



# ANF VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER JUNE 2022

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## Joint Federal Lands Mapping Bill Passed

by Fredric Rice

known as "*The MAPLand Act*" which seeks to require that the U.S. Department of the Interior, the U.S. Forest Service, and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinate their efforts to create intra-agency standards which would allow for digitized maps and other information about the nation's recreation spaces to be compatible and easily shared among the recreating public.

The standardization and digitization of information about our public lands would allow the recreating public to get on line to find out information about road closures, boundaries of where hunting is permitted, temporary forest closures due to fires or other safety hazards, and to generally coordinate, organize the somewhat haphazard ways in which various agencies provide information about public spaces to the public.

At core this is an effort to modernize Federal land recreation information to bring agencies in to the modern Internet age, allowing people to find timely and up-to-date information about places they wish to visit so that they are better prepared beforehand.

### Know Before You Go

"Known before you go" is a motto that has been used by land management agencies for more than a decade and agencies **have** been getting ever more digital and on line to afford the recreating public information that they need to do that, yet what has been lacking until now is a coordinated effort to standardize and make the massive glut of information maintained and offered by our Federal recreational land agencies easier to search.

You may find the text of the bill which passed at <https://www.congress.gov/bill/117th-congress/house-bill/3113> along with links to related information about the bill. Know Before you go: <https://kbyg.org/>

### Going Digital!

Congressman Blake Moore of Utah introduced and spear-headed H.R. 3113, a fascinating bipartisan bill

# Wildlife Crossing



Photo credit: Johanna Turner, Cougarmagic <https://www.facebook.com/Cougarmagic>

The largest wildlife crossing for fauna is being established in the Santa Monica Mountains. The **Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing** has been in planning for years and has started to become a reality, and when completed it will afford the safe crossing of a major California freeway for mountain lions and other forest creatures, all of which we cherish here in Southern California.

Details about the crossing may be found here <https://savecougars.org/crossing/> which also offers photographs and other information about animal crossings in increasingly highly populated human arenas where our four-legged fellow citizens find it to be increasingly difficult to roam and breed.



# Volunteers in Action



UCC trail work on Gabrielino Trail  
Alan Coles, December 2021



I arrived early on Tuesday and removed some graffiti that we found on our previous trip. I checked out the road and it was in very good condition. A crew had worked the road and it was smooth enough to drive a Prius down there.





I met Antonio with his 7 charges at Red Box at 10 am, right on time. We drove down to Valley Forge where they set up camp. They were careful not to set up under any hazard trees. There was a little bit of water running in the stream next to the camp.

I brought my saws so we decided to take out as many logs as possible. On Wednesday the crew improved the tread about  $\frac{1}{2}$  mile to the upper cabin while I worked with members taking out at least 3 dozen trees. This was the worst section of trail and it is mostly clear all the way to the camp now.



They should be able to clear the trail up to Red Box but they don't have large saws and they can't use chainsaws due to fire restrictions. But we were able to get most of the difficult locations and there are only a few left that are easy to step over or go under.

This was a very good location for this trip. Most of the work was right next to the campground. The weather was near ideal and the night was not too cold.

## Wildlife in the Forest



The Turkey Vulture (*Cathartes aura*), also known in some North American regions as the turkey buzzard (or just buzzard).

The turkey vulture is a scavenger and feed almost exclusively on carrion. It finds its food using its keen eyes and sense of smell, flying low enough to detect the gasses produced by the beginnings of the process of decay in dead animals. In flight, it uses thermals to move through the air, flapping its wings infrequently. It roosts in large community groups. Lacking a syrinx - the vocal organ of birds - its only vocalizations are grunts or low hisses. It nests in caves, hollow tress, or thickets. Each year it generally raises two chicks, which it feeds by regurgitation. It has very few natural predators. In the United States, the vulture receives legal protection under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918.

The turkey vulture received its common name from the resemblance of the adult's bald red head and its dark plumage to that of the male wild turkey. The turkey vulture forages by smell, an ability that is uncommon in the avian world.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo credit: Angeles National Forest North Fork/San Gabriel Canyon March 26, 2018, © Lisa Gruber.



The Mutillidae (pictured here: Pacific (Red) Velvet Ant) are a family of more than 7,000 species of wasps whose wingless females resemble large, hairy ants. Their common name velvet ant refers to their dense pile of hair, which most often is bright scarlet or orange, but may also be black, white, silver, or gold. They are known for their extremely painful stings. Mutillids are not aggressive and sting only in defense. In addition, the actual toxicity of their venom is much lower than that of honeybees or harvester ants. Unlike true ants, they are solitary, and lack complex social systems.

