 at 7:00 pm

I Would like to know!!!

I would like to know what year/month the Pinecrest Gate was installed by the Pasadena Department of Water & Power. I would like to write a history of this gate. Any & all information appreciated

Kevin Singleton

HTSPBOUND@AOL.COM

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group ACTRWG

Volunteers Needed

VOLUNTEERS WANTED!

👉 Do you love the forest?

👉 Do you love to teach children?

If so, here is a great volunteer opportunity!!!

The San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association (SGMHA) is seeking volunteer educators for our school-based field trip program. This established program serves schools throughout the San Gabriel Valley at facilities at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center and the San Gabriel Canyon Environmental Education Center. Volunteer educators are trained to teach various hands-on programs for school classes that range from K - 12 and include subjects such as Native American studies, Geology, California Gold Rush, Plant ID, Water Ecology, Local History, Environmental Conservation, and the forest's flora and fauna.



Prior teaching experience is not required. Volunteer commitment is flexible but we are looking for volunteers who are willing to learn the program and participate throughout the school year.

***Volunteer and make a difference
for our children and for our forest!!***

If interested please contact:

Dave Baumgartner

Program Manager

909 982-2879 or 626 241-6407

email: info@sgmha.org

Volunteers Needed



THE CITY OF GLENDALE
Community Services & Parks Department

October Riverwalk Workday (on the Glendale Narrows Riverwalk)

◆ WHEN:

Sat. Oct. 14, 2017
8:00 a.m. - Noon

◆ WHERE:

Glendale Narrows
Riverwalk
300 Paula Ave.
Glendale, CA 91201
(corner of Paula Ave
& Garden St)

◆ WANT MORE

Call us at
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Everyone must sign
a waiver prior to
working. Minors
must provide a
waiver signed by a
parent or guardian.

Join our October workday as we weed and maintain the landscaped areas along the L.A. River in the City of Glendale.



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, gloves, water bottle and hand clippers. Families, individuals, groups, clubs, and students needing service hours are encouraged to attend.



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JPL TRAILBUILDERS SATURDAYS

(Rain on morning of outing cancels the outing. Call leader if not sure)

September 9
September 30
October 21, 2017

Volunteer newsletter is on the Mt Lowe website -- www.mtlowe.net

Bi-monthly Volunteer meetings are held third Wednesday of every other month. Next meeting is September 20 at 7:00 p.m. at Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office, 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue, Arcadia.

LEADERS: Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429 Jack Russell 562-861-3187

CLASSIFICATION: Easy to strenuous, up to you. **COST:** none **TRIP LIMIT:** none

DESCRIPTION: WHAT HAPPENED July and August

July 15 we drove up the Mt Lowe fire road to work the Mt Lowe East Trail from the bottom since a lot of that is in the shade. Thanks to Andy Hoyer, the boulder after the Mt Lowe Campground on Mt Lowe fire road had been removed. On the trail was brush to cut back and switchbacks to rebuild, but it was soon too hot to work.

August 12 and 26 we worked the Dark Canyon Trail thinking it was a shorter hike to work, but that trail is in full sun. Before we got to Grizzly Flats road, the trail was almost grown shut with Spanish Broom. That was our objective, but each day we had to quit by lunch time due to the heat. At least we cleared the worst of it.

WHAT'S PLANNED: With this hot weather, we are unsure where to work, since all of our trails need work in the middle, meaning a lot of hiking for shorter work days. The Spanish Broom has overgrown the Mt Lowe fire road, scratching cars driving by, so won't be using that. Based on the heat and who shows up, we will think of something that day, so call a leader if you need to know ahead of time.

LA COUNTY FAIR: There are opportunities to volunteer at the LA County Fair USFS display. If you are interested, contact Quentin Perkins, ANF Volunteer Coordinator, at (626) 574-1613 / qperkins@fs.fed.us



Dark Canyon before,
overgrown with Spanish Broom

... after clearing



BRING: Dayhike gear (daypack, lunch, lots of water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, and work gloves. Please make sure you wear long sleeves, long pants and boots in order to be able to use tools. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply. We provide hard hats.

MEET: At 8:15am at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park. Get off the 210 freeway at Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamongna Park. Once you turn into the Park, go down the driveway to the left, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot, or the overflow down below. We sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning at the latest 4 PM. The leaders take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time.

