



ANF VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

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Looking Back and Ahead

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A Look Back

Greetings, volunteers! It's been a couple of years since we had an update on the groups and individual volunteers working with the U. S.

Forest Service in the San Gabriel Mountains, so there is a desire to resume a monthly newsletter that is suitable to hand off to people who are looking to find groups that they can join to lend a hand, get exercise, and maybe acquire some forest skills and experience for their resumes.

For so many of us volunteers, the year of 2020 has been a difficult one, not just due to the on-going pandemic and volunteer activities being suspended for the duration, yet also in terms of wildfire and the impact of COVID on our Forest Service entities which provide us with safety, policy, and best practices oversight.

The behavior and scope of the Bobcat Fire was in some respects unexpected, yet due to the warming climate there is a growing expectation of such widespread wildfires becoming even more frequent than the historic national rate of such significant fire incidents.

With budgets addressing fire suppression and mitigation as something of a priority (watershed health is a growing priority in a growing populace which relies upon the water that National Forests produce and the USFS protects) we might expect to see recreation budgets continue to be impacted, continuing the prioritized allocation of budgets that we have seen in the past two, perhaps three decades.

The Bobcat Fire showed us that the San Gabriel Mountains can burn from the Southern Foothill cities, all the way north through Little Jimmy Trail Camp, and further North all the way to the desert floor below, literally burning from one side of the mountain to the other, from residential zone to residential zone.

Healthy forest science was applied to determining where the fire should be extinguished and where it should be permitted to burn off chaparral, so the average 1,110 acre a day spread of the fire was often controlled and monitored, even though from a human event, it looked worse than it actually was.

We watched as the Forest Service saved some of our beloved recreation space – such as the Crystal Lake Recreation Area – while other beloved recreation areas (such as Little Jimmy Trail Camp) burned to various degrees, and because we are volunteers who love our forest, we experienced both triumphs and tears as we watched from a distance.

Looking Ahead

With volunteers' activities suspended during COVID, there has been little to none repair and maintenance work being accomplished by volunteers in the San Gabriel Mountains and specifically within the Angeles National

Forest.

Upon resuming our volunteer activities we might expect to find hiking and nature trails that have accumulated dead tree obstructions, erosion, and everything else one expects to see. For those who volunteer at Visitor Centers (spray paint removal; parking lot clearing; working with the recreating public; and everything else that volunteers are trained to do), resuming our activities might find that there is needed work that was delayed and accumulated. The Volunteer Coordinators and the District Rangers have agreements which should be assigning volunteer work priorities.

Because the Bobcat Fire footprint is large, and because there are currently Forest Closure orders for most of the burn footprint, volunteers and the recreating public are not permitted within the areas where we would like to work, however our Volunteer Coordinators and District Rangers should advise us on where and when activities may be resumed.

Volunteers in Action



Eric Mulfinger and Jim Horstman using katana saws to clear fallen dead trees on Dawn Mine Trail. Restoration Legacy Crew – March 2019.



San Gabriel Mountains Trailbuilders repairing Sutter Walls along Big Cienega – May, 2013



Concerned Off-Road Bicyclist Association, President Steve Messer, with the Forest Service and professional trail builders, hike-through assessment of the Arroyo Seco trail section – February 2016



Angeles Volunteer Association, staffing the Visitor Center at the Crystal Lake Recreation Area – March 2021

Carrie Johnson

Wildlife in the Forest



Acorn Woodpecker (*Melanerpes Formicivorus*)



Western Whiptail Lizard (*Aspidoscelis tigris*)

The western whiptail (*Aspidoscelis tigris*) is a [species](#) of lizard in the [family Teiidae](#). The species ranges throughout most of the [southwestern United States](#) and northern [Mexico](#).

The western whiptail has a long and slender body, small grainy scales on its back, and larger rectangular scales on its belly. The upper side often has light stripes, and the throat can be pinkish or somewhat orange in adults. The maximum snout-to-vent length (SVL) is 102 mm (about 4 inches), and maximum total length (including tail) is 305 mm (about 12 inches).^[1] Hatchlings are orange-yellow with dark brown-black spots or stripes.

