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Dear Prospective Volunteer:

*Welcome to the Volunteer Program of the USDA Forest Service – Angeles National Forest!*

The Angeles National Forest, located right next door to the city of Los Angeles, California, is an invaluable public treasure. For literally millions of people, this mega-urban national forest is a favorite “go-to” place for recreation, solitude, renewal, and relief from city-life stresses. And for many – adults and children alike – it serves as an outdoor classroom where they can learn about their natural and cultural heritage, and the importance of natural resource conservation.

The USDA Forest Service is mandated to care for this 655,387-acre forest, and to serve its millions of visitors. For decades, the agency has relied on dedicated volunteers and partners to accomplish this. In 2012 alone, volunteers contributed over 75 thousand hours of their time (valued at over 1.7 million dollars) to vitally important activities on the Angeles National Forest, such as maintaining trails, hosting campgrounds, staffing visitor centers and environmental education activities, and restoring valuable wildlife habitat.

If you're already a volunteer, I want to thank you for all that you've done. Your contribution of time and effort, combined with those of thousands of other volunteers, is what makes it possible to achieve the mission of the Forest Service: *“to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the National’s forests and grasslands to meet the needs of present and future generations.”*

And if you've never volunteered, but you're interested in getting involved, I invite you to take a few minutes to explore this directory of volunteer projects. You will find a variety of activities on these pages. Some projects will provide you with an opportunity to use a favorite skill; others may introduce you to a new career interest. Regardless of which project you select, we will do our best to ensure that you and your organization have a volunteer experience that is safe, rewarding and challenging.

Once you have read the directory and found a project that interests you, the next step is to contact the person listed for that project to get answers to any questions you might have. Then, if you decide you want to apply, you’ll need to complete the application found on the Angeles National Forest volunteers website at <http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering>, and mail it to the contact person; or you may choose to scan and e-mail it to [AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com).

While you’re at the volunteers website, you can also click on the “additional opportunities” link to access information about more than 40 volunteer groups who are currently and very actively involved with us. Please feel free to contact any of them directly about volunteering with them.

Thank you for your interest in volunteering for the Angeles National Forest. We look forward to hearing from you soon!