Next tentative dates November 11, December 2 & 23, 2017

WELCOME MR. TOOKE

U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Sonny Perdue today announced Tony Tooke will serve as the new Chief of the U.S. Forest Service. Tooke has worked for the Forest Service since age 18 and currently is the Regional Forester for the Southern Region. Following the announcement, Secretary Perdue this statement: “The Forest Service will be in good hands with the U.S. Forest Service’s own Tony Tooke whose knowledge of forestry is unmatched. Tony has been preparing for this role for his whole professional life, and at a time when we face active and growing fires, his transition into leadership will be seamless. He will oversee efforts to get our forests working again, to make them more productive, and to create more jobs. His focus will be on ensuring we are good neighbors and are managing our forests effectively, efficiently, and responsibly, as well as working with states and local governments to ensure the utmost collaboration. No doubt, the stewardship of our forests is an awesome and sacred responsibility, and no one knows that better than Tony who has dedicated his career to this noble cause,” said Secretary Perdue.



Tony Tooke Biography:

Tony Tooke is the Regional Forester for the Southern Region of the USDA Forest Service. Tooke has worked for the Forest Service since age 18, including many assignments in Region 8 and the Washington Office.

He is responsible for 3,100 employees, an annual budget exceeding \$400 million, 14 national forests, and two managed areas, which encompass more than 13.3 million acres in 13 states and Puerto Rico.

His previous position in Washington, DC was Associate Deputy Chief for the National Forest System; with oversight of Lands and Realty, Minerals and Geology, Ecosystem Management Coordination, Wilderness and Wild and Scenic Rivers, the National Partnership Office, and Business Administration and Support Services.

As Associate Deputy Chief, Tooke was the Forest Service Executive Lead for Environmental Justice; Farm Bill implementation; and implementation of the Inventory, Monitoring, and Assessment Improvement Strategy. Another priority included implementation of a new planning rule for the National Forest System.

Also in the Washington Office, Tooke served as Director for Ecosystem Management Coordination, Deputy Director for Economic Recovery, and Assistant Director for Forest Management.

Prior to 2006, Tooke served as Deputy Forest Supervisor for the National Forests in Florida as well as District Ranger assignments at the Talladega NF in Alabama, the Oconee NF in Georgia, and the DeSoto NF in Mississippi. His other field assignments were Timber Management Assistant, Other Resource Assistant, Silviculturist, and Forester on six Ranger Districts in Mississippi and Kentucky.

Tooke grew up on a small 200-acre farm in Detroit, AL. He earned a bachelor’s degree in Forestry from Mississippi State University. He was in the Forest Service’s inaugural class of the Senior Leadership Program, and he has completed the Senior Executive Service Candidate Development Program.

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



BEFORE

This section of the Mt. Lowe West trail needing rocks and brush removed

Photo by Guy Kuhn



AFTER

This section of the Mt. Lowe West trail MUCH easier to hike now!

Photo by Guy Kuhn



Removing fallen trees off the Mt. Waterman Trail with a crosscut saw.

Photo by Alan Coles

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Eric & Dave planning the safest way to remove a downed tree on the Dawn Mine Trail.

Photo by Brenda Beck



Bob removing graffiti off the trail Dawn Mine Trail sign.

Photo by Brenda Beck

Bob and his canine companion Aimee removing more graffiti off the Dawn Mine Trail

Photo by Brenda Beck



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK



Volunteer Kathy Reilly working with Generation Green students at America's Great Outdoors conservation education exhibit, held at the L.A. County's Fair.

Generation Green provides our local youth with role models, career training, and encourages higher education.