Mutillidae can be found worldwide. Over 400 species occur in the North American southwest. The exoskeleton of all velvet ants is unusually tough. Males have wings, females are wingless. As is the case for all aculeates, only female mutillids are capable of inflicting a sting. Adult mutillids feed on nectar. Although some species are strictly nocturnal, females are often active during the day.

Source: Wikipedia

Photo credit: Angeles National Forest High Country April 6, 2018, © Lisa Gruber.



# Work For the Forest Service!



The U. S. Forest Service needs you! The forest needs you. Our wilderness, watersheds, our recreation spaces, they all need dedicated men and women to serve by joining possibly the greatest, most rewarding job in the world.

There has never been a better time to work for the U.S. Forest Service! Lots of new jobs are being hired now and in upcoming months.

Learn more: <https://www.fs.usda.gov/working-with-us/jobs/careers>

Be sure to click on the "Hiring and Recruitment Events" tab on the left of the page.

# The Ecology Corner

by *Lisa Gruber*



Photo credit: Post bloom chaparral, Angeles National Forest June 2020, © Lisa Gruber

## Native Plant Tool - Trails and Restoration

A fabulous tool to help select plants for restoration is the Calscape website <https://calscape.org/>. By using this website you can see what plants are native to a particular area as well as growing conditions and pollinators. This can also be used to learn more about specific native plants when doing trail work.

There are a couple ways you can use the website. You can search an area to see what native plants are in a specific area. You can do this by typing in the location name or selecting an area on the map.

For example: If you want to know what plants are in the Chilao area you can search by

1. Go to Calscape.org <https://calscape.org/>
2. Enter 'Chilao' into the search bar above the map (and hit enter)
3. The result will be a list of plants that are native to the Chilao area.  
The results are grouped by various types. If you want to see all of them, click the all button.
4. Once you make a selection, there will be a small picture of each plant with its common and scientific name.
5. You can click on the plant picture to see more pictures and a map of the estimated range (yellow squares) as well as where the plant has been seen (click on 'observations' at the top of the map). It will also give you a list of butterflies and insects that use that plant in the Chilao area.

You can also search by plant name or use the map to see what plants are in a specific area. To search by plant name, you can type either the common or scientific name in the search box at the very top.

For either search, the research is done online and will need an internet connection.

\*Calscape.org is a database of California native plants from the California Native Plant Society. The goal is to promote Ca native plants in landscape design. To do so, they have all kinds of information on each plant,

ranging from the amount of sun/water, type of soil, how deep to plant, spacing, types of pollinators, etc. Most Ca native plants are listed in the database even if no landscaping information is available at the time of the plant search.

Did you know....

Ceanothus plants can survive over seven times the internal water stress of Laurel Sumac.<sup>1</sup> (Keeley 1988b)

<sup>1</sup>Keeley 1998b. Coupling demography, physiology, and evolution in chaparral shrubs. Landscape Degradation and Biodiversity of Mediterranean-Type Ecosystems. Ecological Studies, Vol. 136.



# Ask A USFS Employee

We had a chance to sit down with Forest Service Volunteer Liaison Justin Seastrand (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.



**Justin Seastrand with Smokey Bear!**

Beth: What is your job title?

Justin: Official title – Supervisory Natural Resource Specialist, Working Title – Public Services Staff Officer

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

Justin: I am responsible for supervision and oversight of 6-12 permanent employees dependent on staffing, covering 4 primary Forest Service programs: Recreation, Land & Real Estate, Use and Occupancy or Special Uses, and Heritage (Historic Preservation, Archeology, and Tribal Relations). I report to the Forest Supervisor and Deputy, and as a Staff Officer provide advice, guidance, and recommendations on many issues within these programs. I spend a great deal of time on the phone and computer and in meetings, adhering to administrative bureaucracy. I do visit the forest as much as I can to see projects, observe the land, and meet people. I focus on service and support of field operations at our Districts, upward reporting to Regional and National levels within the agency, and ensuring our Forest Supervisor makes thoughtful and informed decisions.

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

Justin: I anticipate being in this position for another 3-10 years, but I am known to change my mind and make spontaneous life decisions sometimes. I love the Angeles but am in the last 1/3 of my Federal career and I do like new places, people, and challenges.

Beth: What group/s do you liaison for?

Justin: Currently only the Pacific Crest Trail Association.

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

Justin: Ripe old age of 25.

Beth: Have you worked for any other government agencies?

Justin: Yes, 7 years with the US Department of Interior, Bureau of Land Management.

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

Justin: Seeing satisfied customers who have made some personal connection to the forest, and also seeing newer or younger employees learn and grow and appreciate the Forest Service mission.

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

Justin: Only occasionally. We are a bureaucracy and struggle to do things quickly.

Beth: What is your favorite part of the forest?

Justin: Of course there are many to choose from. As a young man I skied on the National Forests of Utah. The Notch at Mt. Baldy has always been special to me.