Sincerely,

*Thomas A. Contreras*

THOMAS A. CONTRERAS  
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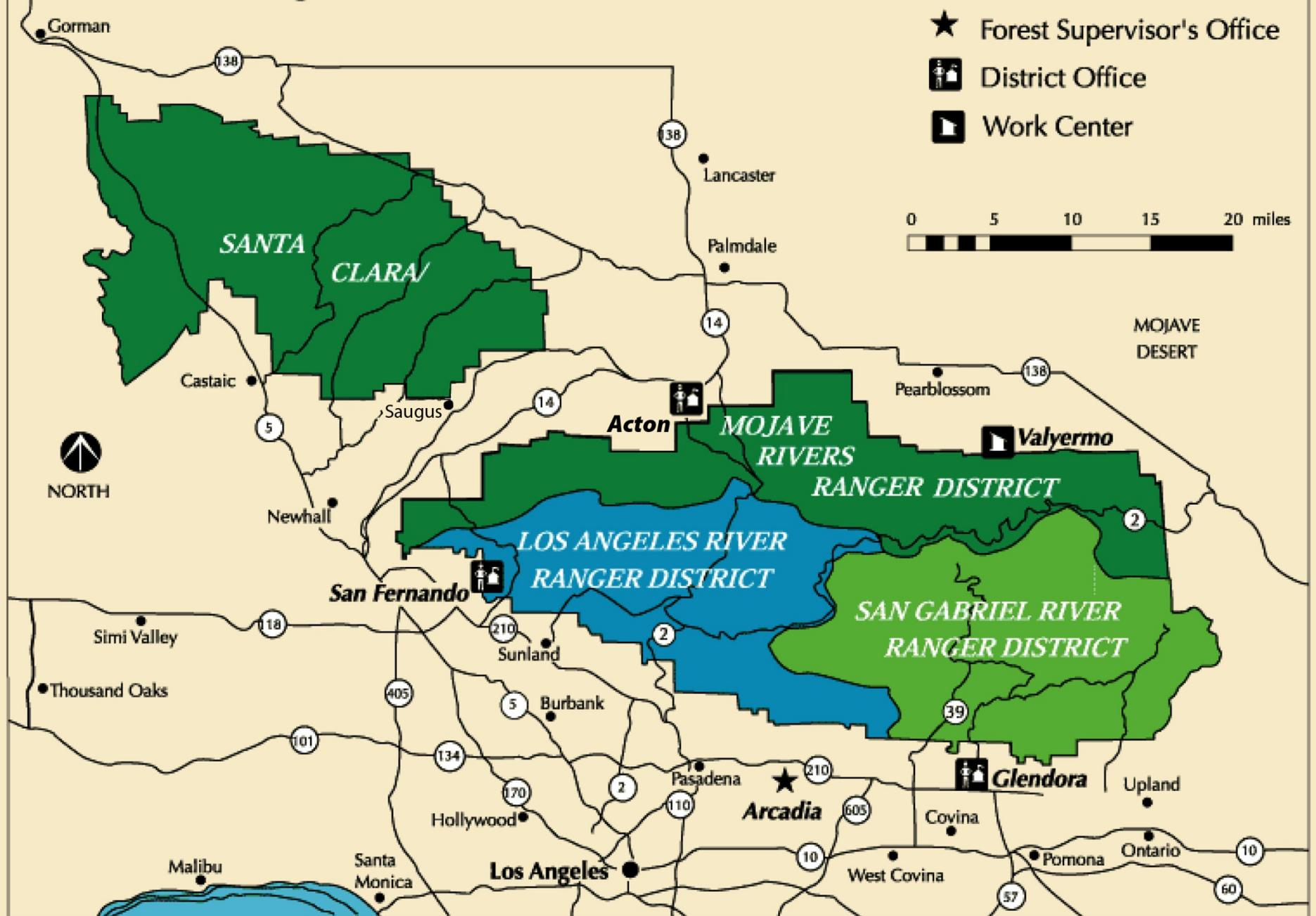
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# Angeles National Forest Volunteer Projects

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*"Don't underestimate the power of people who join together...  
they can accomplish amazing things."*

President Barack Obama



## Supervisor's Office

701 N. Santa Anita Ave.  
Arcadia, CA 91006  
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The Angeles National Forest is located mainly in the San Gabriel Mountains just north of Los Angeles. It is considered to be one of the most urban national forests in the nation, with more than 17 million people living within an hour's drive and approximately 4 million visitors each year.

The Forest is divided into three Ranger Districts oriented around watershed boundaries: the Los Angeles River Ranger District, the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District, and the San Gabriel River Ranger District. Elevations range from 1,200 feet to 10,064 feet, with dense chaparral and oak covering the lower- to mid-elevation slopes and various conifer species in the higher elevations.

The Angeles provides 72 percent of all open space in Los Angeles County, and a third of all downstream water in the Los Angeles basin. The major infrastructure for the basin is located within the Forest. This includes power lines, water conveyances, telecommunications, natural gas and oil pipelines, and flood control facilities.

Recreational opportunities on the Forest include: hiking, biking, winter sports, fishing, boating, water-play, off-highway vehicle use, picnicking, camping, scenic driving, and horseback riding. The Forest has approximately 550 miles of recreational trails, including 73 miles of National Recreation Trails and 176 miles of the Pacific Crest Trail.