Photos by Kathy Reilly



VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

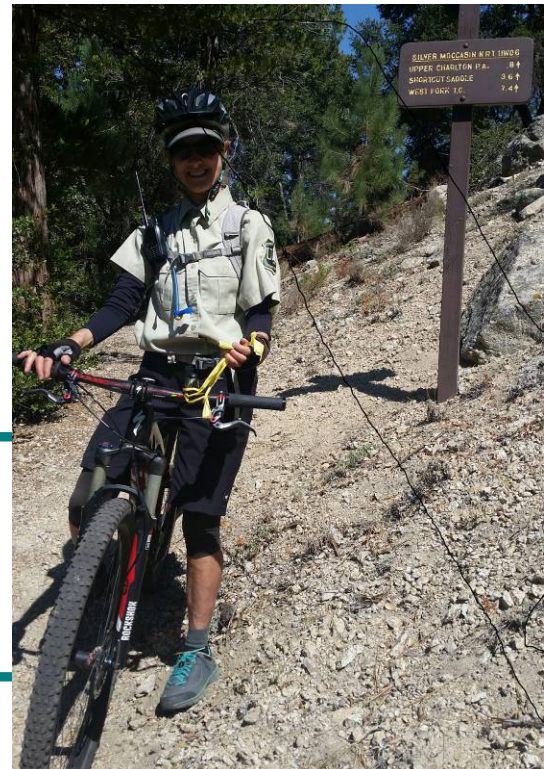


Sawyers ANF certified B sawyers took care of over 30 plus down trees off the silver Moccasin between west fork and Short cut Saddle 2 days of work McGuire & Steve Messer. Thank you!

Photos by Robin McGuire

Robin McGuire, patrolling trails on her 65th birthday.

Photo by Robin McGuire



AC100

<http://www.ac100.com/>

Contact Gary at: e-mail at garyh@mtdisappointment50k.com

Now Planning for the 2018 race

ADventure Riders Moto Trail Crew

Joel Paez basecamp4adv@gmail.com

We are a group of adventure-minded enthusiasts on dual sport and adventure bikes who love to promote the exploration of places where the pavement ends as well as travelling on back-roads as the alternate route. We also enjoy meeting people, making new friends, promoting public land stewardship and sharing experiences.

For your convenience, use this forum as your platform for adventure.

Enjoy the ride and see you back in camp.

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

- **BECOME A FIRE LOOKOUT! (CHECK OUT THE VOLUNTEER TRAINING SECTION.)**
For more information about becoming a fire lookout: pammorey@fs.fed.us or 909-744-9510 ext. 125
- **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!

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol

m.rmcguire@hotmail.com

Mt pacifico Campground is our adapted Campground. The fire road to get there are closed due to major rock slides and debris.

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

Arroyos and Foothills Conservancy

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

John Howell, (626) 796-0782 johnrhowell@earthlink.net

For more calendar details go to <http://www.arroyosfoothills.org/event-calendar/>

- Oct 1st Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Oct 14th Rosemount Preserve Restoration Day
- Oct 15th Rosemount Preserve Open Gate
- Oct 28th Rosemont Preserve Tour of New Guides,
led by Girl Scouts Rachel-Ann Aris & Annika Near-Ansari

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com

Bear Canyon Trail Crew: schedule!

2017 • Oct. 27 • Nov. 25 • Dec. 23

2018 • Jan. 27 • Feb. 24 • Mar. 23 • Apr. 27 • May 19

Come and Join us!

Thank you

Alan Coles

Big Santa Anita Canyon

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

- Check out the music at Adams Pack Station (Check out the Volunteer Fun Page)
- 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

Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)

<http://glaac-hat.org>

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC) <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/>

Events Calendar: <http://www.ctuc.info/ctuc/index.php/ctuc-calendar>

- Oct 11th CTUC National Forest Association Angeles Meeting
Come and Join Us CTUC meets at 6:00 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

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

(818) 548-3795

CALENDAR: <http://www.glendaleca.gov/residents/calendar/-curm-10/-cury-2017>

- Oct 7th Geology and Geologic Hazards of the Crescenta Valley (Check the Volunteer Training pages)
- Oct 14th Riverwalk Workday (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)

Community Hiking Club

<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

email: zuliebear@aol.com phone: 661-259-2743

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

• Oct 7th - Colby Canyon to Red Box: All the saddles and views but none of the peaks

Distance: ~ 9.3 miles total , U-shaped loop with a 4 mile car shuttle

Gain/ Loss: ~ 2500' Gain; 1700' loss

Rating: Moderate +++

Note: There are some narrow trail portions and overlooks during this hike - if you have an issue with heights!

