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Cajon Greenthumbs Native Plant Restoration Volunteer Program Schedule 2005

Cajon, CA..... The San Bernardino National Forest has been successfully conducting ecological restoration for over a decade and has a fully functional, but small native plant nursery with a greenhouse located on the Mountaintop District. With this nursery, the Mountaintop District has been able to restore hundreds of acres of disturbed sites on the Forest all utilizing locally collected and grown native seeds and plants. It has been the intent of the Forest to replicate this program, which is solely funded by grants and managed by volunteer partnerships, on the Front Country District. Following the Old/Grand Prix fires, National Fire Plan provided funding for the construction of a seed storage facility and a shade cloth structure at the Cajon Ranger Station, which currently holds plants that are grown in the Mountaintop Nursery for outplanting in the Cajon area. With the success of the Mountaintop Greenthumbs volunteer program, the Forest would like to expand its volunteer efforts to the Front Country Ranger District restoration program.

The U.S. Forest Service is seeking volunteers who enjoy working outdoors and have an interest in working in our nursery program and out on the Forest for our native plant restoration program. Activities will include site preparation, seed collection, germination, plant propagation, and out-planting of potted materials. Work will vary month to month as seasons and weather change. We will be

working on the compound and out on the Forest. Workdays will last from 9:00am to around 3:00pm on the first Saturday per month. The volunteer group will meet at the Cajon Ranger Station in the front parking lot. **Dates include April 2** (Earthday is the 22!), **May 7, June 4, July 2, August 6, September 3, October 1, and November 5.**

Anyone interested in volunteering for these dates, or any additional dates or times, please contact **Juli Goss at (909) 382-2757 xt. 3048.** Volunteers should bring a sack lunch, water, sunscreen, hat, jacket and work gloves if you have them. The Cajon Ranger Station is located 5 miles from I-15 on Lytle Creek Road. Take the Sierra off ramp from the I-15. **Please call ahead to verify participation.** Also check out our website: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/volunteering/greenthumbs.shtml>

We thank you for your interest!

Tentative Schedule:

- April 2nd
Tree Planting

- May 7th
Green House Work

- June 4th
Noxious Weed Removal

- July 2nd
Seed Collection Month

- August 6th
Seed Collection Month

- September 3rd
Out Planting

- October 1st
Out Planting

- November 5th
Out Planting