## Forest Supervisor's Office/Forest-Wide Projects

Project Name: Volunteer Opportunities with our Partners		Date/Time: Year Around	
Project Location	Project Description		
Various locations throughout the Angeles NF. Check out the website listed under "Project Description."	The Angeles National Forest partners with many organizations who share similar goals of recruiting, training, and working with volunteers. Visit this website <a href="http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering/?cid=stelprdb5315650">http://www.fs.usda.gov/detail/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering/?cid=stelprdb5315650</a> to see more than 40 organizations who are actively recruiting volunteer support. Feel free to contact any of these organizations directly to volunteer.		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Trail/campground/recreation site maintenance, visitor information, habitat restoration, conservation education – and more!	See partner organizations' websites	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Project contact information for each organization is show on the website listed under "Project Description."	Various	Various	See partner organizations' websites
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	Various	n/a	<p>Please visit the websites of our partners to read about scheduled projects, meeting dates, etc.</p> <p>Note: The Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD) has more than 25 volunteer organizations who actively work on District projects throughout the year. Each month, they publish an online newsletter describing their projects and opportunities for people like you to join them! Click here (<a href="http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm">http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm</a>) to read their newsletter. This website also includes past articles, with tons of good information.</p>

## Forest Supervisor's Office/Forest-Wide Projects

Project Name: Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance: ANF 2013			Date/Time: 2013 Field Season
Project Location	Project Description		
Specific project location information will be published as projects are identified and scheduled.  Contact Pete Fish for further directions.	<p>The Pacific Crest Trail runs east to west across much of the Angeles National Forest. Throughout the 2013 field season, the Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA) volunteer crews will be repairing tread and brushing along the length of the trail; clearing dead/fallen trees; and trail rehabilitation through the Station Fire burn area. We will be adding these projects to the directory as they are scheduled.</p> <p>Each year, dedicated PCTA volunteers and staff flock to the woods with picks, shovels, saws and spirit to rebuild washed-out bridges, cut away fallen trees, and restore eroded portions of the trail. They recruit young and old by the hundreds to give time and energy to fix what needs to be fixed from Mexico to Canada. PCTA volunteers and corps crews devote tens of thousands of hours to keep the trail open. As a result, hikers and equestrians alike will tell you that the PCT is one of the finest trail experiences in existence.</p>		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Trail maintenance	None. Most projects do not require prior trail maintenance experience. Knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders are on site to teach you the necessary skills.	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Pete Fish Section Chief Pacific Crest Trail Assoc.  (805) 658-6540 <a href="mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net">pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net</a>  (PCTA Volunteer group: Trail Gorillas)	Typically moderate to strenuous physical work activities.	Typically, passenger car plus hike to work site.	Yes. Contact Pete Fish at (805) 658-6540 or email <a href="mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net">pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net</a>
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	Youth, adult.	n/a	All tools will be provided. Bring lunch, snack, and drinking water. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirt; bring gloves, sunscreen and hat.  Follow the PCTA online schedule for current projects and updates: <a href="http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/project-schedule/">http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/project-schedule/</a>



## NEW! Volunteer Feature

### Why Your Volunteer Timesheet is Important

Have you ever wondered why it is that the Forest Service asks you to fill out a timesheet for volunteer work, when you don't receive a wage?

First of all, tracking your hours brings benefits to you individually. Volunteer awards are based on the hours recorded for you. For example, 100 hours of volunteer service is awarded with an annual Adventure Pass worth \$65. And 250 hours of volunteer service is awarded with an Interagency Pass, which covers the entrance and standard amenity fees on many federal lands for one year.

The Forest Service benefits from tracking your accomplishments, too. For one thing, your time sheets help to identify funding needs. It costs money to run a volunteer program - money for tools and supplies, supervision, and incidental expenses. The bigger the program (as reflected in the total number of hours and volunteers), the more funding is needed. Your timesheets help us make the case for program support dollars.

Total volunteer hours reported for the Angeles also highlights the significant contributions of our citizen stewards. This helps draw the attention of potential donors, partners, and individuals who are looking for a way to "give back" to their community. Did you know that last year, volunteers on the Angeles National Forest reported more than 78,000 hours of service, valued at \$1.7 million? That is a substantial contribution - and it gets people's attention!

These are just a few of the benefits of filling in your time sheets. So -THANK YOU for deciding now to keep good records of your time and accomplishments!

