



Volunteer NEWSLETTER

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"100 years of Caring for the Land and Serving People"

"Farewell Newsletter"...

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The Big Pines Ranger Station

Big Pines, CA – Due to budget constraints and lack of funds, the Big Pines Ranger Station has been closed to the public indefinitely. The Big Pines volunteers will still be working out of the station and will continue to answer the public's questions and provide up-to-date information on road and trail conditions, fire restrictions, forest safety, etc., and will continue to issue campfire permits while out in the field.

Sadly, with the closing of the Big Pines Station, this July 2012 issue of the "Big Pines Volunteer Newsletter", which has been published since September 2009, will be the last issue. I want to take this opportunity to thank all those people who helped to provide the accurate information, whether it be about the history of the area or the plant and animal life found in our forest, that made this newsletter such a success.

Where can you continue to get the latest Angeles National Forest information for the Big Pines area?

The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center is open on weekends and most holidays from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. It is staffed by knowledgeable volunteers that can answer any questions you may have about the area.

You can also continue to get the latest information or ask questions on the "Big Pines Ranger Station" Facebook Page.

Only Daily or Annual Adventure Passes are available at the Grassy Hollow Visitor Center and some of the merchants in Wrightwood. All other passes, as well as wood permits must be obtained at the Santa Clara/Mojave Rivers Ranger District Office located at 33708 Crown Valley Road, Acton, CA., 93510.

Campground and other information can be obtained through the Angeles National Forest's website:



<http://www.fs.usda.gov/angeles/>

Another good source of local Big Pines area information is found at:



<http://www.wrightwoodcalif.com/>

Special points of interest:

- The road leading down into Camp Lupine is now open.
- Jackson Lake will be stocked the weeks of July 8th and 22nd.
- The Fuel Reduction Project continues along Blue Ridge. Hikers need to remain cautious in the area...



[For More Info](#)

The Editor

NO FIREWORKS

It is fire season and very dry in the forest. One spark from fireworks can start a large, dangerous wildfire



Fire officials want to remind visitors that the possession or use of all fireworks, even those deemed "safe and sane" are prohibited on national forest lands. Violation of this law is punishable as a misdemeanor by a fine of not more than \$5,000 or imprisonment of not more than six months, or both.

Human-caused wildfires , which damage natural resources, threaten lives and property, account for 94% of all wildfires on the Angeles National Forest.

ARCADIA, Calif. – Angeles National Forest Fire Chief James Hall wants to remind visitors and campers that the possession or use of all fireworks, even those deemed "safe and sane", are prohibited on the forest.

Fireworks and other pyrotechnic devices are prohibited on national forest lands year round, regardless of weather conditions or holidays. Patrols will be out in force.

The Fire Danger Level is currently "High". Open wood and charcoal fires are permitted in developed campgrounds and picnic areas only, where fire rings and grills are provided.

Visitors are also reminded to ensure that all fires are extinguished and cold to the touch before leaving them. Petroleum jelly and propane stoves are permitted in non-developed areas with a valid California Campfire Permit.



Grassy Hollow Summer Programs...

- Saturday, July 14th, 10:00 AM**
Our Changing Forest
 What do we know about forest dynamics? How have our forests changed? Find answers to these questions.

Time: Approximately 1 hour
Location: Grassy Hollow VIS
Leader: Julie Crick;
 Masters in Forestry, NFA
- Sunday, July 15th, 1:00 PM**
Lightning Ridge Nature Walk
 With one of our knowledgeable volunteers, walk through an area of the forest containing examples of the forces of nature that shape our region. Approx ½ mile easy hike.

Time: Approximately 45 minutes
Location: Inspiration Point
Leaders: Sabrina Johnson;
 VANF Member
- Saturday, July 21st, 10AM – 4PM**
Mountain Man Talk
 Would you like to meet a real mountain man and his pack animals? They will show you Old Ways for Modern Days. He's riding in today to the Grassy Hollow VIS Amphitheater to promote the use, care, and development of California backcountry trails, campsites, streams and meadows; and to advocate good trail manners. He has a wealth of information to share and demonstrate with visitors.

Time: All day long
Location: Grassy Hollow VIS
Leader: Terry Haider;
 Santa Ana River Unit
- Sunday, July 22nd, 11AM, 1:30PM**
Reptiles!
 See many live specimens. You will learn about the snakes and lizards that slither and crawl around in our area.

Time: Approximately 1 1/2 hours
Location: Grassy Hollow VIS
Leader: Joshua Cummings;
 Herpetologist
- Saturday, July 28th, 1:00 PM**
Plant Identification Walk
 Join two professionals who will take you on a walk and teach you to identify some of our local plants and wildflowers. An easy one mile hike.

Time: Approximately 1- 1 1/2 hour
Location: Grassy Hollow VIS
Leader: Kim Williams; Professor of Biology, & Naomi Fraga; Botanist
- Sunday, July 29th, 1:00 PM**
Bird Talk
 Enjoy learning about the birds of our area by hearing a well-versed, experienced authority on birds and their habitat.

Time: Approximately 1 hour
Location: Grassy Hollow VIS
Leader: Don Fisher;
 Wrightwood Resident
- There are no special programs scheduled for Saturday, July 7th or Sunday, July 8th. The Grassy Hollow Visitor Center will be open.

Weather Extremes Big Pines Station

June 2012

Low: 6th 40°
 High: 20th 88°
 Wind: 4th 31
 Precipitation: 0.00 in



[Entire Summer Schedule 2012](#)

Programs at the Table Mt. Amphitheater...

- Saturday, July 14th, 8:00 PM**
Movie Night
 "The Lion King"
- Saturday, July 28th, 5:00 PM**
Music Night
 "Country Crooning Cowboys"



Current Fire Danger



c. 1925



c. 1930

Interested in Volunteering out of the Historic Big Pines Station?

Call: (760) 249-3504 or Email:
Ron Heinig: rheinig@fs.fed.us

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*The Wrightwood
Communications Group
has a disaster
preparedness net each
Sunday evening at 6:00
pm.*

<http://www.kw6ww.com/>



*Wrightwood CERT has
weekly FRS Nets on
Sundays at 5:30 pm*

<http://www.wrightwoodcert.com>



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Upcoming meetings (3rd Tues each month)

Tues Jan 17, 2012
Tues Feb 21, 2012
Tues Mar 20, 2012
Tues Apr 17, 2012
Tues May 15, 2012
Tues Jun 19, 2012
Tues Jul 17, 2012
Tues Aug 21, 2012
Tues Sep 18, 2012
Tues Oct 16, 2012
Tues Nov 20, 2012
Dec 2012 - No Meeting

7pm, at the
Wrightwood Museum
6000 Cedar St.
(Old Fire Station)

Meeting Information:
(760) 249-5248



Grassy Hollow
Visitor's Center

www.grassyhollow.net

The Volunteers of the Angeles...

Meetings of the Volunteers are held on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:00 pm at the United Methoist Church located at 1543 Barbara Street in Wrightwood. All meetings are open to the public.

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