The western whiptail mostly eats insects, spiders, scorpions, lepidopterans (butterflies and moths), crickets, grasshoppers, and beetles. They use their jaws instead of their tongue to capture their prey.^[2]

When being attacked by a predator, the western whiptail will drop its tail. The muscles in the tail will continue contracting causing the tail to flop around. This is used to distract the predator from the lizard. However, this is a last ditch effort. It is very stressful for the lizard. It takes a lot of energy to regrow the tail, and the lizard loses a lot of stored food. This is a tactic often used when the lizard is threatened by a domestic or feral cat.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo taken at Big Horn Mine.

The acorn woodpecker was [formally described](#) in 1827 by the English naturalist [William John Swainson](#) under the [binomial name](#) *Picus formicivorus* from a specimen collected in Mexico.

The adult [acorn](#) woodpecker has a brownish-black head, back, wings and tail, white forehead, throat, belly and rump. The eyes are white. There is a small part on the small of their backs where there are some green feathers. The adult male has a red cap starting at the forehead, whereas females have a black area between the forehead and the cap. The white neck, throat, and forehead patches are distinctive identifiers. Acorn woodpeckers have a call that sounds almost like they are laughing.

Acorn woodpeckers, as their name implies, depend heavily on [acorns](#) for food. Acorns are such an important resource to the California populations that acorn woodpeckers may nest in the fall to take advantage of the fall acorn crop, a rare behavior in birds.

Acorn woodpeckers also feed on insects, [sap](#), and fruit. They can be seen [sallying](#) from tree limbs to catch insects, eating fruit and seeds, and drilling holes to drink sap.

In some parts of their range, such as California, the woodpeckers create [granaries](#) or "acorn trees" by drilling holes in dead trees, dead branches, telephone poles, and wooden buildings.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo taken at Millard Canyon.

Ask A USFS Employee

Recently we had a chance to sit down with Forest Service Volunteer Liaison Mike Paniagua (virtually of course!) and asked some questions about what he does in the Angeles National Forest and what it's like working with and assisting volunteers.

Beth: Okay Mike, so first things first, I have to ask... How do you pronounce your last name?

Mike: Wow, that's a great question (chuckles), I get asked that all the time. It's pronounced "Pawn-ee-augwa."



Interview with Mike Paniagua June 2021

Beth: What is your job title?

Mike: Assistant Recreation Officer / Volunteer Liaison

Beth: What are your current duties? What is a typical workday like?

Mike: I supervise 9 Recreation Technicians. I see that the staff has the tools to maintain and develop recreation areas for public use. This includes repairing infrastructure, painting over graffiti, picking up trash and cleaning restrooms among many others.

Beth: How long do you anticipate you will be in this position?

Mike: It's hard to predict but I hope to be in this position for at least 3 more years or until I retire.

Beth: What group/s do you liaison for?

Mike: My volunteer groups include Restoration Legacy, So Cal Trail Builders, Lowe Life Respectable Citizens, MWBA, JPL Trail Builders, Tujunga Trail Posse, Friends of Echo Mountain and PCTA.

Beth: How old were you when you knew you wanted to be a Forest Service Worker?

Mike: I remember I took a test in junior high school and it said I would be a firefighter. When I joined the Texas Canyon Hotshot crew, I knew I wanted to work for the Forest Service.

Beth: Have you worked for any other government agencies?

Mike: After high school I joined the Army for 4 years where I worked as an X Ray technician.

Beth: What is the most exciting part of your job?

Mike: The most exciting part of the job is developing a plan and executing it. When it doesn't work my team adapts and fights for success in the end. That's a good feeling.

Beth: Is there a part of your job that is particularly frustrating?

Mike: There are so many positives in my position that I try not to focus on the negatives. I have a great supervisor and leadership team including my staff.

Beth: What is your favorite part of the forest?

Mike: Mt Gleason, near Lightning Point. It sits at 6,500 feet and on a clear day you can see freight liners on the Pacific Ocean. Then you do an about face and you have a grand view of the Mojave Desert. That's the best lunch spot in the Angeles.

Beth: What are you looking forward to in your job as all work and social distancing restrictions are lifted?

Mike: Our recreation areas including trails, saw an increase of over 400% during the pandemic. It was definitely a struggle to provide a quality product for the public. With everything opening up now and Volunteers back on the trails we are looking forward to a more manageable forest.

Beth: Tell us something about yourself that we wouldn't guess.

Mike: I have a twin sister named Michele. We can read each other's minds and even move objects.