Kathy Peterson

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## Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD)

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San Fernando, CA 91342  
(818) 899-1900

The Los Angeles River Ranger District is in the central section of the Angeles National Forest. Comprising about 200,000 acres, it offers a host of recreational opportunities including hiking, camping, water play in the creeks, picnicking and mountain biking.

Elevations in the district range from 1,200 to 8,700 feet. The higher area includes the upper reaches of the San Gabriel River canyons and the 5,700-foot Mount Wilson. The lower elevations are covered with chaparral, oak, sycamore and alders, while elevations above 5,000 feet feature pine, cedar and fir.

Top recreational areas include Chantry Flat Picnic Area and Trailhead, Cobb Estate Trailhead, Switzer Picnic Area and Trailhead, Buckhorn Campground and Lower Big Tujunga Canyon. The district has more than 375 miles of trails including sections of the Pacific Crest, Gabrielino, Silver Moccasin and High Desert trails.

Besides recreation, the district is used for movie filming, 50-K and 100-mile bicycle events, forest-product sales, TV and radio broadcasting and astronomy studies.



## Los Angeles River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Campground Hosts: Monte Cristo, Buckhorn, and Chilao Campgrounds		Date/Time: Monte Cristo open all-year/ Other Campgrounds open Apr thru Nov	
Project Location	Project Description		
<p>Monte Cristo Campground: Located on Angeles Forest Highway (County Rd. N3)</p> <p>Buckhorn Campground: Located on Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2)</p> <p>Chilao Campground: Located on Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2)</p>	<p>Los Angeles River Ranger District is in need of volunteers to serve as campground hosts for Monte Cristo, Buckhorn, and Chilao Campgrounds. Campground Hosts are typically expected to greet campers; give directions, answer questions, and hand out pamphlets if available; help campers feel at home; perform minor maintenance and inspect the campground; clean and/or restock restrooms; keep some records; and occasionally fill out forms. Hosts may be required to be on-site five days per week, especially on weekends and heavy use holidays. The most important job as a Campground Host is to provide an enjoyable camping experience for the public. The Host is the first and sometimes only contact with campground users.</p>		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Campground host; Construction/Maintenance; Visitor Information	A host must work well with people, and be personable and neat in appearance. A Host must generally be physically able to perform some raking, shoveling, and sweeping. A background check will be required.	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Dennis Merkel District Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 ext. 229 <a href="mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us">dcmerkel@fs.fed.us</a>	Easy to moderate	Passenger car, truck or camper (30' @ Monte Cristo, 18' @ Buckhorn, 40' @ Chilao)	A volunteer application is the first step in the process, available from the Project Manager/POC listed here. Once accepted, a volunteer agreement needs to be completed and signed by the District Ranger before volunteers can set up at the campground. One of our staff would meet with you and describe our expectations. Since you may be working around children, a background check is required.
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	Adult, Seniors	HOST campsites have their own water faucet/ hook-up, but all of our campgrounds do not have electricity, cell service, or a dump station.	

## Los Angeles River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Big Santa Anita Canyon Area Patrol			Date/Time: TBD
Project Location	Project Description		
North of Arcadia, CA. To access Big Santa Anita Canyon, exit I-210 Freeway at Santa Anita Ave. exit; go north on Santa Anita Ave. approx. 5 miles to trailhead at Chantry Flat Picnic Area.	Help to create a uniformed volunteer patrol group comprised of hikers, mountain bikers and/or equestrians to patrol the trail system within Big Santa Anita Canyon and surrounding areas. The group's purpose will be to provide an increased Forest Service presence in the canyon. This will help discourage littering, short-cutting of trails, graffiti, and vandalism, which will in turn provide a more positive experience for visitors to Big Santa Anita Canyon.		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Visitor information/Public Contact	None	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 <a href="mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us">dcmerkel@fs.fed.us</a>	Moderate to difficult	Passenger car to trailhead	Yes
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	Young adult through older adult	n/a	All project information will be shared by the project leader as the patrol group is being organized. Sturdy hiking footwear, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

