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JPL TRAILBUILDERS

TRAIL MAINTENANCE Saturdays October 9 *Note Date Change*

October 30 *Added date*

November 13 *Note Date Change*

December 4, 2010

(Rain cancels any outing)

Monthly Volunteer meetings are held the third Wednesday of every other month at 7:00 p.m (Nov 17) at LAUSD maintenance yard trailer 740 W. Woodbury Rd. Pasadena. Call Kathie for directions.

LEADERS: Kathie Reilly 818-354-8321 (JPL) 626-798-7256 (home)
Jack Russell 562-861-3187

CLASSIFICATION: Easy to strenuous, up to you.

COST: none

TRIP LIMIT: none

WHAT HAPPENED:

We are making good progress on the South San Gabriel Peak Trail. We spent one outing restoring from the bottom after Eaton Saddle. We were clearing out a lot of new growth, which turned out to be Poodledog plant which can be as bad on the skin as poison oak. Watch out for it, it's very prolific after forest fires. The next outings were so hot we thought it might be a little cooler working near the top (not much). There are some major wash outs that need a lot of rock fill and trail edge. There are plenty of rocks that have come down, and we have to be careful not to start any new slides.

WHAT'S HAPPENING:

We will continue restoring the South San Gabriel Peak Trail. Almost every inch of it needs at least some rock clearing, tread leveling, and careful removal of the Poodledog plants. It is good to see the scrub oak coming back and needing cutting back from the trail.

BRING:

Dayhike gear (daypack, lunch, water), sun screen, bug repellent, hat, work boots, long sleeved shirt, long pants, and work gloves. You can bring your own tools or are welcome to use those from our group supply.

MEET:

Meet at 8:15 AM at ball diamonds parking lot in the lower part of Hahamongna Park. Get off the 210 freeway at the Berkshire off-ramp and follow the signs for JPL and Hahamongna Park. Once you turn into the park, go down the driveway, make a right at the bottom and look for us in the parking lot by the ball diamonds. (If that is full, we park in the dirt lot directly at the bottom of the driveway) We will sign in and form carpools, leaving at 8:30 sharp, returning around 4 PM. The leaders take passengers, but make sure you have plenty of gas in case we need more drivers (riders can give drivers \$1 towards gas).

Until Angeles Crest opens, we have to go via Sunland to Big Tujunga and Upper Big Tujunga to Angeles Crest, and down to Red Box. If anyone would prefer to meet us at the Coco's parking lot in Sunland on Foothill just past the 210 around 9 am please call Kathie and let her know. Otherwise we won't stop.

Next tentative dates January 8 and 29, February 19, 2011