Description: From the Colby Canyon trailhead, the first 15 mins are steep following a stream along a narrow canyon trail in shade. Then we transition to switchbacks and loose rocks in a gully, emerging after an hour at Strawberry Saddle after 1600' of gain. Here we enjoy views of Mt Wilson, Josephine Peak and LA in the distance. Next we follow a gently sloping narrow trail, for another 300' gain, as it winds behind Strawberry peak. Eventually, we are confronted by the 400' sheer granite face of the north side of Strawberry peak, as we descend into an abandoned campground, followed by Strawberry Meadows. We will snack hereabouts (flies permitting) before climbing out the 2 miles and 600' to reach Strawberry saddle. After a brief rest to enjoy views of the San Gabriels and the valley below, we will descend 800' over 2 miles to reach Red Box, before shuttling back 4 miles to the trailhead.

BRING: Hiking poles, if you have them, an extra layer in case it gets hot/cold, lunch/snack, water (2 - 3L), hat, bandana, camera and sunscreen. Hiking boots with good tread. Bug spray / a bug net is recommended in case black flies drive you nuts when we get to the Strawberry meadows area.

Adventure Pass: No, there are no facilities at the trailhead.

Dogs: OK, on leash and if well behaved around people / other dogs. If you bring a dog, you will need to drive yourself.

Carpool: Meet at 6:45AM outside Towsley Canyon/ Rivendale in the outside Parking lot, for a 7:00AM SHARP departure from Santa Clarita.

Directions to Carpool - Towsley Canyon/ Rivendale (24335 The Old Rd, Newhall, CA 91321) carpool meeting spot: From North (Valencia) - Take the I-5 South to the Calgrove exit. Exit, turn right. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there. Please be on time.

From South (LA) - Take the I-5 North, kept left at HWY 5/14 split until next Exit (Calgrove Blvd.). Exit, turn left at bottom of ramp. Go through the signal and immediately turn right into the driveway for Towsley Canyon. Park OUTSIDE the gate. Look for the hiking club members and leader there.

Directions to Colby Canyon Trail head:

Take the 5 South to the 210 Hwy, heading East toward Pasadena, for 19 miles. Get off the 210 at the Hwy 2 exit, toward the Angeles Crest Highway / La Canada Flintridge.

Continue up the mountains east on CA-2 for 9.8 miles until you see the junction with Angeles Forest Highway come in on the left. Pass this junction (Clear Creek Ranger Station) and the Switzer Falls sign on the right , until after 0.4 miles the trail head will be on the left on a bend. !! It is not marked - look for other hikers parking!!

Leader: Steve I.

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• Oct 14th - Jackson lake to Vincent Gap

Distance: ~ 9 miles total, this is an Out and Back style hike

Gain: 2000' total; 1300' gain on way out and 700' coming back.

Rating: Moderate +++ (slightly higher altitude means air is thinner and cardio tougher)

Description: Jim will lead you on one of his favorite "Go to" hikes in this area. You will start at the parking lot at Jackson Lake and hike up to Vincent Gap and back, via several trails he stitched together. At Vincent Gap you will chill / snack in the cooler mountain air. From here, the group will return to Jackson Lake.

Santa Clarita Carpooling Meet Spot: Starbucks 16548 Soledad Canyon Road, Santa Clarita, CA 91387. !!!! DO NOT GO TO TOWSLEY CANYON (our usual spot)!!!

Meet at the Sand Canyon & 14 Fwy Starbucks. It is in the Sand Canyon / Soledad Canyon Road junction Vons Supermarket strip mall parking area, off the 14 Hwy.

Meet at Starbucks at 6:45AM for a 7:00AM SHARP departure to the Jackson Lake trailhead. Final carpool arrangements will be made there, at that time.

Directions to Trailhead (Jackson Lake Picnic Site, Valyermo, CA): (Use these directions, do not follow the Google Maps route unless you want to get lost on the back roads)

From North end of Santa Clarita Valley - Take the 14 Fwy North to the Pearblossom Hwy turn off. Go 22.6 miles East on 138 through Littlerock and Pearblossom until you pass 195th St E and see Largo Vista Rd (N4) on the right. Make a right turn and continue all the way on Largo Vista up toward the mountains until you come to the first stop sign at Big Pines Road, and make a hard left. Continue on curvy Big Pines Rd for 3.6 miles until you come around a bend and see a Angeles forest sign for Jackson Lake. Turn in on driveway (it is just before the lake on the right). Park in the day use parking lot (not camping). There are restrooms at this lot.