Project Name: Chantry Flat Picnic Area Visitor Information Station			Date/Time: TBD
Project Location	Project Description		
North of Arcadia, CA. Exit I-210 freeway at Santa Anita Ave. exit; go north on Santa Anita Ave. approx. 5 miles to Chantry Flat Picnic Area.	Staff the Chantry Flat Picnic Area Visitor Information Station with a volunteer group in order to provide visitors with general area and forest information and environmental awareness information; issue campfire permits, report emergencies and possibly provide some interpretive services.		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Visitor information/Public Contact	Construction skills (Not required, but good to have)	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 <a href="mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us">dcmerkel@fs.fed.us</a>	Easy	Passenger car	Yes
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	Teen through older adult	n/a	All project information will be shared by the project leader as the volunteer group is being organized. Hat and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

## Los Angeles River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Paul Little Picnic Area Restoration			Date/Time: TBD
<b>Project Location</b> North of Altadena, CA; accessed by the Gabrielino National Trail (contact project manager for more information).	<b>Project Description</b> Join with other volunteers to rebuild the Paul Little Picnic Area Restroom damaged in the 2009 Station Fire.		
	<b>Type of Work</b> Trail/campground maintenance	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b> Construction and landscaping skills (Not required, but good to have)	
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b> Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 <a href="mailto:dcmerkel@fs.fed.us">dcmerkel@fs.fed.us</a>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b> Moderate	<b>Accessibility</b> Approximately ½ mile hike from Gould Mesa Trail Camp.	<b>Pre-Registration</b> Yes
	<b>Suitability</b> All – adult, youth, families, etc.	<b>Housing Information</b> n/a	<b>Other Project Information</b> Additional project information will be shared in the directory as volunteer work day for this project are being organized.  What to bring/wear: Hat, sunscreen, sturdy footwear, and personal first aid kit are always recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.



## San Gabriel River Ranger District (SGRRD)

110 N. Wabash Avenue  
Glendora, CA 91741  
(626) 335-1251

The San Gabriel River Ranger District is one of the most heavily visited districts among national forests with more than 1.5 million visitors each year. The district is in the eastern-most portion of the Angeles, and spans over 182,500 acres providing a scenic backdrop for Los Angeles and San Bernardino counties.

The district offers a wide range of recreational opportunities. Forest visitors will find 95 miles of scenic hiking trails ranging from moderate 5 percent slopes to trails ascending at slopes of more than 60 percent. The trail system rises and falls throughout clusters of peaks surrounding the 10,000-foot Mt. San Antonio, also known as Mt. Baldy. The trail system includes a small portion of the Pacific Crest Trail and the rocky and winding Bear Creek trail into the San Gabriel Mountain Wilderness.

The district also includes the Sheep Mountain and San Gabriel wilderness areas and a portion of the Cucamonga Wilderness area with elevations ranging from 2,400 feet to over 10,000 feet. These wilderness areas offer rushing rivers, rocky gorges, deep canyons, and spectacular vistas.

The district has several developed campgrounds, as well as a 7-mile National Scenic Byway bicycle trail that bounds the West Fork Wild Trout area, and a 24-mile off-highway vehicle trail route. Visitors can also enjoy target shooting, hunting, and winter sports. The district also has an education program that serves area schools with a curriculum that meets State environmental education guidelines.