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

Justin: I love motorcycles, all kinds.

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

Justin: No don't think so. PCTA tried to give me one once at Lake Morena. I politely declined. Just Justin is ok =>

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

Justin: Malmo, Sweden

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

Justin: Peace and harmony with mother nature and all God's children. Food Friends Rock n Roll

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



# Angeles National Forest History



View of Incline car, Mt. Lowe Rwy., at Rubio Pavilion, Altadena, CA, ca. 1894. Professor Lowe, though hard to see, is third from right in the bottom tier of the car.

Photo credit: Unknown



Souvenir photo taken at the Incline landing, Echo Mt., Altadena, CA, ca. 1905. In 1905, the PE had the Incline cars painted red as seen in the OP; discovering that the red cars were not that visible from the Pasadena plains, the cars were restored to their original white, ca. 1908.

Photo credit: Unknown

# Situational Awareness

## Safety First!

The country is still in shock over the Robb Elementary School shooting which happened just prior to the release of this newsletter, and once again the potential hazards which all citizens face when among the general public has been thrown into the public light in a way that seems all too familiar. As employees and volunteers who are in the Angeles National Forest and are often a distance away from medical services, this tragic occurrence is another stark reminder that being aware of our surroundings is always part of our wrap-around safety; our own personal safety as well as the potential safety of others who are within our area of influence.

When traveling to and from the work site, situational awareness of people and vehicles around you should be just as important an aspect of safety as is your time spent at the work site. Maintaining awareness of who and what is around you, what people are holding in their hands, what direction they are moving, what people's visual and verbal expressions are signaling about their possible behavior should be just as important as watching for hazardous trees, venomous snakes, and poison oak.

Volunteers are not trained for any law enforcement role, our priority is to retreat and report when there is a potential safety hazard, either with humans, wild fires, or with wildlife or hazards with diseased trees or rocks and boulders on the move. We are never expected to take an active role in confronting armed or unarmed dangerous people as volunteers, and our morning Job Hazard Analysis tailgate meetings should reiterate that fact: We must retreat and report so that professionals with training may respond.

# Invasive Species in the San Gabriel Mountains

*Ricinus communis*, the castor bean or castor oil plant, is a species of perennial flowering plant in the spurge family, Euphorbiaceae.

Its seed is the castor bean, which, despite its name, is not a bean (that is, the seed of many Fabaceae). Castor is indigenous to the southeastern Mediterranean Basin, Eastern Africa, and India, but is widespread throughout tropical regions (and widely grown elsewhere as an ornamental plant).

Castor seed is the source of castor oil, which has a wide variety of uses. The seeds contain between 40% and 60% oil that is rich in triglycerides, mainly ricinolein. The seed also contains ricin, a water-soluble toxin, which is also present in lower concentrations throughout the plant.

Source: Wikipedia.

Note: Castor Bean may cause allergic reactions such as dermatitis. Symptoms often vary and depend on several factors including the sensitivity of the person, the extent of the contact, and the condition of the plant. If trimming or removing Caster Bean, wearing proper PPE is suggested (pants, long sleeves, and gloves). Do not rub your eyes after touching the plant.

<https://emergency.cdc.gov/agent/ricin/facts.asp>



*Ricinus communis* (Castor bean)  
Photo credit: Wikipedia Commons



## ANF Hunting Update - June 2022

While most people think of deer hunting when they hear the words "Hunting Season" in the Angeles National Forest, there are several other animals that can be legally hunted this time of year.

Jackrabbits, coyotes, skunks, opossums, weasels, moles, rodents, English sparrows, and starlings can all be hunted without limits, by any method except poison, traps or baiting.

Hunting is NOT allowed everywhere in the forest. "Discharging a firearm or any other implement capable of taking human life, causing injury, or damaging property" is not allowed:

- In or within 450 feet [150 yards] of a residence, building, campsite, developed recreation site or occupied area
- Across or on a National Forest System road or a body of water adjacent thereto, or in any manner or place whereby any person or property is exposed to injury or damage as a result of such discharge
- Into a cave

Additionally hunting is not allowed in the San Dimas Experimental Forest.

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As always, if you witness a poaching or polluting incident or any fish and wildlife violation, or have information about such a violation, immediately dial the toll free CalTip number **1-888-334-CALTIP (888-334-2258)**, 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Anyone with a cell phone may send an anonymous tip to CDFW by texting **"CALTIP", followed by a space and the message to 847411** (tip411).

