



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: April 15, 2014
TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger
RE: MRCA/RPV Ranger Services Activity Report – Invoice #C12

PRESERVE VISITOR CONTACTS

- January – March 2014
- 615 Patrol Hours
- 44 Interpretative Hours (including 19 hours Volunteer Trail Watch Training)
- 8 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period

RANGER HOTLINE LOG

- Poaching | Disturbing Wildlife
 - Fishing in “no take” zone via boat (PVIC – under Lighthouse) x 2
- Unauthorized Trail Use
- Dogs on Beach
- Dogs off leash
- Illegal Dumping | Littering in Preserve
- Unauthorized Commercial Use
- Trail marker issues
- Child off trail | Adult confrontational (Forrestal – Quarry)
- Wedding Proposal request after hours (Del Cerro)
- Lost and Found #
- No Smoking Sign Destroyed (Portuguese – Barn Owl)
- Lots of trash (Portuguese – Barn Owl)
- Random White Truck driving up and down street (Ocean Terrace Drive – Ranger | LASO checked -Landscaper looking for business)
- Littering at PVIC
- Baby Skunk stuck on Hawthorne Boulevard Island
- Speeding Mtn Bike (Portuguese – Landslide)
- Archery Gate locked

- Mountain Bikes on unauthorized trail (Portuguese – Burma|Panorama)
- Loose Pitbull (RPV Beach)
- Are dogs allowed? (Palos Verdes Preserves)
- Commercial Activity (Portuguese – Burma @ Water Tank) selling water machines
- Dogs off Leash (Ladera Linda)

PRESERVE ACTIVITY

Portuguese Bend Reserve

Monitor Unauthorized Trail Use

- Off Burma to Panorama/Sandbox
 - Mountain Bikes going down | Hikers going up
- Eagle Nest to Burma
 - Mountain Bikes going down | Hikers going up
- Peppertree cut through
 - Mountain Bikes going down | Hikers going up

Private trail system from Rolling Hills to Portuguese Bend Reserve (Private access to Rim Trail and Barn Owl Trail)

- All users groups

Trail Route Confusion

- Rim Trail

After hour activity

- Primarily local residents walking dogs (including Rolling Hills via Fire Station Trail and Burma Trail)
 - Couples at Del Cerro Park
- Organized Bike Rides (no habitat damage)
 - Via Filiorum Reserve

Forrestal Reserve

- Meet-up Groups going to Abalone Cove Reserve (beach below Archery Range)

Ocean Trails Reserve

- Sagebrush Walk Trail railroad ties missing very steep
- Report of motorcycle on trails (found no evidence of activity)

Three Sisters Reserve

- Bike accident (refused medical)
- Early morning dog walkers

Filiorum Reserve

- Increased hiker usage
- Clear trail designation needed

San Ramon Reserve

- No new bike jumps
- Activity has moved to canyon on Los Angeles County property (Friendship Park)
- No Trail Markers

Abalone Cove Reserve

- Large groups at Tide pools (low tide) disturbing sea life (warned and advised)
- Trash at Sacred Cove
- Commercial Photographers filming without permits (warned and advised)

Vicente Bluff Reserve

- Park Visitors are climbing over fence at the Calle Entradero lot
- Divers are using unauthorized trails to access beach

We have begun to monitor after hour activities in the Preserves. The activities have been primarily in Del Cerro Park and Abalone Cove Reserve. Recommend additional reflective Preserve hour signs at the entrance to:

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Gate at end of Crenshaw Blvd

Forrestal Reserve

- Gate on Forrestal Drive

Abalone Cove Reserve

- Gates at Olmstead Trail, Beach School Trail and Bow and Arrow Trail

Montemalaga Property

- Current activity (Local Residents and Ranger Observation)
 - Dog Walkers
 - Organized Night Hikes
 - “Party Spot” – evidence of alcohol and graffiti (Mossbank Trail)
- Recommended Designation - Hiker Only
- Potential after hour issues
 - View point off Grayslake Road
 - Evidence of “party spot” off Mossbank Trail

January

- Dog off Leash
 - Portuguese Bend Reserve (5)
 - Ranger received dog bite while issuing citation | Report sent to Animal Control
 - Forrestral Reserve

February

- Dog off Leash
 - Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - Forrestral Reserve
 - Founders
 - RPV Beach
 - Palos Verdes Interpretative Center
- Radio Controlled Plane
 - San Ramon Reserve
- Unauthorized Trail Use
 - Portuguese Bend Reserve (2)
 - BIKE
- Park Hours
 - Portuguese Bend Reserve (5)
 - BIKE

MARCH

- Fire
 - Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve
- Park Hours | Fire
 - Abalone Cove Ecological Reserves (9)

PVPLC/RPV Preserve Management Team

- January 16, 2014
- February 6, 2014
- March 6, 2014

Preserve Management Team/PUMP Public Forum Meeting

- February 19, 2014

PVPLC/RPV Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW) Training Classes

- February 22, 2014 Orientation
 - MRCA Ranger role and activities
 - RPV City Rules and Regulations
 - Signage / Trail Designation
 - Importance of VTW Data
 - Communication Procedures
 - Common Problems (hot spots) in the Preserves
 - Self-preparedness
 - Dealing with and helping Preserve Visitors

- March 29, 2014 Visitor Contact Scenarios

INTERPRETATIVE PROGRAMS**MRCA JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM**

March 8th and 9th | Program Orientation

Ladera Linda Community Center / Forrestal Nature Reserve

- Program information and what to bring to each session

March 22nd | Trail Trackers and Bird Watching

Point Vicente Park / Civic Center / Alta Vicente Reserve

- Learn animal tracking and bird watching skills as we venture out to find clues about the wildlife living in our hills and neighborhoods. Also learn about the special protected bird species in the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve

MRCA RANGER-LED NIGHT HIKES - Portuguese Bend Reserve

- January 30 | Moonlit Hike
- February 15 | Full Moon Hike
- March 8 | Moonlit Hike

Upcoming Interpretative Programs

- Trail User Group Trail Safety and Etiquette
 - Outreach to Bike Shops
 - Outreach to CORBA (Concerned Off-Road Bicyclists Association)