Meeting your leader: At the Jackson Lake trailhead at ~ 8:00AM for a 8:15AM departure up the trail. Please do not be late. We will only wait for the carpool/ caravan from Starbucks, SCV.

Bring: Lots of water (3+ L), Electrolytes (like Gatorade), a hat, sunscreen, a lunch/ snack and hiking poles. Watch the weather forecast and dress accordingly. Good shoes with tread are a must - no flip flops or tennis shoes please!

Adventure Pass: You will need one to park here. They are \$5/day; \$30/ year from Big 5 Sporting Goods or any Ranger station. The Ranger patrols 2/day, so..... Alternately, you could also park out on Big Pines Hwy and walk in.

Dogs: OK, if on a leash and well-behaved with other dogs / people carrying poles. If you bring your dog, please drive yourself.

Leader: Jim Hazard

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• Oct 21st - - NEW hike: Happy Canyon Loop (Moorpark), in the Santa Susana mountains******* RAIN FALLING CANCELS ALL HIKES *********Mileage:** ~ 10.5 miles - loop style**Gain:** ~ 1200'**Rating:** Moderate ++ (this hike is long with a tough 600' incline, mid-hike). You need to be in good physical condition for this hike.**Hiking time:** ~ 4.5 hours**Description:** OK, so this hike does not have the views of one in the San Gabriel's but it has a unique rustic charm of its own so let's give it a chance to shine. After all, it is close to home and we will probably have the trail all to ourselves!**Happy Camp Regional Park** is a canyon located in Moorpark, Ventura County. From the Broadway trailhead, we start hiking through some pretty unimpressive grass lands of purple needlegrass overlooking a local golf course.**However, WAIT UP!!.....** after a little over a mile on an old ranch road, we transition into a remote canyon of riparian oak woodland mixed with chaparral. Continuing up a gentle incline, we follow the creek bed. After 4.5 miles, we enter a grassy oak grove with picnic tables and horse corrals. Here we will relax, snack, and enjoy some quiet, away from suburbia.

After recharging our calories, we continue South East, and tackle a steep 600' half mile to the ridge line of Big Mountain. We follow Big Mountain's chalky ridge trail for 5 miles, enjoying views West to Oxnard, North to the Sespe Mountains above Filmore, and South to Thousand Oaks and the Simi Hills.

We complete our loop by descending back to the trailhead kiosk and the parking lot.

Carpooling from Santa Clarita Valley to the trail head: **WE ARE NOT MEETING AT TOWSLEY CANYON!!!****Meet at Walmart parking lot (27931 Kelly Johnson PKWY, Valencia)****Meet in the Southwest corner, at 7:15 AM for a 7:30 AM SHARP departure to the trailhead.** Please be respectful of your driver's support by contributing something at the end of your carpool to help defray the cost of gas - THX**Directions to Trail head:** From Santa Clarita/ Walmart - Take Newhall Ranch Road / Highway 126 West (Direction = Ventura) and continue ~20 minutes / 21 miles from Walmart on the 126 West to Filmore. In Filmore, turn left at A Street light and drive 9 miles on highway 23 through orchards and hills. It becomes Grimes Canyon Road and then after a sharp left-hander, it becomes Broadway Road. Continue straight until approaching a hard right hand curve. Do not follow the curve (Walnut Canyon Road) but continue straight, into the continuation of Broadway (watching for traffic as you cross Happy Camp Road). Continue on Broadway a 1/4 mile until it dead ends in the trailhead parking lot.**From LA / Moorpark -** Exit the 118 West in Moorpark at Princeton Ave. and head West. Turn right at the first major intersection - Spring Road and head North until, turning right, it becomes Walnut Canyon Rd. Continue out of town into farm land and at the first sharp left hand bend, bear slight right / go straight onto Happy Camp Road but taking an immediate right onto Broadway. Drive a 1/4 mile until it dead ends in the trailhead parking lot. (The distance from the 118 to this parking lot is ~ 3 miles).**Meet your leader:** At the Broadway Trail head parking lot (Happy Camp Regional Park) at 8:15 AM for an 8:30AM SHARP departure down the trail. (Do not go to the Rustic Canyon Golf course parking lot!).
Bring/ Wear: Shoes with good tread, camera, snacks, LOTS of water/ electrolytes (2 - 3 Liters), an extra layer (windbreaker) in case it is windy. Hat and sunscreen.**Adventure Pass:** Not required**Dogs:** Not allowed, trail is shared with horses.**Leader's Note:** There is a port-a-potty at the trail head.**Leader:** Steve I.

