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2014 Volunteer Project Directory

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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 2013 alone, volunteers contributed over 75 thousand hours of their time (valued at nearly 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.

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. (These are the same groups as listed in our "Hall of Fame" at the back of this directory. Check it out!)

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
Forest Supervisor
Angeles National Forest

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"Our volunteers have made a critical contribution to our mission of caring for the land and serving people. We literally couldn't do it without them."

Tom Tidwell
Forest Service Chief

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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: National Trails Day		**SAVE THE DATE!**	**Date/Time: June 7, 2014**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Project locations are yet to be determined. We plan to host NTD trail projects throughout the Angeles NF. Check our website for specific locations as June 7 gets closer.	National Trails Day® (NTD) is a celebration of America's magnificent trail system, occurring annually on the first Saturday in June. NTD features outdoor activities designed to promote and celebrate the importance of trails in the United States. Individuals and organizations from around the country host NTD events to share their love of trails with friends, family, and their communities. Check our website for project details as June 7 gets closer: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trail Maintenance		TBD
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Kathy Peterson, Volunteer/Partnership Coordinator AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	TBD	n/a	Visit American Hiking Society's website to learn more about National Trails Day & planned events: http://www.americanhiking.org/national-trails-day/ What to wear/bring: Long sleeve shirts, long pants, gloves, boots, hat, sunscreen, plenty of water & snacks.

Project Name: 21st Annual National Public Lands Day		**SAVE THE DATE!**	**Date/Time: September 27, 2014**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Project locations are yet to be determined. We plan to host NPLD projects throughout the Angeles NF. Check our website for specific locations as [insert date] gets closer.	National Public Lands Day (NPLD) is the nation's largest, single-day volunteer effort for public lands. NPLD educates Americans about the environment and natural resources, and the need for shared stewardship of these valued, irreplaceable lands. NPLD improves public lands for outdoor recreation, with volunteers assisting land managers in various hands-on work activities. In 2013, about 175,000 volunteers worked at 2,237 sites in every state. Check our website for details about NPLD events on the Angeles National Forest as September 27 gets closer: http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trail maintenance – and more!		TBD
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Kathy Peterson, Volunteer/Partnership Coordinator AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com	TBD	TBD	TBD
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	Families, youth, adults	n/a	2014 marks the 21st anniversary of National Public Lands Day. Visit their website http://www.publiclandsday.org to learn more about planned events for this significant year.

Forest Supervisor's Office/Forest-Wide Projects

Project Name: Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance: ANF 2014			**Date/Time: 2014 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.	The Pacific Crest Trail runs east to west across much of the Angeles National Forest. Throughout the 2014 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. 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.		
	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 pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net (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 pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net
	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: http://www.pcta.org/volunteer/project-schedule/

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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 (http://www.mtlowe.co/VolunteerNews.htm) to read their newsletter. This website also includes past articles, with tons of good information.</td></tr>
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Volunteer Feature

The Power of One

Can one person really make a difference?

In my work, I spend a lot of time encouraging people to work together in groups – to partner with others to accomplish a greater good than they could on their own. Our Angeles Volunteer Directory now includes a Hall of Fame, where we call attention to the many volunteer groups who have banded together to maintain trails, remove weeds, trash and graffiti, help with environmental education, provide information to the public – and so much more. Week after week these groups consistently show up, and they get the job done. Without a doubt, they accomplish much – and we can't thank them enough!

But what about that one person who notices a piece of trash as they hike along a trail, and stops to pick it up?

Or the person who stops in to report to the campground host a problem they've seen during their outing?

Or the person who recognizes and pulls an invasive weed along the way (and properly stows it to avoid spreading weed seeds!)?

Do these things make a difference to the Forest and those who use and enjoy it?

Indeed they do!

Maybe you've heard it before, but this thought from Edward Everett Hale bears saying again:

"I am only one; but still I am one. I cannot do everything; but still I can do something…."

And so, to the One Person who voluntarily reaches out to *Care for the Land and Serve People* as he or she goes about their day in the Forest, we say:

"THANK YOU! You teach us all about the Power of One – and YOU are making a difference!"

