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# Welcome Back Volunteers!

## WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO YOUR RETURN!

We are ramping up the volunteer office in anticipation of your return. To that end, we have two folks who will be your partners in your volunteer needs. Stop in and say hi to **Beth Wheeler**, our Volunteer Office Manager and **Nancy Goudy**, the assistant Volunteer Office Manager. Both will be working part time during the volunteer season, but will alternate days to ensure the Volunteer Office has full time staffing. Here is a bit of background on each of them.

### BETH WHEELER: VOLUNTEER OFFICE MANAGER

After leaving the Marine Corps, Beth spent several years with the National Park Service in Alaska, where she became a proficient (if not especially fast) dogsled racer. In addition to Alaska, she has lived in southern California and Wisconsin, eventually moving to Arizona to care for her aging mother. Beth began volunteering for the Mesa Ranger District two years ago and is returning for her second season. Beth has proved to be an invaluable resource for the volunteer office and the Mesa Ranger District staff is thrilled to have her back!



### NANCY GOUDY: ASSISTANT VOLUNTEER OFFICE MANAGER

Nancy Goudy, and her husband Keith, come to us from Ohio and West Virginia. Like so many of our volunteers, the Goudy's move twice a year spending winter in Mesa and summers in Grand Teton National Park. Nancy's summer life has her working with the National Park Service as the friendly ranger who you first encounter as you go through the gates of Grand Teton National Park. This is Nancy's fourth year as a volunteer with the Mesa RD, her first two years were spent at the District's front desk. Last year Nancy transitioned to the volunteer office and quickly become an important part of our program.

### PARTNERS HIGHLIGHT: MESA PARTNERS ARE STEPPING UP AND MAKING A DIFFERENCE

The Mesa Ranger District has many partner groups who have stepped up and agreed to support our efforts in managing the forest. Each newsletter, groups with current projects will be highlighted in the newsletter.

**SALT, SUPERSTITION AREA LAND TRUST**, partners with the Mesa Ranger District by providing Trail Stewards and rebuilding the Hieroglyphic trail. The SALT trail builders are partnering with the East Valley Backcountry Horsemen to work on the Sonoran Desert Trails in the Goldfields. SALT is also working to install a shared trail kiosk the Broadway Trailhead.



### COPPERSTATE FOUR WHEELERS -THE FOUR PEAKS CLEAN UP

Copper State Four Wheelers leads the annual Four Peaks Cleanup. This year the clean up is scheduled for November 7. The group is dedicated to the premise that the environment and outdoor heritage of Arizona must be protected.



### BOEING'S GREEN TEAMS

In the winter of 2014/2015 Boeing became our second **ADOPT-A-SITE** sponsor by taking on the Boulder Recreation Area of Canyon Lake. Boeing teams met on October 17 to begin addressing deferred maintenance in the site. The green teams will work an additional 4 times in the area to maintain the area, and possibly take on other areas in the Canyon Lake area if time allows.



### EAST VALLEY BACKCOUNTRY HORSEMEN

The East Valley Backcountry Horsemen (EVBH) are currently working on two projects on the Mesa District. Back for their 3rd year as an **ADOPT-A-SITE** sponsor, they will be helping to maintain the Water Users recreation area where they checks on restrooms, clean up horse manure and trash. As noted earlier, they are working with SALT on the Sonoran Desert Trail System. Their first work day on the trails will be November 14th.

### "MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY" SALT RIVER CLEANUP WITH THE CITRUS HEIGHTS STAKE OF THE LDS CHURCH

On Saturday, October 24 was National Make A Difference Day— with a common mission— to improve lives of others. Make A Difference Day is a USA TODAY initiative, backed by the Gannett Company and TEGNA Inc. In collaboration with Points of Light it is the largest national day of community service. To participate in the day, the Citrus Heights Stake of the LDS Church turned out over 1,131 volunteers. The group started the day at the Pebble Beach Recreation area and worked their way down river in organized groups. Over 4 tons of trash were collected from the river banks and bottom.



### DID YOU KNOW? LOOKS LIKE A WINDMILL— SORT OF...

The towers holding some of the electrical transmission lines along the Apache Trail (Highway 88) from Roosevelt to Mesa look like they were built from Erector Sets. These towers were originally designed as windmill towers by the U.S. Wind Engine and Pump Company. The addition of wooden crossbars and insulators during construction in 1908 allowed the towers to support transmission lines. The lines are now owned by the Salt River Project. For more on the [history of the Salt River Project](http://www.srpnet.com/about/history/), please go to: <http://www.srpnet.com/about/history/>



### SAVE THE DATE:

Date and Time	Event	Location
Saturday, November 7 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. The day will be split into two clean up sessions, one starting at 7:30, the second starting at 12:30. Raffles at 12:30 and 4:15	<b>4 Peaks Cleanup</b> — all comers welcome <a href="http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/fourpeaks-cleanup.html">http://www.copperstate4wheelers.com/fourpeaks-cleanup.html</a>	4 Peaks OHV staging area off of the Beeline Highway #87
Saturday November 14	Boeing's Green Team	Boulder recreation site
Saturday November 21, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation, includes Blood Borne Pathogen Certification and other training	Mesa Ranger District Conference Room
November 26-27	Volunteer Office will be closed	
Saturday December 5	CPR/First Aid full certification	Mesa Ranger District Conference Room
Saturday December 12, 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.	Volunteer Orientation, includes Blood Borne Pathogen Certification and other training	Mesa Ranger District Conference Room
Dec 23– Jan 4	Volunteer Office closed: phones and email will be checked	Happy Holidays!

**ON BEHALF OF THE MESA RANGER DISTRICT STAFF— THANKS FOR ALL YOU DO!**

