



# ANF VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER October 2021

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## The ANF This Year So Far

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*Fire* approaching one million acres burned. We watched as the *Route Fire* shut down Interstate 5 while fire crews worked to keep the acreage burned down to around 500 acres.

While various parts of California's desert chaparral and pines burned, Oregon in mid-September had 19 major fires working, while Idaho and Montana had around 41 fires combined. As of the end of August this year, roughly 4.5 million acres of national wildland had burned compared with something around 10.1 million acres burned last year.

The existing fires across the State of California coupled with the high temperatures, ground fuels and humidity drove the fire danger classification for the Angeles National Forest to **EXTREME** and resulted in the Forest Service having to close access to the recreating public for the first half of September which meant that for most of us volunteers, our work had once again been stalled.

### COVID, the USFS

There is a November deadline for all Federal employees to be vaccinated which opened the question of whether volunteers with signed formal agreement with the Forest Service might be included in the Federal directive.

The Forest Service policy for vaccination and worker safety can be found here:

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/inside-fs/mail-call/usda-covid-19-vaccination-status-and-workplace-safety>

### California Burning

Greetings, volunteers! Around the middle of September this year there were about 28 large fires being worked by the Forest Service with the *Dixie*

# Volunteers in Action



Californian Conservation Corps, working at the Rincon Shortcut clearing brush so that the concrete dogbone barricade may be welded to keep vehicles from bypassing the gate.



Trailbuilder Bron supervises the new fence which Boy Scouts are installing at the Rincon Environment Educational Center.





Periodic training at the Off Road Vehicle recreation area in the San Gabriel Canyon at Rincon.



Guy Webster and Lauren Ballas removing boulders with rock bars at Mueller Tunnel. July 6, 2021.

# Wildlife in the Forest



The southern pacific rattlesnake (*crotalus oreganus helleri*) adults are 24-55 inches in length.

The color pattern consists of a pale brown, gray-brown, or yellowish- brown ground color overlaid with a series of large, dark brown dorsal blotches that may or may not have pale centers. The blotches are more diamond shaped, as opposed to those of *C.o.oreganus* that are more hexagonal, and are bordered by light scales. The tail rings are not clearly defined. In juveniles, the end of the tail is bright orange, but this turns to brown as the snakes mature. In adults, the base of the tail and the first segment of the rattle are brown. The postocular stripe is moderately to very clearly defined. In juveniles, this stripe is bordered above by a pale stripe, but as the snakes mature this turns to drab yellow or brown. A conspicuous pale crossbar is sometimes present across the supraoculars, after which the head is a uniform dark color. In some older snakes the head is mostly dark with almost no trace of supraorbital crossbar, or none at all.

*Crotalus helleri* has a highly toxic venom that is much like Mojave toxin in the way it attacks nerve endings. It also contains myotoxins (toxic to body muscles) and hemotoxins (toxic to the blood), so it can easily give a fatal bite. The venom from this snake also requires a much higher dose of *Crotalidae* polyvalent immune fac ("Crofab"), an antivenom used to treat the bite of North American pit vipers, than the venoms of other rattlesnakes.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo taken at Tom Sloan Trail.



The western gray squirrel (*sciurus griseus*) is an arboreal rodent found along the western coast of the United States and Mexico. It is a tree squirrel.

*Sciurus griseus* is the largest tree squirrel in the Sierra Nevada and Central California range. It has plantigrade, pentadactyl feet with two phalanges. Compared with the eastern gray squirrel *S. carolinensis* or the fox squirrel *S. niger* (which have been introduced into its native range), these squirrels are shy, and will generally run up a tree and give a hoarse chirping call when disturbed. Weights vary from about 0.77 to 2.20 lbs. and length (including tail) from 17 to 24 inches. It is the largest native tree squirrel in the western coastal United States. Western gray squirrels exhibit a form of coloration known as counter shading. The dorsal fur is a silver gunmetal gray, with pure white on the underside, there may be black flecks in the tail. Ears are large but without tufts. The ears turn reddish brown at the back in the winter. The tail is long and typically very bushy. Also, it stays in a curved upwards in an "S" shape.