Kathy Peterson

Volunteer/Partnership Program Consultant
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"It is time for a change in the way we view and manage America's forestlands with an eye toward the future. This will require a new approach that engages the American people and stakeholders in conserving and restoring both our National Forests and our privately owned forests. It is essential that we reconnect Americans across the nation with the natural resources and landscapes that sustain us."

Tom Vilsak
USDA Secretary of Agriculture

Los Angeles River Ranger District (LARRD)

12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
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.

Project Name: 2014 Angeles Forest Restoration (Tree Planting)

Date/Time: Feb. 27 – Apr. 6, 2014; Thursday, Friday, Saturday, Sunday (9 am – 1 pm)

CANCELLED

Project Location	Project Description		
Specific planting locations will be assigned when you register (see "Pre-Registration").	Join ForestAid – a massive volunteer effort – to replant and restore fire-damaged areas of the Angeles National Forest, under the supervision of TreePeople and trained crew leaders. The Forest Service partnership with TreePeople is based on a simple belief: That a single person planting a single tree can help revitalize fire-damaged areas, effect climate change, clean the air, capture rainwater and build a sense of community. ***ALSO***, if you are interested in being a crew supervisor, you'll need to register to attend one of the supervisor training sessions being held on February 9 and February 22, from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Click here to register on the date of your choice: http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2014-02		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Reforestation		None
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Amy Kussman ackussman@fs.fed.us	Easy to moderate	Passenger car	Yes. Follow this link to find and register for the planting day(s) that work for you: http://www.treepeople.org/calendar/2014-02
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	Adults, youth, families, friends, colleagues	n/a	We encourage you to wear long pants, dress in layers, and bring a jacket. All volunteers must wear closed-toe shoes (hard sole boots strongly recommended). Also, bring sunscreen, a full water bottle, your own snacks and a sack lunch. Bulk water will be available to refill your water bottle. Please remember: Tree planting at high elevations can be rigorous work, so enjoy a hearty breakfast before you arrive. If you are under the age of 16, you must have a parent or guardian attend the event with you. If you are over 16 but under 18, you must have a parent consent form signed and turned in at the beginning of the event. (http://www.treepeople.org/are-minors-able-volunteer-treepeople) Please check TreePeople's Mountain Forestry Hotline for event location and last minute changes due to rain, fire, etc. (818) 623-4871. There will be locked gates so please be on time to get into the planting site! Also, remember to fill your gas tanks for the round trip up and down the mountain.

Los Angeles River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Switzer Picnic Area/Gabrielino Trail Clean-Up			Date/Time: Year Around
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Throughout the Switzer Picnic Area and on the Gabrielino Trail. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel for details.	Join other volunteers in this ongoing effort to clean the popular canyon and trail of trash and debris and remove graffiti. Lots of help is needed!		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trash, debris, graffiti removal		Able to do physical labor.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	Moderate	Passenger car; sites are accessible from parking lots located nearby	Yes. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel to register.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	All ages	n/a	Information will be provided prior to specific site project. Sturdy hiking footwear, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

Project Name: Lower Big Tujunga Canyon Clean-Up			Date/Time: Year Around
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Throughout Lower Big Tujunga Canyon. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel for details.	You can help in this important on-going effort to clean Lower Big Tujunga Canyon of trash and debris, remove graffiti and dismantle user-created dams in Big Tujunga Creek.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trash, debris, graffiti removal; stream restoration		Able to do physical labor.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	Moderate	Passenger car; sites are accessible from parking lots located nearby	Yes. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel to register.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	All ages	n/a	Information will be provided prior to specific site project. Sturdy hiking footwear, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

Los Angeles River Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Stonyvale Overlook Clean-Up			**Date/Time: Year Around**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
East of Sunland, CA; in the Big Tujunga Canyon. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel for details.	Join other volunteers in this ongoing effort to keep the overlook free of trash, debris and graffiti.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trash, debris and graffiti removal.		Physical labor required. Ability to use ropes and rappel desired.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	Moderate to strenuous	Passenger car; sites are accessible from parking lots located nearby	Yes. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel to register.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	All ages	n/a	Information will be provided prior to specific site project. Sturdy hiking footwear, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

Project Name: Delta Flat Overlook Clean-Up			**Date/Time: Year Around**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
East of Sunland, CA; throughout the Delta Flat Overlook Area. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel for details.	Join other volunteers in this ongoing effort to keep the overlook free of trash, debris and graffiti.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trash, debris and graffiti removal.		Physical labor required. Ability to use ropes and rappel desired.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	Moderate to strenuous	Passenger car; sites are accessible from parking lots located nearby	Yes. Contact Project Manager Dennis Merkel to register.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	All ages	n/a	Information will be provided prior to specific site project. Sturdy hiking footwear, hat, and sunscreen are recommended, along with plenty of water and snacks.