Beth: Do you have a "trail name" or nickname?

Mike: No, but a few of my friends who had trouble saying my last name would just call me "Penny."

Beth: Where is the most exciting/interesting natural place you have visited?

Mike: I once spent 3 months in the jungle in Caisan, Panama. There were monkeys eating bananas in trees and fireflies at night. You could sit on somebody's porch and eat a chicken dinner with rice and beans for \$1.25. That was cool.

Beth: If you had one or two wishes, what would they be?

Mike: I think I could have been a good actor. Starring in a few movies and in love scenes with Jennifer Aniston or Jennifer Lopez. Yeah.

Beth: Well thank you for your time, Mike. This was very insightful and always interesting learning more about those who work side by side with us.

Mike: You're very welcome. Hope everyone enjoys!

Lessons Learned Hypothermia



Lessons learned in the field while we volunteer are valuable lessons, yet they are much more valuable if we share them with other volunteers so that we may all learn from them.

For this series, we invite you to send to us stories about things you have encountered while working that were valuable lessons that everyone should consider so we may publish them here, whether they were safety problems, unusual encounters with the recreating public, or anything else that you have handled while volunteering that should be – and can be professionally– shared with other volunteers. Let us learn from your experiences.

Situational awareness for employees and for volunteers is a must when we are out among the recreating public, we should be aware of what's taking place within our area of influence from the time we get in the car to drive to the work site until the time we are safely back at home, being aware of who and what is in our surroundings is a matter of safety that should encompass the entire volunteer day.

Many years ago, the Trailbuilders were working with Boy Scouts on Big Cienega in the Crystal Lake Recreation Area. It was Summer and our Job Hazard Analysis (JHA) that morning included hypothermia as something to watch for since the Project Activity Levels (PALs) noted gasoline powered tool restrictions after 1 PM due to high temperatures.

While hiking up to the section of the trail where we were to resume brush removal from the trail, I noticed that one of the Scouts was exhibiting likely signs of hypothermia. Often when we work with large groups of students, Girl Scouts, Boy Scouts, youth groups and others who do not normally work in the forest, the adults do not use tools to work the tread ourselves, our task is to ensure safety among the volunteers who joined for the day, we do not perform trail work and leave the work for the rest of the volunteers to do.

As you probably remember from your First Aid, possible indications for hypothermia are shivering despite the heat, possible confused speech, and some indications of drowsiness, among other indications, all of which the Scout expressed on the hike up the mountain.

Talking with the parent about the Scout's complaints about being exhausted and not feeling well, the parent noted that, "he does this all the time" and the parent resisted suggestions that the Scout be parked in the nearest shade, get water on board to hydrate and cool him, and take the usual measures we are trained to do to counter hypothermia.

We continued the hike up to the work site and I continued to watch the Scouts and noted that the minor who had been exhibiting likely signs of hypothermia had stopped complaining. Further discussions with the parent yielded noncompliance with my suggestion to park the Scout and get him cooled off.

The Trailbuilders held a 30 second huddle away from the rest of the group who continued to hike up the mountain while we talked. I expressed the need to get the Scout parked and cooled off and noted that the parent was resisting.

One of the Trailbuilders who has been with our group for decades was wearing a Forest Service volunteer uniform, and after our brief discussion, he went to the parent and ordered him to park his son in the shade, get him to drink water, and work to cool him down, and we got immediate compliance. Some of us performed our day's trail work where the Scout was parked while the rest of the group continued up Big Cienega and did trail work at the proposed work site.

The lessons learned here were at core four things: (1) We can not always expect parents or minors to accept suggestions that we make about safety or even about stopping to rest, drink some fluids, or accept any suggestions that we might make. This is reasonable because parents know their kids best, yet it should be stressed that volunteers have the better experience working in extreme heat and extreme cold during bouts of unusual exercise which their kids may not be used to.

(2) Some times compliance is only achieved with an expression of authority. It may be that our volunteer wearing a uniform underscored the suggestion that there might be a medical problem and to listen.

(3) On situations where we work with the general recreating public, when there is any possibility or expectation of a hazardous encounter, we are expected to observe, retreat, and report and await professional responders, yet there are times when waiting is not an option and we must insist that someone do as we order. In this case we had noncompliance after asking the parent to park the Scout, it was only after several polite requests that we **ordered** the parent to park his son in the shade that we achieved compliance.