## San Gabriel River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Coldbrook Campground Host		Date/Time: May 27, 2013 – Nov. 5, 2013	
<b>Project Location</b>		<b>Project Description</b>	
Coldbrook Campground is located in San Gabriel Canyon, 7 miles north of Azusa, CA on State Route 39.		Campground Hosts are typically expected to greet campers; give directions, answer questions, and hand out pamphlets if available; help campers feel at home; perform minor maintenance and inspect the campground; clean and/or restock restrooms; keep some records; and occasionally fill out forms. Hosts may be required to be on-site five days per week, especially on weekends and heavy use holidays. The most important job as a Campground Host is to provide an enjoyable camping experience for the public. The Host is the first and sometimes only Forest Service contact with Campground users.	
		<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>
		Campground host; Construction/Maintenance; Visitor Information	A Host must work well with people, and be personable and neat in appearance. A Host must generally be physically able to perform some raking, shoveling, and sweeping. Background checks may be required.
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Michael Hansen (626) 335-1251 x249 <a href="mailto:mhansen02@fs.fed.us">mhansen02@fs.fed.us</a>  San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy to moderate	Passenger car	
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
	Adults, Seniors	Trailer/RV Pads; Electrical & water to site. No dump site. Telephone available at Rincon Fire Station. No cell phone service.	One position is available (couples will be considered).  The camp is situated in a delightfully shaded canopy of oaks, pines and alders. The 21 campsites are large, secluded and widely spaced. The campground is attractive, with several hiking trails nearby. This is an excellent family campground with a wonderful brook passing nearby.  Reimbursement for subsistence and/or incidental expenses negotiable upon availability of funds  For more project information visit: <a href="http://www.volunteer.gov/results.cfm?ID=13281">http://www.volunteer.gov/results.cfm?ID=13281</a>

## San Gabriel River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program		Date/Time: Sundays; 10:30 am – 3:00 pm	
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>		
San Gabriel Canyon Off-Highway Vehicle Area; located 11 miles north of Azusa, CA on Hwy 39.	Volunteers will assist in explaining and answering questions regarding OHV laws and regulations and other OHV Area regulations to OHV users, and help with the sale of OHV permits.		
	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>	
	Public contact	On-the-job training will be provided.	
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Michael Hansen (626) 335-1251 x249 <a href="mailto:mhansen02@fs.fed.us">mhansen02@fs.fed.us</a>  San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy	Passenger car	Yes
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
	Adult	n/a	

Project Name: Visitor Information Center Staffing: San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center and Mt. Baldy Visitor Center		Date/Time: Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; Two four-hour shifts or one eight-hour shift	
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>		
San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center 1960 N. San Gabriel Ave. Azusa, CA 91702  Mt. Baldy Visitor Center Mt. Baldy Road Mt. Baldy, CA 91759	Volunteers will staff the front counter, provide information to forest visitors about hiking trails and general information, forest rules, sell Adventure Passes, issue wilderness and fire permits, as well as sell interpretive materials (e.g., books, maps, hiking items, etc.). Duties also include some light maintenance around the visitor center.		
	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>	
	Visitor Information	Volunteers will be given on-the-job training	
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Michael Hansen (626) 335-1251 x249 <a href="mailto:mhansen02@fs.fed.us">mhansen02@fs.fed.us</a>  San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy	Passenger car	Yes. Please contact Michael Hansen.
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
	Adult	n/a	Interested volunteers will have to make a commitment to the program; a staffing schedule will be set up to cover each location. A uniform will be provided to volunteers who make a commitment to the program.

## San Gabriel River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: SGRRD Environmental Education Program		Date/Time: Spring/Fall; Monday thru Friday (8:30 am – 1:30 pm)	
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>		
Mt. Baldy Visitor Center Mt. Baldy Road, Mt. Baldy, CA 91759/  San Gabriel Cyn Environmental Education Ctr Jct. Hwy 39 & E. Fork San Gabriel Cyn Rd North of Azusa, CA 91702	Volunteers will work with students that attend the District's environmental education program. On-the-job training will be provided to interested volunteers in forestry, wildlife, Native American studies, geology, and California gold mining history.		
	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>	
	Conservation Education	Background check may be required for volunteers working with students	
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Steve Segreto (909)982-2879	Easy to moderate	Passenger car	Yes
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Adult	n/a	Interested volunteers will have to make a commitment to the program; a staffing schedule will be set up to cover each location.



## Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District (SCMRRD)

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Acton, CA 93510  
(661) 269-2808

The Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District is the largest of the three districts in Angeles National Forest. It comprises about 390,000 acres in the north and northwest areas of the forest, offering hiking, picnicking, camping, off-highway vehicle trail riding, and other recreational activities.