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 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	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 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	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**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
North of Altadena, CA; accessed by the Gabrielino National Trail (contact project manager for more information).	Join with other volunteers to rebuild the Paul Little Picnic Area Restroom damaged in the 2009 Station Fire.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Trail/campground maintenance		Construction and landscaping skills (Not required, but good to have)
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Dennis Merkel Recreation Officer (818) 899-1900 dcmerkel@fs.fed.us	Moderate	Approximately ½ mile hike from Gould Mesa Trail Camp.	Yes
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	All – adult, youth, families, etc.	n/a	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-feet 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: Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Program			Date/Time: Sundays; 10:30 am – 3:00 pm
Project Location	**Project Description**		
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.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Public contact		On-the-job training will be provided.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Michael Hansen (626) 335-1251 x249 mhansen02@fs.fed.us San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy	Passenger car	Yes
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	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
Project Location	**Project Description**		
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.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Visitor Information		Volunteers will be given on-the-job training
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Michael Hansen (626) 335-1251 x249 mhansen02@fs.fed.us San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy	Passenger car	Yes. Please contact Michael Hansen.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	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)**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
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.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Conservation Education		Background check may be required for volunteers working with students
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Steve Segreto (909)982-2879 San Gabriel Ranger District Glendora, CA 91741	Easy to moderate	Passenger car	Yes
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	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.

"Our tradition of voluntary association is still vital. And its vitality is rooted in good soil – civic pride, compassion, spiritual commitments, a sense of individual responsibility and, whatever cynics may say, a commitment to the great shared effort to improve our life together and to ensure a good future for our children and our children's children."

John Gardner, 1979
Founder, The Common Cause

Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District (SCMRRD)

33708 Crown Valley Road
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 Thernandez@fs.fed.us	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 Thernandez@fs.fed.us	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.

Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District Projects

Project Name: Forest Restoration Projects			**Date/Time: Year around**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Wrightwood area : Blue Ridge Lake Hughes area: Sawmill/Liebre Ridges Recreation or plantation sites throughout the district. All locations within ¼ mile walking distance to vehicles.	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.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	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.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Tasha Hernandez Thernandez@fs.fed.us	Moderate to strenuous (when moving slash piles)	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. 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.

Project Name: "Clean up the Ridge Route" volunteer work party			**Date/Time: Second Saturday of each month; 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Near Gorman, CA, at the northern entrance to the Angeles National Forest (south of CA HWY 138). Meet at the Ranch House restaurant (formerly The Sizzler), at 49713 Gorman Post Rd (phone: 661-248-6040)	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 incudes clearing drains and removing vegetation, rocks and debris from the road.		
	Type of Work		**Pre-qualifications/ Skills Required**
	Road and roadside maintenance		None required. Onsite training will be provided by RRPO.
Project Manager/ Contact	**Level of Difficulty**	**Accessibility**	**Pre-Registration**
Tasha Hernandez Thernandez@fs.fed.us Ridge Route Preservation Organization (RRPO): Harrison Scott, President PO Box 381 Torrance, CA 90508-0381 (866) 262-7594	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.
	Suitability	**Housing Information**	**Other Project Information**
	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.

Project Name: Pacific Crest Trail Maintenance – Specific Location TBD			**Date/Time: March 2014**
Project Location	**Project Description**		
Contact Pete Fish for further directions to March 2014 project locations.	Any volunteers interested in helping with Pacific Crest Trail maintenance within the Angeles National Forest during March are asked to contact Pete Fish (see contact information under "Project Manager/Contact") for specific projects and schedules.		
	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 pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net (PCTA Volunteer group: Trail Gorillas)	Moderate. See Other Project Information for details.	Passenger car plus hike to work site.	Yes. Contact Pete Fish at (805) 658-6540 or email pickaxepete@sbcglobal.net
	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. 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.

