LOS ANGELES RIVER RANGER DISTRICT (LARRD) **March 2012**

12371 N. Little Tujunga Canyon Road
San Fernando, CA 91342

Primary Contact: David Cline at the District Office (818) 899-1900 Ext. 221

OFFICE HOURS:

District Office	Monday - Friday	8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.	(818) 899-1900
Chantry Information Station	Closed		(626) 447-8993
Chilao Visitor Center	Closed		(626) 796-5541
Clear Creek Information Station	Saturday-Sunday	9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.	(626) 821-6764

All campgrounds, picnic areas, and trails within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area are closed until further notice except Hidden Springs Picnic Area, Stoneyvale Picnic Area, Wildwood Picnic Area- Adventure/Interagency Pass required and Monte Cristo Campground- $12.00 per site. Hunting is prohibited within the Station Recovery Fire Closure Area. To view a closure map please come into any Forest Service office or go online to http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/ and click on Fire Closures to view maps of the areas.

ADVENTURE AND INTERAGENCY PASSES:
Passes and other related items are sold at Los Angeles River Ranger District Office in San Fernando. Contact the District Office for vendor locations or the Adventure Pass website at www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/ap/vendors.

CAMPGROUNDS:
The Angeles National Forest is dependent on nature to supply water for our campgrounds, ***therefore, there is no guarantee of water at any site; be prepared, take water with you.*** It is recommended that all stream and spring water be treated before drinking.

Bears are active year round, therefore: (1) keep a clean camp, (2) dispose of your garbage properly, (3) store food safely, (4) keep children safe, and (5) report attacks immediately to the California Department of Fish and Game at (909) 443-2969.

Campgrounds are first-come/first-serve, except the group campgrounds which are by reservation only.

Trail Camps: An Adventure or Interagency Pass is required at many trail camp trailhead parking areas: Bear Canyon, Cooper Canyon, Little Jimmy, Sulphur Springs, Millard, Hoegees, Spruce Grove, Valley Forge, West Fork, and Devore. PACK IT IN, PACK IT OUT. **Tom Lucas, Fall Creek, and Oakwilde were destroyed by the Station Fire and are within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area.**

High Country Campgrounds:
Buckhorn, Chilao (Little Pines & Manzanita Loops) & Horse Flat: Closed for the season.
Monte Cristo: Fees are $12 per night per site.
Messenger Flat, North Fork, and Mt Pacifico: Closed to motor vehicles until further notice.

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Group Campgrounds:
Lightning Point is closed until further notice. The following group campgrounds are open from April 1 to November 15, 2012: Bandido, Coulter, and Meadow- Reservations can ONLY be made by contacting National Recreation Reservation Service, www.Recreation.gov or at (877) 444-6777.

PICNIC AREAS: Within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area except Hidden Springs, Stoneyvale, and Wildwood remain closed.
Overnight parking/camping is prohibited in **all** picnic areas. ***Bears are active year round; keep your area clean***. Adventure or Interagency Pass required for each vehicle.

Front Country:
Switzers- open 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.
Bear Divide, Hidden Springs, Oak Springs, Stoneyvale, Wildwood, Wilson Saddle - open 6am to 10pm
Chantry Flat - open 6 a.m. to 8 p.m.
Cascade and Echo Mountain are accessible by walk-in.

High Country:
Charlton Flat, Chilao and Skyline Park – Closed for the season
Vista, Ridgecrest, Eagles Roost, Red Box – open 6 a.m. to 10 p.m.

HORSE FACILITIES:
Bandido Group Site- hitching rails, corrals, no water.

Hoegees Trail Camp- hitching rail, stream water.

Horse Flat Campground- hitching rails, corrals, no water.

Lower Chilao Road Trailhead- hitching rail, water in campground.

Messenger Flat Campground- hitching rail, 2 corrals, no water.

North Fork Picnic Area- hitching rail and corral, water faucet.

Three Points Trailhead- 2 hitching rails, no water.

Wilson Canyon Trailhead- 1 hitching rail, 1 loading dock, no water.

FISHING AND FISHING AREAS: – The Big Tujunga drainage is within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area, the rest of the District is open to fishing. Please note that stocking has been halted by the State in certain water courses by the California Department of Fish and Game. For recorded stocking information, contact the California Department of Fish and Game at (562) 594-7268.

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HUNTING: The Big Tujunga drainage is within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area. The rest of the District is open to hunting when in season.

TEMPERATURES: Be prepared for sudden weather changes in the mountains; temperatures can vary 20-30 degrees between night and day at 5,280 feet. Temperatures at the Chilao Visitor Center are typically in 30 – 50s during the day and 20 – 40s at night. Snowfall is a possibility.

WOODCUTTING:
A permit is required to remove any forest product (firewood and manzanita) from the Angeles National Forest. Please contact Angie Stever at the District Office… (818) 899-1900, extension 226.

ROADS:
When there are storms in the area, it is important to pay attention to changing road conditions. Normally our roads are subject to rocks coming off of the banks, mud in the roadway, etc. Please be prepared when you go into the mountains; carry chains and a shovel. Remember you will be at least one hour from any stores or gas stations, and your cell phone probably will not work. Slow down to stay alive.