Elevations in the district range from 1,286 feet to a high of 9,399 feet at Mt. Baden-Powell, the second highest mountain elevation on the forest. The historic Big Pines Information Office, just outside of Wrightwood sits at 6,862 feet the highest elevation on the San Andreas Fault. Terrain on the district ranges from high rugged mountain peaks and pine forest, to the lower foothills of the Mojave Desert with scrub oak and desert sage.

Top recreational areas include: Jackson Lake in the Wrightwood area for fishing, camping, hiking, picnicking, and snow play; Littlerock Dam for fishing and picnicking; and Pyramid Lake for boating, fishing, hiking and water play. Yearly visitors use the Mt. Baden-Powell trail as training in preparation for high elevation hikes in the High Sierras.

The Santa Clara Mojave Rivers Ranger District is also the home of the Mountain High ski resort, the largest ski resort on the Angeles National Forest. The district has also been used for numerous film and television projects and many commercials. The district contains the Magic Mountain and Pleasant View wilderness areas and includes Piru Creek to the west, designated as a wild and scenic river.



## Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Illegal Dump Cleanup			Date/Time: Year around
Project Location	Project Description		
District-wide  All locations are within walking distance to vehicles and are along roadsides.	Projects include the cleanup of household trash and other dumped material on the national forest. Does not include handling of any hazardous material.		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Watershed/habitat restoration	Ability to recognize hazardous materials is important, in the event that new dump sites are encountered. These are only to be handled by those certified to handle hazardous materials.	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Tasha Hernandez <a href="mailto:Thernandez@fs.fed.us">Thernandez@fs.fed.us</a>	Moderate	Passenger vehicles	Yes
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	young adults and adults	None. Camping locations can be recommended.	All project information will be shared by the project leader once final project location & logistics are set. Gloves, long sleeves, pants, boots, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water & snacks.

Project Name: District Planting Projects			Date/Time: Spring and Fall each year
Project Location	Project Description		
Wrightwood area: Blue Ridge  Lake Hughes area: Sawmill/Liebre Ridges  All locations within ¼ mile walking distance to vehicles	Projects include planting trees and some project planning, site preparation, and/or follow-up care in the field, e.g., watering seedlings/saplings, pulling weeds, etc. Educational activities associated with the project will be included in the volunteer event.		
	Type of Work	Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required	
	Reforestation/watershed & habitat restoration	None. Enthusiasm and dedication to the health and survival of each tree is all we ask for.	
Project Manager/ Contact	Level of Difficulty	Accessibility	Pre-Registration
Tasha Hernandez <a href="mailto:Thernandez@fs.fed.us">Thernandez@fs.fed.us</a>	Moderate	High-clearance vehicles w/ 4-wheel drive recommended.	Yes
	Suitability	Housing Information	Other Project Information
	All ages are welcome; however, tool use is restricted for youth. Therefore some adult presence is required.	None. Camping locations can be recommended.	All project information will be shared by the project leader once final project location and logistics are set. As with all Forest Service projects, gloves, long sleeves, pants, boots, a hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and food for snacking.

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Project Name: Forest Restoration Projects		Date/Time: Year around	
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>		
Wrightwood area : Blue Ridge	Projects include pulling weeds, spreading native plant and tree seed, laying slash over illegal OHV routes, and general restoration of our district plantations and natural stands within high use areas e.g., along trails in recreation areas, etc.		
Lake Hughes area: Sawmill/Liebre Ridges	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>	
Recreation or plantation sites throughout the district.	Watershed & habitat restoration	Some understanding of native and non-native species; ability to distinguish plants from a plant guide; and map reading skills to interpret illegal versus legal OHV routes.	
All locations within ¼ mile walking distance to vehicles.			
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Tasha Hernandez <a href="mailto:Thernandez@fs.fed.us">Thernandez@fs.fed.us</a>	Moderate to strenuous (when moving slash piles)	High-clearance vehicles w/ 4-wheel drive recommended.	Yes
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
	All ages are welcome; however, tool use is restricted for youth. Therefore some adult presence is required. Adults are preferred for interpreting maps and native plant species.	None. Camping locations can be recommended.	All project information will be shared by the project leader once final project location and logistics are set. As with all Forest Service projects, gloves, long sleeves, pants, boots, a hat, and sunscreen are recommended along with plenty of water and food for snacking.

