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JPL TRAILBUILDERS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE Saturdays October 24 (changed from 31)
November 21
December 12, 2009

(Rain cancels any outing)

Monthly Volunteer meetings are held the third Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m (November) but the volunteer Wildwood House burned down. Call Kathie for place.

LEADERS: Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) 626-798-7256 (home)
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CLASSIFICATION: Easy to strenuous, up to you.

COST: none

TRIP LIMIT: none

DESCRIPTION:

WHAT HAPPENED:

In August, we worked the trail from Josephine Saddle to the top of Colby Canyon Trail, a place in the shade from the heat.

Everyone knows of the devastating Station Fire that has closed most of the Angeles Forest, so our outings were cancelled in September. We have not been able to go in and check our trails, but have heard that most of them burned. And there will be more damage to come with slides and rain. It is so heartbreaking. But we're ready and anxious to get in there and get to work, once the forest is reopened. Until that time, stay out since it is dangerous and there are fines.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

The attached letter states it will be some time before we can go back in the Forest. We will try to find other places to work, but if nothing presents itself, we can find some hikes like the Lower Merrill Trail, one of the few trails open. If anyone knows of trails open that we can work, please let us know. If you want to know what we'll be doing, give us a call the day before.

BRING:

Dayhike gear (daypack, lunch, lots of water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, sturdy shoes, and work gloves. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply.

MEET:

We will continue to meet at 8:15 AM at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park. Get off the 210 freeway at the Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamongna Park. Once you turn into the park, go down the driveway, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot by the ball diamonds. (If that is full, we park in the dirt lot directly at the bottom of the driveway) We will sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning around 4 PM. The leaders always take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas). If you need to leave early, notify the leaders at sign-in time.

Next tentative dates January 9, January 30, and February 20, 2010

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Date: October 9,2009

Dear Interested Volunteer/Partner:

I want to personally thank you for your interest in the recovery and restoration of the Angeles National Forest following the devastating Station Fire and to update you on where we are in the recovery process. We have completed our assessment of the natural resources and infrastructure damage resulting from the fire. We are not immediately initiating repair and recovery projects at this time, for two reasons. One reason is public safety, due to the extreme danger within the burned areas. A second reason is that we anticipate further damages will occur in the burned area from storms in the coming winter. From a practical standpoint, it is premature to begin projects now that may be damaged or destroyed during the storm season. For these reasons, it will likely be next spring before we can really implement restoration projects.

However, because such a large area of the forest is closed within the burned areas, we anticipate an increase in recreation demand and use in the other areas that remain open. These open areas are in need of projects that could be implemented in the very near future using volunteer and partner services. We are currently gathering a list of these projects for near-term opportunities. The project list will be a "real-time" list, with projects being added as new opportunities are identified outside the burned area. After the winter storms, we will add restoration projects within the burned area that allow for the safe use of volunteer and partner services. We have put your name on our contact list and will notify you as volunteer/partner opportunities become available.

If you are interested, and have not yet done so, you may want to visit our volunteer web page at www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/volunteering/ to fill out a Volunteer/Partner information form. The form allows you to describe your skills and interests, and to indicate particular locations or types of projects you would like to help with. It also includes instructions for how to submit the form to our office.

Once again, thank you for your support and interest in the recovery and restoration of the Angeles National Forest.

Sincerely,

Jody Noiron
Forest Supervisor
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