



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 10, 2010
TO: Tom Odom, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: Ranger Services

Park Visitor Contacts

- Through week ending February 21, 2010
- Estimated 150 patrol hours
- 200 – 250 park visitors.

We had a total of 6 individual Rangers patrolling in and around the reserve. We continue to have a good compliance rate among the park visitors.

Warned and Advised

- 6 Dogs off Leash (4 - Portuguese / 2 – Forrestal)
- 2 Closed Area / Hikers (Ishibashi / Eagle's Nest)
- 2 Parasailers at Portuguese Nature Reserve (Crenshaw Overlook)
- 1 Prohibited Area (Abalone Cove – Vehicle parked)

Citations Issued

- 1 Parasailer (Portuguese Bend Reserve)
- 3 Dog off Leash (2 - Portuguese / 1 - Forrestal)

Administrative

- Discuss permitted after hours use and Ranger-led night hikes with Katie Howe
- Court filings at Torrance Superior Court
- Meeting with Lily Verdone (PVPLC) to discuss signage and trail issues



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Park Maintenance

Portuguese Bend Reserve:

- Burma Road (Washout – all access)
- Lower Peppertree Trail (no vehicle access – installed “Trail Damage Ahead” signage)
- Ishibashi Trail (ruts lower portion)
- Landslide Scarp Trail (washout)
- Remove graffiti off Crenshaw Blvd gate
- Remove graffiti off Burma Road trail marker
- Pick up litter on Crenshaw overlook area
- Vandalized Trail Markers

Abalone Cove Reserve:

- Smugglers Trail (unstable due to erosion caused by the rains)

Forrestal Reserve

- Remove graffiti at “Cool” overlook
- Trash can overflowing at terminus of Forrestal Road

Interpretative / Signage

- Remove “Do Not Enter – Trail Closed – Fire Recovery Area” signs
- Remove “Attention Fire Recovery Area” signs
- Install “Trail Damage Ahead” on Peppertree Trail
- Recommend replacement of vandalized trail markers

We continue you have good compliance from all user groups in Portuguese Bend Reserve. The heavy rains have taken a toll on the trails in lower portion of the reserve. There is no vehicle access from Palos Verdes Drive via Peppertree trail due to deep ruts caused by the runoff from the rain. There is a major washout on Burma Road prior to the top of Barn Owl and barricades were still in place to warn the public of the trail damage. There is a major washout on the Landslide Scarp trail and it is difficult for horses to cross. We will continue to monitor the conditions of the trails. We have begun to patrol Forrestal Reserve and observed many dog walkers. A professional dog walker was observed on the trail with several dogs and they were all on leash. We notified the Land Conservancy of the missing signage on the Pirate and Quarry trails. There is evidence that water is being diverted into the reserve from



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a private residence on Cool Heights. The report and pictures of a second animal burial site on "Inspiration Point" were of the same remains buried earlier and were already removed when we went out to confirm. The Abalone Cove Reserve gates appear to have been compromised. We have been told by several people that "everyone has the code" We warned and advised one person who was parked in Abalone Cove. There was no unusual activity at Sacred Cove.