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Project Name: "Clean up the Ridge Route" volunteer work party		Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm	
<b>Project Location</b>		<b>Project Description</b>	
Near Gorman, CA, at the northern entrance to the Angeles National Forest (south of CA HWY 138).		Help the Ridge Route Preservation Organization (RRPO) with its monthly "Clean up the Ridge Route" volunteer work party along the unmaintained section of the Historic 1915 Ridge Route within the Angeles National forest. Work includes clearing drains and removing vegetation, rocks and debris from the road.	
Meet at the Ranch House restaurant (formerly The Sizzler), at 49713 Gorman Post Rd (phone: 661-248-6040)		<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>
		Road and roadside maintenance	None required. Onsite training will be provided by RRPO.
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Tasha Hernandez <a href="mailto:Thernandez@fs.fed.us">Thernandez@fs.fed.us</a>	Moderate	Passenger car	Yes. Please call Harrison Scott at (866) 262-7594 (toll free) if you plan to work on this project. Occasionally RRPO has to cancel at the last minute. When this occurs they don't have enough time to post a cancellation notice. They don't want you to drive all the way to Gorman if they have cancelled.
Ridge Route Preservation Organization (RRPO):			
Harrison Scott, President			
PO Box 381 Torrance, CA 90508-0381 (866) 262-7594			
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
	Older youth, adults	n/a	Directions: Exit I-5 at Gorman off-ramp, turn east to Gorman Post Rd. TURN RIGHT, (Chevron Station on left, Motel on right). The Ranch House is behind the Motel in same complex.  Please arrive no later than 8:00 am; allow ample time to arrive so you will NOT miss our 9:00 am departure caravan up to the Ridge Route work site.  What to bring: Please bring gloves, sunscreen, a sack lunch and a folding chair to use at lunchtime. We break for lunch around 12:00 noon. Bottled water is provided by our organization. Additionally, we ask that you bring any of the assorted tools: Shovel, standard and scoop; hoe; rake; wheelbarrow; pruning shears; pole pruner; pruning saw; mattock; We especially need branch cutting shears.  Safety: Safety of the volunteers is RRPO's number one priority so they ask that you wear appropriate work clothes and shoes. Absolutely no smoking is permitted on this project. Park your vehicle away from dry vegetation to reduce fire risk.

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Project Name: Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance – Specific Location TBD			Date/Time: Oct/Nov 2013
<b>Project Location</b>	<b>Project Description</b>		
Contact Pete Fish for further directions to October/November 2013 project locations.	Any volunteers interested in helping with Pacific Crest Trail maintenance within the Angeles National Forest during October and November are asked to contact Pete Fish (see contact information under “Project Manager/Contact”) for specific projects and schedules.		
	<b>Type of Work</b>	<b>Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required</b>	
	Trail maintenance	None. Most projects do not require prior trail maintenance experience. Knowledgeable and experienced crew leaders are on site to teach you the necessary skills.	
<b>Project Manager/ Contact</b>	<b>Level of Difficulty</b>	<b>Accessibility</b>	<b>Pre-Registration</b>
Pete Fish Section Chief Pacific Crest Trail Assoc.	Moderate. See Other Project Information for details.	Passenger car plus hike to work site.	Yes. Contact Pete Fish at (805) 658-6540 or email <a href="mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net">pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net</a>
	<b>Suitability</b>	<b>Housing Information</b>	<b>Other Project Information</b>
(805) 658-6540 <a href="mailto:pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net">pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net</a>  (PCTA Volunteer group: Trail Gorillas)	Youth, adult.	n/a	All tools will be provided. Bring lunch, snack, and drinking water. Wear long pants and long sleeved shirt; bring gloves, sunscreen and hat.  Most PCTA projects are suitable for individuals in good physical condition who participate in a semi-exercise routine. Contact Pete Fish for details about specific projects.