(4) Situational awareness on the way to the work site, at the work site, and going home from the work site is a must, not only do we monitor ourselves for thirst, heat exhaustion, and the need to rest but we should be aware of the people around us, of potential hazard trees in our area of influence, of what's being discussed on the USFS radios each group should carry. The chainsaw and crosscut saw crews are trained to always know who is doing what, where people are standing, whether they are moving, what the trees around them are doing, yet it's not just saw teams that must be constantly aware, every volunteer benefits from being aware of their surroundings.

In the next "Lessons Learned" we'll take a look at the consequences of a loss of situational awareness for a volunteer who was followed by a forest visitor down the mountain to the volunteer's residence to underscore the fact that the volunteer day starts and ends when the moment they leave for the day's work until they are back safely at home.

Angeles National Forest History



Family group, Rubio stairs just below Suspended Boulder, Rubio Cyn., Altadena, CA, ca. late 1890s, photographer unknown. The Mt. Lowe Rwy. installed the stairs to allow visitors to visit the canyon's many waterfalls. The sign seen at lower right instructs visitors not to climb on the canyon walls.

Angeles Crest C.C.C. Crew. Tank Truck Detail. Crew receiving training. B.L. Coulter in Charge. Caption reads: ***(1) crew to be staffed 24 hrs a day for Fire Response, well trained and self sufficient.*** Taken: 8-28-1933, by Photographer: Armstrong. (From G.T. Rowley Collection)



Stop Invasives in Their Tracks

Invasive this, invasive that.... That's all you hear about these days --at least with land managers, yet what does that mean to you and me? What is an 'invasive?'

Invasives have been defined as any non native plant, animal, or microorganism capable of causing severe damage in areas outside their normal range, harming the economy, environment, and/or human health once they become established.

In a nutshell, it's anything that is not native, can take over a wildland quickly and modify the ecosystem in a negative way - pushing out native species to the extent that they can't compete. Invasives, like many non native species, usually have a competitive advantage and are difficult to eradicate once established.

Two of the most notorious invasive plants in the Angeles are Spanish Broom and Cheatgrass. A mature Spanish Broom plant can produce as many as 7,000 to 10,000 seeds - and that's just one plant! Multiply that by the number of Spanish Broom plants you see in the forest and well, you start to get the picture why this plant is rated as highly invasive.

Cheatgrass is similar in the ease of spread. The 'seeds' of grass - you know those "foxtail-like burs" that get stuck in your pants, your shoes, your socks - lodge themselves in everything they can find to help spread the seed and ensure the survival of the plant. They are often spread by people or animals this way, hitchhiking a ride for miles until they break free.

So what can we do?



Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*)



Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*)

The most important thing you can do is to clean your boots and clothing **BEFORE** you leave the field. Cleaning your boots with a fine brush is critical to get any debris out of the cracks, and by doing it in the field you are minimizing the possibility of spreading seeds.

The same thing applies to your equipment. Clean your equipment with a fine brush, focusing on cracks where seeds could get lodged. The more you clean closer to the infestation, the better. Additionally, wash vehicles focusing on tires and wheel carriages as soon as possible after being in the field.

These practices should be done each and every time you are in the field regardless of whether you come across invasives or not - just because you don't **see** the plant, doesn't mean you haven't walked on their seeds. We can't do it all in one day, but maybe with awareness and baby steps we can make a difference.

STOP INVASIVE SPECIES IN YOUR TRACKS



Keep your eyes peeled for more tips and tricks for spotting invasive plants in our forest as well as best practices on how to help mitigate the problem as a whole

Links: You can check out the invasive plant list for the entire state at

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/profiles/>

To check on the priority levels /levels of invasiveness

<https://www.cal-ipc.org/plants/inventory/>

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Article by Lisa Gruber.

The Volunteer Newsletter

The E-Mail address for the newsletter is Newsletter@USFSVolunteerTraining.Org so if you have corrections to the contact information for the volunteer groups listed here, or if you wish to submit articles for publication, please send what you have to that address – with our thanks!

To let people know of volunteer work events, please submit what you have at least 2 months ahead of the scheduled event so that it can be added to the newsletter in the “Volunteers Needed” section.