The following roads may be closed at anytime due to weather or road conditions and/or construction:

Angeles Crest Highway (State Route 2) – Open. Road will close between Islip Saddle and Vincent Gap after next winter storm. Road information can be obtained at the Caltrans website at http://www.dot.ca.gov/hq/roadinfo, or you may contact them at (800) 427-7623.
Angeles Forest Highway – Open. Road information can be obtained at the County of Los Angeles website, http://gis.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures, or you may contact them at (626) 458-5100.
Big Santa Anita Canyon/Chantry Flats Road – Open. Road information can be obtained at the County of Los Angeles website, http://gis.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures, or by contacting the Sierra Madre Police Department at (626) 355-1414. Gate closed 8:00pm to 6 a.m.
Big Tujunga Canyon Road – Open. Road information can be obtained at the County of Los Angeles website, http://gis.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures, or you may contact them at (626) 458-5100.
Chaney Trail - Open. Road information can be obtained at the County of Los Angeles website, http://gis.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures. Gate closed 8:00pm to 6:00am.
Santa Clara Divide Road (3N17) - Open between Bear Divide west to Wilson Saddle- Gate hours at Bear Divide are 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.; the road is not plowed and may be inaccessible due to deep snow and ice through May.

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Upper Big Tujunga Canyon Road – Open. Road information can be obtained at the County of Los Angeles website, http://gis.dpw.lacounty.gov/roadclosures, or you may contact them at (626) 458-5100.

TRAILS:

All trails within the Station Fire Recovery Closure Area are closed until further notice. To view a closure Map please come into any Forest Service Office or go online to www.fs.fed.us/r5/angeles/ and click on Fire Closures to view maps for the areas. The areas that have burned and are outside the closure area have dead brush and trees that are falling down especially during winds, caution is advised if you decide to hike in those areas.

Always be prepared for your hike, and let someone know where you will be hiking and what time you are due back. Mountain weather can change suddenly and very drastically. Do not hike into areas that have yellow flagging or signs that state an area is closed. Your life may depend on it!

RIVERS AND STREAMS:

Use extreme caution around streams, as the rocks are slippery and after a storm could be prone to flash flooding.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

- Be prepared by checking the weather forecast; it can snow anytime of the year above 5,000 feet.
- After a snowfall wait 24-48 hours before hiking to lessen the avalanche danger.
- Let someone know where you are going and when you plan to return, never hike alone.
- Please use caution when utilizing the trails; it could save your life.
- Stay out of canyon bottoms during and immediately after rains because of flash flood dangers.
- Please make sure you pack in drinking water, energy food, and extra clothing with you.
- **Mountain bikes are prohibited on the Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) and within all wilderness areas.**

North Fork Station - Host present for the PCT users.

Gabrielino National Recreation Trail, 11W14 – Open from Chantry Flat Picnic Area to Swizter Picnic Area and from JPL to Paul Little Picnic Area. **Closed between Paul Little and Switzer Fall.**

Pacific Crest Trail (PCT) – **Closed between Eagles Roost picnic Area and Burkhart Trail. Follow the South Fork Trail from Islip Saddle to the High Desert Trail to the Burkhart Trail; West Pacifico Campsite to Mill Creek Summit- hike 3N17 dirt road, see route at www.PCTA.org**

Silver Moccasin National Recreation Trail, 11W06 – Open

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For safety reasons, **equestrian travel** is **NOT RECOMMENDED** on the following trails: **Bear Canyon 12W08, Burkhart 10W02, Creekside 11W11, Devil's Canyon 11W07, First Water 11W14.B, Indian 11W18, Kenyon Devore 11W13, Lower Sam Merrill 12W14.1, Lower Winter Creek 11W15, Middle Sam Merrill 12W14.2, National Forest 11W10, Nature's Canteen 12W03A, Rim 11W28, Twin Peaks 10W04.A, Upper Sam Merrill 12W14.3, Upper Winter Creek 11W23, Zion 11W17 Station Fire Closure- Burton 12W19, Colby Canyon 12W23, Colby Canyon 12W23.1, Condor Peak 13W05, Dawn Mine 12W13, Fall Creek 12W02, Gold Canyon 13W06, Stone Canyon 13W07, Strawberry 12W05.2, Strawberry Peak 12W05.1, Tom Sloan 12W22, Trail Canyon 13W03, World of Chaparral 12W03.**

For safety reasons, **mountain bike travel** is NOT RECOMMENDED on the following trails: **Bear Canyon 12W08, San Gabriel Peak12W24, Station Fire Closure- Dawn Mine 12W13, and Tom Sloan 12W22.** *In all cases, please remember **BICYCLISTS** are required to yield the right-of-way to equestrians, and hikers, AND to travel at a controllable speed.*

VISITOR ACTIVITIES:

Chilao Visitor Center : Closed until further notice

Haramokngna American Indian Cultural Center (at Red Box Saddle) For more information contact the Cultural Center at (626) 449-8975, or visit their website at **www.haramokngna.org** for scheduled events.

Mt. Wilson Observatory – Contact Mt. Wilson Observatory at (626) 793-3100 or visit **www.mtwilson.edu** for additional information.

VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES:

For more information, contact Dennis Merkel at (818) 899-1900, ext. 229.