Tree squirrels undergo a complete head to tail molt in the spring and rump-to-head molt in the fall. Tail hair is replaced only in the spring. Nesting mothers will use their tail hair to line birthing nests. Western gray squirrels eat berries, nuts, a variety of seeds, and the eggs of small birds.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo taken at Dawn Mine Trail.



# Ask A USFS Employee

We had the opportunity to talk with Fire Chief Robert Garcia, a 25-year veteran of the Forest Service who has been serving the Angeles National Forest in several capacities for decades, working within Engine and Hotshot crews, then getting tagged to take on a Superintendent role with the Little Tujunga Hotshots, becoming Battalion Chief and then Division Chief of the Los Angeles River Ranger District before becoming our current Fire Chief in 2015. Before that he was part of the Wildland Fire Explorer Academy\* at the time of the Academy's founding in 1995.



*Interview with Fire Chief Robert Garcia*

Chief Garcia, first let me thank you for your time, us volunteers do not get much opportunity to interact with wildland fire crews, we usually radio your crews for assistance with fires, vehicle crashes, and other needs and then we retreat when the Forest Service arrive. Have you encountered volunteers in the field over the years, and if so, in what ways?

Yes absolutely, first let me say thank you for all that you do for the Angeles National Forest. I believe public service is absolutely a noble calling and volunteering in public service is a noble calling that requires a true commitment to service.

My first interaction with the USFS was as a volunteer. It was hugely impactful to me, and those years were very formative years in shaping my commitment to public service. I volunteered over 5000 hours on the Arroyo Seco Ranger District.

As a volunteer I learned a lot about the forest and I was very fortunate to be influenced and mentored by several great leaders at the time from District Ranger Terry Ellis, and others from fire management like George Geer and several others. Later in my career I was privileged to be the lead instructor for the chainsaw training program that I later passed on to another friend and mentor Greg Stenmo.

Since you have been involved in fire for so many years, I'm curious what unusual or unexpected things you might have experienced while working in the ANF that has left a lasting impression. Has there been anything remarkable that you have encountered, perhaps working with the recreating public, that volunteers might learn a lesson from?

I must say after 25 years of fire fighting on the Angeles National Forest, most of what is described in your question about unusual or unexpected things can't be shared with the general audience. All kidding aside though, what comes to mind is the examples of people helping people.

As you know, many people experience their worst day while visiting the forest. The Angeles has so much beauty to experience but it can be unforgiving. Whether on a trail or a canyon road, when the worst happens, it is fulfilling to see people helping people.

There have been some amazing stories of survival on the forest and often times the difference has been people willing to help perfect strangers. With the challenges we all experience from the impacts of heavy use on the forest, sometimes it is important to remember there is still good in people.

We have seen an increase in the severity of wildfire across the American Southwest over perhaps the last 10 or 15 years, with some previously unimaginable burns taking place recently, such as the *Bobcat Fire* which was something of a game changer having burned literally across a section from the Foothill Cities to the South, up and across Angeles Crest Highway, and then further North all the way down to the desert floor.

We see tremendous challenges facing the Forest Service in light of budget difficulties, a warming climate, and a sharp increase in the number of recreating public. From your perspective, what do you consider to be perhaps the most pressing challenge facing the Angeles?

The Angeles National Forest has always been such an important piece of land for so many people. With the increase in people, I think the importance increases. I think the most pressing challenge remains how to protect the forest and the people from fire and flood.

There is nothing that will change the forest more quickly and there is nothing that will impact the forest and the places we care about for so long. Fire is a natural part of the forest so finding a way to keep good fire where it is needed and protect the forest when and where and under the conditions that the impact will be too great.

Although fire is and always will be part of this landscape, when we experience the level of fire in large devastating fires such as *Bobcat*, it will take a generation or more for the landscape to naturally recover to how we remember it to say nothing for the trails, and developed facilities we work so hard to maintain.

I hope you don't mind my asking, but I have heard other volunteers mention your 1959 Studebaker, and I have to say that I'm somewhat jealous. Southern California still seems to be **the** place to go to see lovely classic cars. Of course the safest thing to do with a classic is to park it some place safe, never drive it. Do you do drive the Studebaker in the cities?