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Angeles National Forest Volunteer Groups

[Should YOUR group be listed here? Please contact AngelesNFVolunteers@gmail.com]

The Angeles National Forest partners with many organizations who share similar goals of recruiting, training, and working with volunteers. Here we've listed nearly 40 of these organizations, who are actively recruiting volunteer support. Feel free to contact any of these directly to volunteer.

To learn more about each of these groups, you can follow the links and contact information we've provided here – OR you can visit our website at http://www.fs.usda.gov/main/angeles/workingtogether/volunteering , scroll down, and click on "Additional Volunteer Opportunities."

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Angeles Crest 100 Mile Endurance Run (AC100)
www.ac100.com
We restore & maintain the trails we use for our race in the Angeles National Forest.

Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTWG)
www.altadenatrails.org
We preserve, protect, & enhance trail resources in the Altadena foothills.

Angeles Mountain Bike Patrol (AMBP)
m.rmcguire@hotmail.com (Mike and Robin McGuire)
We provide an educational & responsible image to all trail users; encourage riders to obey forest regulations; work to preserve & protect trails.

Angeles Mountain Bikers and Trail Keepers (AMBTK)
mrgy33@hotmail.com (Mark Gage)
We are mountain bikers, hikers & trail runners working together to maintain trails. Focus: Lower Sam Merrill, Castle Canyon, & Echo Mt. trails.

Angeles National Forest Fire Lookout Association (ANFFLA)
www.anffla.org
We restore, maintain & staff the fire lookouts of the Angeles National Forest. Also interpret natural & cultural history of the lookouts & surrounding area.

Angeles Volunteer Association (AVA)
www.angelesvolunteers.org
We patrol trails, staff USFS visitor centers, maintain trails, host school outreach activities & service projects, & serve as campground hosts.

Bear Canyon Trail Crew (BCTC)
abhoyer@yahoo.com (Andy Hoyer)
We fix and repair hiking trails in the Angeles National Forest.

Blight Busters Trail Crew
dayhiker86@yahoo.com (Danny Treadway)
We maintain Angeles National Forest trails & keep them free of litter.

Boy Scouts of America, Los Angeles Area Council
http://www.laac-hat.org/ GDLedford@verizon.net (David Ledford)
Boy Scout troops and individual scouts conduct various service projects on the Angeles National Forest.

California Native Plant Society: San Gabriel Mountains Chapter (CNPS)
www.cnps-sgm.org
We share our common interest in California's native plants through monthly speakers, field trips, plant sales, outreach, & conservation education.

California Trail Users Coalition (CTUC)
www.ctuc.info
We provide a discussion forum for all trail users, maintain and patrol trails, & educate trail users about proper use of trails & trail etiquette

Community Hiking Club (CHC)
www.communityhikingclub.org
We protect & restore wild places & wild rivers through educational programs, hikes, restoration & mapping projects, & community outreach.

Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association (CORBA)
www.corbamtb.com
We maintain trails & organize/coordinate activities that support mountain biking & promote public land conservation.

Crescenta Valley Trail Crew
karen.buehler2@gmail.com (Karen Buehler)
We restore trails in Deukmejian Wilderness Park in Glendale, CA below Mt. Lukens and various locations in Angeles National Forest.

Fisheries Resource Volunteer Corps (FRVC)
tsw64@verizon.net (Tom Walsh)
We patrol streams to educate forest visitors about fishing regulations, fire restrictions, etc.; remove trash, graffiti, invasive plants & rock dams; conduct service projects… and much more!

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Friends of El Prieto Trail
bannermoffat@earthlink.net (Banner Moffat)
We are working to improve the El Prieto Trail to its pre-fire condition.

Habitat Works
www.habitatwork.org
Habitat Works is an environmental stewardship action group that performs volunteer projects to improve wildlife habitat in Southern California.

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center
http://www.haramokngna.org/
We host programs, festivals & exhibitions to share Native American history, heritage, & culture of the five regional tribes of the Angeles National Forest.