**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>**

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association was founded in 1987 to serve the mountain bicycling community of Los Angeles and surrounding areas including southern Ventura County. CORBA is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization committed to gaining and maintaining public trail access for mountain cyclists and the public at-large. CORBA encourages and promotes the safe and environmentally responsible use of unpaved roads and trails for bicycling and to educate the public about all aspects of off-road cycling and trails.

HABITAT WORKS**<http://www.habitatwork.org>****Kim Clark or Tom Persons 818-353-4653****For more information call or e-mail to: wildlife@habitatwork.org****Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center****<http://www.haramokngna.org/> (626) 449-8975.**

• **Our Center is open seasonally**, from Spring-Fall. Our normal hours are Saturday and Sunday, 10:00am-4:00pm. We are also available weekdays by appointment. Visitor Center hours may vary due to volunteer staffing. Please contact us by phone or email to confirm availability. **contact@haramokngna.org**

• **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. If you are interested, please call us at 626-449-8975.

Or email us at **lorosco@haramokngna.org**

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 phone: 951-830-3400 e-mail: **schultzelectric@earthlink.net**

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

Contacts: Glen Foster phone: 760-949-3497 or 760-508-0344

- Certified Packer
- e-mail: **pjgwfooster@aol.com**

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

Kathie Reilly 626-379-8429

Jack Russell 562-861-3187

(Rain day before or day of outing cancels the outing)

- Oct 21st Outing (Check out the Volunteers needed pages)

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

Mt. Disappointment Endurance www.mtdisappointment50k.com

Gary Hilliard, Director

Planning for the 2018 race

Mount Wilson Institute <http://www.mtwilson.edu/>

P. O. Box 1909, Atlanta, Georgia 30301-1909

(404) 413-5484

- Cosmic Cafe is now open 10 AM – 5 PM , so come enjoy friendly smiles and a bite to eat!

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.

Mount Wilson Bicycling Association <http://mwba.org/>

Contact: Matt Lay matt@mwba.org

- Oct 15th Outing
- Oct 8th Pancake Breakfast & Famous Raffle
@ 8:00 AM - 1:00 PM PDT
(Check the Fund Raiser pages)

Our mission has changed very little over the years. MWBA still advocates responsible trail use in the San Gabriel Mountains and we still work on trails that need maintenance due to use, weather and age. If you are interested in giving back to the community by working on a trail and meeting cool mountain bikers, come on out and join us! <http://mwba.org/join/>

Mount Wilson Race

<http://www.mountwilsontrailrace.com/HOME.html>

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

- Planning for the May 2018 race

Pacific Crest Trail Association

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

Liz Bergeron LBERGERON@PCTA.ORG

Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846 x 26

Southern California Trail Skills college

(check the Southern California Trail Skills College page)

- Oct 7th near Idyllwild
- Oct 14th near Mount Laguna
- Oct 21st near Lake Hughes

Sign up now for this annual Trail Gorillas trail maintenance weekend. Join for a day, the weekend, or whatever works for your schedule. Volunteers will be brushing and working on tread repairs Thursday-Sunday. The exact work location is still to be determined.

Contact Don Line at donline41@gmail.com. Let Don know if you'll be camping and what meals you'd like to join.

Restoration Legacy Crew

Brenda Beck at: e-mail brenda.beck@sbcglobal.net

phone: (626) 574-8204

We are LARRD volunteer trail builders. We work Tuesdays, Fridays and some Sundays.

Current Project: Dawn Mine Trail

San Gabriel Mountain Trail Builders

<http://www.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.