The story about the fire chief with a 1959 Studebaker is from my predecessor. Jim Hall was the former fire chief prior to my becoming the chief in 2015. I stay in touch with Jim and he still maintains his Studebaker.

Thank you, we greatly appreciate your time, Chief Garcia.

\*Wildland Fire Explorer Academy: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/fire/?cid=fseprd600771>

## ANF Trail Volunteers Use Skills to Construct Interpretive Trail at Heritage Square Museum

In January 2020, Restoration Legacy Crew (RLC) was recruited by Chris Fabbro, volunteer at Heritage Square Museum, to open a nature trail. Chris is well familiar with the trail work skills and abilities of trail restoration of the RLC. The goal is to replicate a Great Hiking Era experience for the public, offer historic interpretation about local hiking and broaden conservation education efforts in Los Angeles. RLC worked one day in February 2020 before covid stopped all work. RLC has returned to work the project May 2021.

Dave Baumgartner, RLC crew member, takes the lead to build stair steps out of old railroad ties from the inventory on the back lot. The crew is down and dirty using precise measurements to get a good grade and level on the steps for public use. As Dave says, 'Safety is number one. Second is aesthetics'.



Before image after rough cut is done.





After image – to protect Oak Tree, railroad ties built up and over oak roots.

The museum grounds are located along the lower Arroyo Seco. The crew finds working in the old riverbed hillside quite an experience, much different from the Angeles National Forest. We call the round river rocks, potatoes. The topsoil composition is extremely soft, digging down one to three feet to find solid ground. Chronic slough coming down minutes after clearing an area. As we dig deeper into the riverbed, the side walls are rock solid. Slowly, we pick away at it to widen the tread.





RLC on first day of work, February 18, 2020.

Left to right: Jim Horstman, Eric Mulfinger, Leana Aparicio, Dave Baumgartner, Brenda Beck, Guy Webster and Lauren Ballas.

Photo taken by Chris Fabbro.

While the trail is not open yet, Heritage Square Museum offers interior tours on weekends. The museum has been the past location of the annual group show for the ANF Artist in Residence program. Location of museum: 3800 Homer Street, Los Angeles, CA. Website: [heritagesquare.org](http://heritagesquare.org).

## Lessons Learned Situational Awareness



Photo credit: WKRC, Article by Fredric Rice

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.

### Alert and Aware

Volunteers get annual refresher training where we are expected to understand basic safety behavior while we are working in the forest, however when it comes to situational awareness, we should also be alert to our surroundings while traveling to and from the work site.

The need to be aware of what is taking place around us, who is within our area of influence, what they are doing, where people are moving to, what is in their hands, and what potential hazards are around us is something that should be constantly in our minds from the time we leave our residences to travel to the

work site until the time we return home safely.

### Being Followed Home

Quite a few years ago a volunteer had been handing out non-compliance notices for vehicles parked illegally or without an *Adventure Pass* being displayed along East Fork Road along the East Fork of the San Gabriel River.

The area is popular in the Summer, to say the least, and gets to be crowded enough that vehicles end up parking on top of dry brush, blocking other vehicles so that they can't leave, and making it difficult for fire and medical crews to get in to and out of the canyon during times when there is a peak in medical call-outs and ground fires.

The volunteer had been placing non-compliance notices on vehicle windshields and had not noticed that she was being observed from a distance by the owner of one of the vehicles she had cited.

At the end of the work effort, she returned to her vehicle and drove home without noticing that she was being followed. Upon parking and exiting her vehicle, the man allegedly accosted her at which time it was made clear to her that she had been followed down the mountain.

The volunteer retreated and secured herself behind the locked gates of her residence and continued to observe the individual while alerting law enforcement which detained the individual.

Drivers in general are subject to being followed home by angry or mentally disturbed individuals on any given day however for volunteers – **men and women alike** – who might be mistaken by the recreating public to be Someone In Authority there can be a

heightened expectation that one might be followed home by a disturbed individual. Certainly, it's a rare occurrence yet it underscores the need for volunteers to be constantly aware of what is taking place around them, before the day's work, during the day's work, and after as one travels to and from the work site.