ADVENTURE RIDERS MOTO TRAIL CREW

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We are a group of adventure-minded enthusiasts on who enjoy travelling on dual-sport and/or adventure motorcycles (may be dirty, but not dirt bikes.) We prefer riding through back country roads, forest service roads and other less travelled routes. Our enjoyment involves meeting other people, camping in the outdoors, visiting remote places and supporting local businesses.

Our goals are to promote responsible motorcycle travel, educate other motorcyclists, mentor new riders to become safe and better riders and participate in the public land stewardship.

Ride safe and see you back in camp!

AMERICAN'S GREAT OUTDOORS (AGO)

AGO at the Los Angeles County Fair provides a hands-on outdoor education experience for fair guests of all ages on our Public Lands. AGO is maintained and run by Three Agencies (USDA Forest Service, Bureau of Land Management, and Los Angeles County Fire Department, Forestry Division) along with Volunteers and other partners.

A critical goal of AGO is the promotion of fire prevention education and mitigation practices. Additional goals include providing information related to caring for the habitats in Southern California and the wildlife species that inhabit them, safe recreation, and imparting local historic information, as well as historic agency information.

The exhibits, on 1 ½ acres of land, includes the Reptile House, OHV site, Environmental Magic Show, Urban meets Wild Path, Camp Smokey, Historic Johnston Peak fire lookout, Native American site, Wild Horse & Burro Site, Cross Cut Sawing, Leave No Trace, a General Land Office and more!

The next LA County Fair will be held May, 2022.

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THE ANGELES CREST 100 MILE RUN AND ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST TRAIL RACE TRAILWORK TEAM

Aka The AC 100 & ANF Trail Race Trailwork Team

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ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION

ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST MOUNTAIN BIKE PATROL
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Mt. Pacifico , Valley Forge (now closed due to Bobcat fire), West Fork (now closed due to Bobcat fire), and Devore (now closed due to Bobcat fire) are our adopted Campgrounds. The fire roads to get there could change due to major rock slides, debris and fire danger.

Our mission is to provide educational and a responsible image to all trail users. To encourage rider's to obey forest regulations. To help the Forest staff as much as possible. Extra eyes and ears. To educate mtbikers to be responsible trail steward's... and Mike has been a certified B Sawyer since 2001. Robin became a A Sawyer two years ago, so we also do trail work.

ANGELES VOLUNTEER ASSOCIATION
[**https://angelesvolunteers.org/av/**](https://angelesvolunteers.org/av/)

Meet us at the Crystal Lake Visitor Center !

The AVA performs a number of volunteer activities in the Angeles National Forest, including staffing Visitor Centers, cleaning up around Visitor Center Parking lots, and assisting the recreating public with whatever questions they might have.

The Angeles Volunteer Association (AVA) is a public service organization dedicated to the preservation and care of the Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains National Monument. Our volunteers assist the U.S. Forest Service in its efforts to maintain forest/monument resources and to provide visitors with opportunities to enjoy outdoor activities, such as camping, picnicking, hiking and fishing. AVA was founded in 1993 and is a California 501(c)(3) nonprofit corporation.

Currently, most activities of the Angeles Volunteer Association occur in the San Gabriel River Ranger District. This is the area of the National Forest north of the cities of Azusa, Glendora, San Dimas and Claremont.

ARROYOS AND FOOTHILLS CONSERVANCY
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For more calendar details go to <http://www.arroyosfoothill.org/event-calendar/>

BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

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<https://sites.google.com/view/bearcanyontrailcrew/home>

BIG SANTA ANITA CANYON

Currently closed due to Bobcat Fire until April of 2022.

Website: [Adampackstation.com](http://adampackstation.com)

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

- 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: (626) 447-7356

BLIGHT BUSTERS TRAIL CREW

BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)

<http://glaac-hat.org>

CALIFORNIA TRAIL USERS COALITION (CTUC)

CITY OF GLENDALE

Parks, Recreation & Community Services Dept

(818) 548-3795

<https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/city-departments/community-services-parks/trails-and-open-space>

<https://www.glendaleca.gov/government/department/community-services-parks/volunteer-opportunity-register-here>.

COMMUNITY HIKING CLUB

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CONCERNED OFF-ROAD BICYCLISTS ASSOCIATION (CORBA)

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<http://corbambt.com/>

For schedule go to: <http://corbambt.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.