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Source: California Department of Fish and Wildlife

Title 36 - Code of Federal Regulations, Section 261.10 [d]

# ANF Forest Service Volunteer Meetings \*

Date	Time
November 17, 2021 Volunteer Recognition	5:00pm
January 19, 2022	5:00pm
March 16, 2022	5:00pm
May 18, 2022	5:00pm
July 20, 2022	5:00pm
September 21, 2022	5:00pm
November 16, 2022	5:00pm
*The volunteer meeting is <u>tentatively</u> planned for every other month on the 3 <sup>rd</sup> Wednesday at 5:00pm if it remains on the Microsoft Teams platform.	

## Interesting Articles and Links on the Internet!

R-6 Fuel Treatment Effectiveness Monitoring Dashboard. Region 6 (Pacific Northwest) is experimenting with making information from FTEM (fuel treatment effectiveness monitoring) more accessible to the public

<https://usfs.maps.arcgis.com/apps/opsdashboard/index.html#/66d4c2df8be04e55b70661643a500c99>

NFFE Offers Testimony on Wildland Firefighter Reforms and New Legislation, Protecting FAA Tech Center, NFFE-IAM Members Speak with VP Harris, and more

<https://mailchi.mp/nffe/oct-29?e=7482e8baaf>

New CLT Mill in Durango for Trees From Fuel Mitigation Projects

<https://forestpolicy.com/2021/10/30/new-clt-mill-in-durango-for-trees-from-fuel-mitigation-projects/>

Angeles National Forest to End Free Use Firewood Permits

<https://scvnews.com/angeles-national-forest-to-end-free-use-firewood-permits/>

Map of the Angeles National Forest - San Gabriel Mountains National Monument

<https://www.fs.usda.gov/detailfull/angeles/maps-pubs/?cid=FSEPRD535505&width=full>

Family Resources - The Nature Institute

<https://www.thenatureinstitute.org/resources/>

## Fee-Free Days

The Forest Service waives recreation fees at most day-use sites on lands managed by the agency on fee-free days. Participation by concession-operated sites may vary. The 2022 fee-free days are:

- **January 17, 2022:** [Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day](#)
- **February 21, 2022:** President's Day
- **June 11, 2022:** National Get Outdoors Day
- **September 24, 2022:** [National Public Lands Day](#)
- **November 11, 2022:** [Veterans Day](#)



## Volunteer Website: \*\* TrailAngeles.org \*\*

Check it out! The volunteer newsletter is included on the website.

About Trail Angeles: Trail Angeles is a project of L.A. Nature for All, Angeles National Forest and the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative, aimed at connecting those who want to volunteer for the forest with existing volunteer groups. Whether you want to hike, mountain bike or help guide visitors, there are volunteer trainings and events for you.

Site history and sponsors: This site was created as a part of the San Gabriel Mountains Community Collaborative's volunteer committee, facilitated in part by the National Forest Foundation with grant funding from REI.

TrailsAngeles.org is looking for all volunteer groups and events to be listed on the website. Please contact Araceli Hernandez at email: [araceli@lanatureforall.org](mailto:araceli@lanatureforall.org).

The Volunteer Newsletter needs your stories, images, articles, and events for future publications. Please contact at email: [Newsletter@USFSVolunteerTraining.Org](mailto:Newsletter@USFSVolunteerTraining.Org).

## 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.

The various volunteer group's work schedules will be added to the newsletter as they report their work days to us.

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.

Contact: Jane Baumgartner email: [j19473@att.com](mailto:j19473@att.com) phone: (626) 241-6497

## 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

[m.rm McGuire@hotmail.com](mailto:m.rm McGuire@hotmail.com)

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: [adamspackstation.com](http://www.adamspackstation.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

#### BOY SCOUTS OF AMERICA

Greater Los Angeles Area Council (GLAAC)

<http://glaac-hat.org>

#### PAT BYLARD – Independent Forest Wide ANF Volunteer

Working on graffiti abatement and mitigation. Pick up litter too.

Contact Pat Bylard at email: [patswoodworks@earthlink.net](mailto:patswoodworks@earthlink.net)

Coordination maybe be done for Los Angeles Gateway District via Michael Paniaqua or Ray Kidd.

## 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/>

Dianne Erskine Hellrigel

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### CONCERNED OFF-ROAD BICYCLISTS ASSOCIATION (CORBA)

PHONE: (818) 906-4682

FACE BOOK: <http://www.facebook.com/CORBAMTB>

<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 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

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

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

LOWELIFESRCC

Contact:

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Instagram: [@lowelifesrcc](https://www.instagram.com/lowelifesrcc)

Matt Baffert: [matt@lowelifesrcc.org](mailto:matt@lowelifesrcc.org)

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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## OHVRC (OFF HIGHWAY VOLUNTEER RESOURCES CORPS)

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## PACIFIC CREST TRAIL ASSOCIATION

<http://www.pcta.org>

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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.

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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](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:  
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## 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 Geronio Wilderness, including out-of-state events.

We maintain three trails currently, ie, Lower San 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

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## 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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