In our First Aid training we are taught that one of the first things we do when approaching a medical situation is to evaluate the potential for safety hazards to ourselves, to the injured individual(s) and to others who are in the area of influence.

Our training focuses upon situational awareness while on the job yet does not stress enough the need for continual awareness when traveling to and from the work site.

It takes only minimal effort to check to see who is driving behind us, and learning to look at the headlights and bumpers and the colors of cars that are behind you soon it becomes a good habit.

As you make turns or stop at intersections, a check to see whether any vehicle behind you has been behind you for a length of time will give you a feel for whether you should perform a non-threatening maneuver to check to see if you are being followed.

As an example, when I exit the freeway and on to surface streets either traveling to work or to home, I check to see what cars are behind me, committing a reasonable amount of what I glimpse to memory to register what the various headlights and fronts of cars look like. I don't bother to **memorize** what I see, it's enough to just get a **general** feel for who is behind me.

This is something that I do by habit at the end of a volunteer day as well, using the turn-outs along the San Gabriel Canyon to allow vehicles behind me to pass and, once I return to the road, checking to see if they might have pulled over as well to get back behind me.

It shouldn't be considered to be paranoia, it's being polite to other drivers yet it's also taking safety measures that most people do not feel the need for seriously since most people are rarely mistaken for government employees whereas volunteers – observed from a distance – might be mistaken as such.

Had the volunteer who was followed back home to her residence been watching and aware as a matter of habit, perhaps she might have pulled over to the curb along Sierra Madre after leaving the canyon and entering in to the City of Azusa, and let the suspicious vehicle pass her or, possibly, observed the vehicle pull in behind her, affording her the opportunity to drive to the police station or use her cell telephone to request police assistance.

If you watch the news, you might have noticed that government employees for the past 10 years or so have been subjected to growing incidence of violence against them, and given that volunteers can be expected to be misconstrued as Someone In Authority on rare occasion, the need for Situational Awareness among us also grows.



# Angeles National Forest History

**THE MOUNTAINS and CANYONS**

**ARE CALLING YOU** Mr. and Mrs. Nature Lover

Ask the Pacific Electric Agent for folders and full information on mountain camps and resorts reached by Pacific Electric Lines. The new San Bernardino Line from Los Angeles in connection with the San Bernardino Mountain Auto Line affords rapid and comfortable transportation to all the best resorts tributary to San Bernardino.

**Pacific Electric**

Alpine Tavern  
Follows' Camp  
Camp Baldy  
Sturtevant's Camp  
Switzer's Camp  
Scott-Land  
Mt. Wilson  
Orchard Camp  
Cold Brook Camp  
Hoegge's Camp  
Camp Rincon  
Skyland Heights  
Squirrel Inn  
Pine Crest  
Idyllwild  
Keen Camp  
Glenn Ranch  
Big Bear Valley

Pacific Electric advertisement promoting Southern California mountain resorts, San Pedro Daily News, 1914

Christ Chapel, built in 1924 by Lloyd Austin at Switzer camp.



Oct 1-07  
SWITZER'S CAMP  
NEAR PASADENA  
I wish you were here with me, Ann  
spending a three weeks vacation here  
It is a beautiful place. Love.

Postcard depicting tourists playing croquet at Switzer's Camp, Angeles National Forest, CA, postcard dated 10/1/1907, University of British Columbia Archives

# Invasive Species in the San Gabriel Mountains

Invasive species is a long-term problem that forests, oceans, and deserts around the world must contend with, plants and animals that are not native to the environments into which they have been placed, usually by generations of people before ours, back when concerns about their possible impact on the local flora, fauna, and watersheds seemingly did not exist.

Today the Forest Service, National Parks Service, Bureau of Land Management, and most City and State public lands administrators continue to eradicate invasive species where possible in an effort to re-establish natural habitats, improve environmental health, and improve water quality while also seeking to improve recreation opportunities.