FISHERIES RESOURCE VOLUNTEER CORPS (FRVC)

Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (FRVC) is a nonprofit 501© Public Benefit Corporation, operating under the United State Forest Service Volunteers in the National Forests Program, governed by the Volunteers in the National Forest Act of 1972. The FRVC mission is to protect and monitor 16 wild trout streams and rivers in the Angeles and San Bernardino National Forests and educate forest visitors with a smile. Much of our work involves interacting with forest visitors while answering their questions and making them aware of camping, fishing, fire, safety, and wilderness regulations. We also assist the California Department of Fish and Wildlife and the Forest Service with fisheries and conservation projects, public education, emergencies, sign maintenance, invasive plant and species removal, illegal fire ring, graffiti, and recreational dam removal. Our volunteers also help staff the Gateway Visitor Center located at the entrance to San Gabriel Canyon in Azusa.

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FRIENDS OF ECHO MOUNTAIN

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Mike Simms

Friends of Echo Mountain is a volunteer group dedicated to helping maintain the Cobb Estate and the Sam Merrill and Echo Mountain Trails. We cooperate with other volunteer groups to cut brush, maintain the tread, pick up trash, and remove graffiti. We also advocate for proper trail etiquette and for improvements to the trail and adjacent Angeles National Forest lands. Contact us if you want to help.

HABITAT WORKS - Kim Clark and Tom Persons

Volunteers Improving Wildlife Habitat on the Angeles and Los Padres National Forests.
National Wildlife Refuges, State Parks and Private Preserves

To sign up on our elist: <https://www.habitatwork.org/get-involved.html>

To contact us: email us at wildlife@habitatwork.org

HARAMOKNGNA AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS

JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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LOWELIFESRCC

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Lowelifes is always willing to take on new volunteers.

Sign up for newsletter: <http://lowelifesrcc.org/volunteer/>

Article on November work: <http://lowelifesrcc.org/2020/11/15/back-to-work/>

Article on start of Lowelifes: <http://lowelifesrcc.org/2021/04/07/lowelifes-respectable-roots/>

Recent Newsletter: <http://lowelifesrcc.org/2021/04/22/lowelifes-techtees/>

MOUNT LOWE RAILWAY HISTORIC COMMITTEE

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

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

MOUNT WILSON BICYCLING ASSOCIATION

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PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

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Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/PCTAFan>

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Volunteer your passion for the Pacific Crest Trail. Volunteers support trail maintenance, education/awareness, administrative projects and more.

RESTORATION LEGACY CREW

<http://restorationlegacycrew.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/restorationlegacycrew>

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

We are Los Angeles Gateway District volunteer trail builders. We work Tuesdays, Fridays and some Sundays.
Current Project: Dawn Mine Trail

SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS HERITAGE ASSOCIATION (SGMHA)

San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association (SGMHA) is a 501©3 nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation education. Through a participating agreement with the Angeles National Forest we provide programs for schools, scouts, and the general public at Forest Service educational facilities located in San Gabriel Canyon and at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center. Our volunteers also staff front counters at the Mt. Baldy Visitor Center and help with the maintenance of public exhibits and educational materials.

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SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN TRAIL BUILDERS

<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SanGabrielMountainsTrailbuilders>

Twitter: @SGMTrailbuilder

Youtube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/SGMTrailbuilders>

And a good time was had by all! If you would like to join us, we perform scheduled work the 1st, 3rd and 5th Saturday of every month, meeting at the Forest Service Gateway Information Center across from Mile Marker 17 on Highway 39 above Azusa at the base of the mountain, leaving promptly at 8:00 a.m.!

Email bwootenwhite@hotmail.com to get on the mailing list since unscheduled volunteer work is often done during the week as well.

If you would like to volunteer your time, Call: Ben White: 626-303-1078 Or E-Mail: bwootenwhite@hotmail.com

SIERRA CLUB

SOCAL HIKERS AND TRAILBUILDERS

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We are basically an advanced hiking group. The group has engaged in events throughout our local mountains, ie, Angeles National Forest, San Jacinto Wilderness and San Geronio Wilderness, including out-of-state events.

We maintain three trails currently, ie, Lower Sam Merrill, Stone Canyon and Trail Canyon, in order to give back to the community that we love so much.

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