If you would like to volunteer your time,

Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078

Or E-Mail: benw@SGMTrailbuilders.org

If you would like to work with the Mount Baldy Group

Contact The Baldy Group: bbtbs.ysh@live.com

SCENIC MT. LOWE RAILWAY

<http://www.mtlowe.net/>

FACEBOOK: www.facebook.com/mountlowevolunteers/?fref=ts

Brian Marcroft 562-868-8919

E-mail: Emworks@verizon.net

Our mission is to preserve the remnants (structures, trails, artifacts) of the Mount Lowe Railway in the Angeles National Forest. We work under the authority of the Angeles National Forest along with a cadre of many other volunteers who help with various projects to protect the Forest.

Sierra Club

1750 North Altadena Drive, Pasadena, CA 91107

213-387-4287

For more calendar details go to www.angeles.sierraclub.org/pasadena/

- **Oct 4th 7:00 PM Pasadena Monthly Program**

Pasadena Group Monthly Program:

Information on the Group's hikes, outings, and conservation activities precedes the program. Doors open at 7:00 pm for refreshments and socializing. Program starts at 7:30 pm, at Eaton Canyon Nature Center, 1750 N Altadena Dr in NE Pasadena. Newcomers always welcome! For more information contact Group Membership Chair, Bill Joyce rollingtherock@verizon.net.

- **Oct 5th/12th/19th/26th/** Henninger Flats Conditioning Hike
- **Oct 21st** Devil's Punchbowl to South Fork Campground

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION**

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/>

Sarah Miggins smiggins@fs.fed.us 909-382-2796

602 South Tiptecanoe, San Bernardino, California 92408

For more calendar details go to

<http://mountainsfoundation.org/calendar>

- **Big Bear Greenthumbs Oct 21st**
- **Nature Walk Oct 7th/8th/14th/15th/21st/22nd/28th/29th**
- **OHV Volunteer Meeting Oct 11th**
- **Pinecone Birdfeeders Oct 8th/22nd**
- **Story Time Oct 7th/21st/28th**

Tree People

<https://www.treepeople.org/>

FACEBOOK: <https://www.facebook.com/TreePeople1/?fref=ts>

12601 Mulholland Drive

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

For more calendar details go to: <http://www.treepeople.org/calendar>

- **Campus Planting Oct 14th/21st**
- **Citizen Forester Workshop: How to Organize a Community Tree Planting Oct 21st**
- **Drought Solutions Tour and Native Plant Walk Oct 7th**
- **Family Tours and Native Plant Exploration Oct 22nd**
- **Fruit Tree Care Workshop Oct 28th**
- **Group Dog Hike Oct 14th**
- **Generation Earth Campus Recycling Workshop Oct 14th**
- **Generation Earth Professional Development Workshop Oct 21st**
- **Harvest Moon Prep-Morning Oct 3rd/4th/5th**
- **Harvest Moon Prep-Afternoon Oct 3rd/4th/5th**
- **Moonlight Hike Oct 20th**
- **Park Work Day Oct 12th/19th/26th/**
- **Rain Barrel Distribution Oct 14th**
- **Santa Monica Mountain Restoration Oct 22nd/**
- **School Greening Workshop Oct 28th/**
- **Shade Tree Adoption – Studio City Farmers Market Oct 1st**
- **Shade Tree Adoption TreePeople Headquarters, Coldwater Canyon Park Oct 21st**

VOLUNTEERS AT WORK

Mike McGuire of the Angeles Mountain bike patrol working on the Silver Moccasin trail

Photo by Robin McGuire



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

• Oct 6th -Moonlight hike

Time: 7:00 pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Location: Big Pines Ranger Station

Distance: 1 mile round trip.

Skill level: EASY

For more details and information email us at grassyhollow@hotmail.com

Bring a flashlight, jacket and wear proper shoes.

No adventure pass required.

• Oct 7th - Moonlight hike

Time: 7:45 pm

Cost: Free of Charge

Location: Grassy Hollow Visitor Center

Distance: 1 to 2 miles roundtrip. We are hiking to the water tower at Jackson Flat Campground, 2 miles round trip.

Skill level: You pick the mileage you are comfortable hiking

For more details and information email us at grassyhollow@hotmail.com

Bring a flashlight, jacket and wear proper shoes.

No adventure pass required.

VOLUNTEER GROUP NEWS

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