There is a Free *Weed Identification Guide, Most Common Weeds in the San Gabriel Mountains / Angeles National Forest* which volunteers might be interested in obtaining in PDF format available at:

<http://www.natureathand.com/Main/NAHWeedGuide.htm>

The Invasive Plant Council (Cal-IPC) also has a free online tool with pictures, status, and management techniques at:

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

Photo credits: Joseph DiTomaso, Cal-IPC.org



Spanish broom (*Spartium junceum*)



Cheatgrass (*Bromus tectorum*)

## 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.

This publication can be found on [TRAILANGELES.ORG](http://TRAILANGELES.ORG).

### ADVENTURE RIDERS MOTO TRAIL CREW

Joel Paez [basecamp4adv@gmail.com](mailto:basecamp4adv@gmail.com)

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

Contact Gary Hilliard at: [GaryHilliard.RD@gmail.com](mailto:GaryHilliard.RD@gmail.com)

## ANGELES NATIONAL FOREST FIRE LOOKOUT ASSOCIATION (ANFFLA)

ANFFLA is a non profit volunteer organization dedicated to restoring, maintaining and staffing the remaining lookouts of the Angeles National Forest.

### Interested in becoming a Fire Lookout?

It just takes a few classes training and the desire to spend some time in the Angeles National Forest. Training is held once a year, usually in May. For more information about becoming a fire lookout, please go to <https://www.anffla.org/training/>

Website: <http://www.anffla.org>

Email: [info@anffla.org](mailto:info@anffla.org)

## 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/>

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

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

Tim Martinez email: [timmartinez@arroyosfoothill.org](mailto:timmartinez@arroyosfoothill.org)

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

#### BEAR CANYON TRAIL CREW

[bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com](mailto:bearcanyontrailcrew@gmail.com)

<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)

#### CHILAO VISITOR CENTER – VIS

Volunteering to inform the public: (626) 796-5541

#### 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  
<http://communityhikingclub.org/>

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CONCERNED OFF-ROAD BICYCLISTS ASSOCIATION (CORBA)  
PHONE: (818) 906-4682  
FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>  
<http://corbambtb.com/>  
For schedule go to: <http://corbambtb.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 RESOUC E 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.

#### Contact Information:

Tom Walsh

[www.frv.net](http://www.frv.net)

<https://www.facebook.com/FRVC-Fisheries-Resource-Volunteer-Corps/353455568388784>

#### FRIENDS OF ECHO MOUNTAIN

Contact: Mitch Marich email [mitchmmi@earthlink.net](mailto:mitchmmi@earthlink.net) (626) 298-0042  
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](mailto:wildlife@habitatwork.org)

#### HARAMOKNGNA AMERICAN INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER

#### HIGH COUNTRY RIDERS

#### JPL TRAILBUILDERS

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Jack Russell 562-861-3187

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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

<http://mwba.org/>

<https://instagram.com/mwbaorg/>

<https://www.facebook.com/MWBAorg/>

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#### MOUNT WILSON INSTITUTE

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(404) 413-5484

#### MOUNT WILSON RACE

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

Pete Siberell Chair, Mt. Wilson Trail Race

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#### OHVRC (OFF HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER RESOURCES CORPS)

Instagram: [@ohvrconf](#)

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

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#### PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

<http://www.pcta.org>

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

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Sacramento, CA Phone: (916) 285-1846

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](mailto: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.

Contact Information:

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## SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAIN TRAIL BUILDERS

**<http://www.sgmtrailbuilders.org>**

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

Twitter: **[@SGMTrailbuilder](https://twitter.com/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](mailto: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](mailto:bwootenwhite@hotmail.com)**

## SIERRA CLUB

## SOCAL HIKERS AND TRAILBUILDERS

Contact: Ledy Magno e-mail: **[wehike2gether@gmail.com](mailto:wehike2gether@gmail.com)**

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 Gorgonio 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.

## SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA MOUNTAINS FOUNDATION

### TREE PEOPLE

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

<https://www.facebook.com/TreePeople1/>

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

## TUJUNGA TRAILS POSSE

TTP Crew supports the USFS by providing trails-related volunteer services in the Big-Little Tujunga Canyons area of the Angeles National Forest.

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