Hart, William S. Union High School District of Santa Clarita Regional Occupational Program (ROP), Outdoor Recreation/Wilderness Conservation Course
www.hartrop.com/forestry
ksarkiss@hartdistrict.org (Kevin Sarkissian)
We train students in wildlife identification/conservation, backcountry navigation, environmental stewardship, wilderness first aid, trail maintenance & much more!

High Country Riders
maujds@earthlink.net (Jonathan Schultz)
We are an equestrian volunteer group that packs equipment, material, & supplies to project worksites in the Angeles National Forest.

JPL Trailbuilders
www.jplhiking.org Kathie.l.reilly@jpl.nasa.gov (Kathie Reilly)
Our group was started by employees or retirees of JPL or California Institute of Technology, and contractors or contractor retirees. We now include anyone interested in helping us maintain trails mainly in the Mt. Lowe area.

Mt. Disappointment 50k/50m Endurance Race
http://www.mtdisappointment50k.com/
We maintain the trails we use for our race. We also assist other volunteer groups, and help with scout troop projects.

Mt. Wilson Bicycling Association (M.W.B.A.), Chapter of IMBA
www.mwba.org
We maintain trails to keep them safe for all trail activities including hiking, jogging, biking and equestrian pursuits.

National Forest Foundation (NFF)

www.nationalforests.org/ca
ebelden@nationalforests.org (Edward Belden)
We work with multiple community, nonprofit, foundation, and corporate partners to revitalize the area within the Angeles National Forest affected by the Station Fire, particularly in Big Tujunga Canyon.

Founded by Congress in 1991, the National Forest Foundation (NFF) works with the USDA Forest Service to enhance wildlife habitat, revitalize wildfire-damaged landscapes, restore watersheds, and engage communities in forest stewardship for the benefit of all Americans and their Backyard Forests.

Pacific Crest Trail Association (PCTA)
www.pcta.org AKass@pcta.org (Anitra Kass)
We help to maintain the 171 miles of the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail located on or managed by the Angeles National Forest.

Quail Forever
www.quailforever.org
www.sangabrielvalleyquailforever.org
San Gabriel Valley Chapter: sgvqf@onebox.com
Facebook: www.facebook.com/pages/San-Gabriel-Valley-Quail-Forever/1406554102910264
We improve small-game habitat in the Angeles National Forest (install/ maintain water guzzlers), & sponsor youth community service projects.

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Recreational Equipment, Inc. (REI)
www.rei.com jlim@rei.com (Jean Lim)
We promote environmental stewardship & increase access to outdoor recreation through volunteerism, gear donations and financial contributions.

Ridge Route Preservation Organization
http://www.ridgeroute.com/
We maintain a segment of the Historic 1915 Ridge Route within the Angeles National Forest (clearing drains; removing vegetation, rocks & debris).

San Gabriel Mountains Heritage Association (SGMHA)
drobert46@aol.com (Darryl Meathe)
We provide financial and volunteer support for environmental education, interpretive, and heritage programs on the Angeles National Forest.

San Gabriel Mountains Trail Builders (SGMTB)
www.sgmtrailbuilders.org
We maintain, restore, preserve, and construct hiking trails in the Angeles National Forest

Scenic Mt. Lowe Railway Historical Committee
http://www.mtlowe.co/
We preserve the remaining structures, trails, & artifacts of the Mount Lowe Railway, & help other volunteers on various projects to protect the Forest.

Sierra Club, Angeles Chapter
http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/ bob.cates@att.net (Bob Cates)
We volunteer in various activities and projects on the Angeles National Forest, including trail maintenance and restoration.

TreePeople
www.treepeople.org info@treepeople.org
We recruit, train, and lead volunteers in planting trees within the area of the Angeles National Forest burned by the Station Fire.

Volunteers of the Angeles National Forest
http://www.grassyhollow.net/
We staff the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center in Wrightwood, CA, & provide visitor information/education through our knowledge of the area, pictorial displays, video presentations & display of preserved local wildlife.

West Fork San Gabriel River Conservancy
http://www.westforksgrc.org/
We patrol the West Fork of the San Gabriel River, removing trash & graffiti, & informing fishers of the area's special fishing regulations.