



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: November 3, 2015
TO: Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger
RE: RPV | MRCA Ranger Services Activity Report – Inv#1516.01

Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Activities

- July - September 2015
- 626 Patrol Hours
- 23 Interpretive Hours
- 9 Rangers patrolled the Preserve during this period

ABALONE COVE RESERVE

This quarter the Rangers focused patrol along the coastal reserves, primarily Abalone Cove Reserve at the City's direction. Rangers assisted Los Angeles County Fire (Lifeguards) and Los Angeles County Sheriff in monitoring Gorge 2 and 3 in Sacred Cove during significant swells and trail closures.

We continued to monitor restoration areas and spur trail closures. Hikers tend to go off trail and ask for directions back to the parking lot at the following intersections:

- Sea Dahlia and Olmstead trails
- Beach School and Abalone Cove trails
- Portuguese Point Loop and Olmstead trails

PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE

The trail markers at Ishibashi Farm Trail continue to be confusing. “No Bike” and “Bike allowed” trail markers are double stacked. **(Pictures on file)**

Recommend researching trail options to slow down bike speed at the beginning and end of Ishibashi Trail. **(Pictures on file)**

Mountain Bikers are accessing Portuguese Bend Reserve via Forrestal Reserve.

Hikers continue to ask for directions to the beach and how to get back to Del Cerro Park (Crenshaw) at the following intersections and trail junction:

- Peppertree and Ishibashi Farm Trails
- Peppertree, Landslide Scarp and Toyon Trail Junction
- Water Tank and Burma Trails
- Panorama and Burma Trails

FORRESTAL RESERVE

There are issues with trail markers at the multi-use junction of Flying Mane, Mariposa and Basalt. Flying Mane traffic can assume they are still on Flying Mane because the trail marker is not visible. **(Pictures on file)** The double stacked trail marker is visible to traffic coming off Mariposa Trail. **(Pictures on file)** but, other side of the trail marker is only visible if you are standing off trail in the brush. This side of trail marker is triple stacked and the bottom portion is partially buried. **(Pictures on file)** All three multi-use trails lead to the hiker only Quarry Trail and an Equestrian | Hiker Turnaround. The mountain bikers are turning onto the hiker only Quarry Trail because a second trail marker is not visible to traffic coming off Basalt. **(Pictures on file)**

OCEAN TRAILS RESEVE (including Founders Park | RPV Beach)

The paragliders are still landing on RPV Beach. Recommend “Area Closed” or “No Beach Access” across from the bench at West Portal Trail and behind the lifeguard stand on RPV Beach. **(Pictures on file)**

SAN RAMON RESERVE

Monitor trails for new bike jumps. Hikers have created trail to access Reserve due to the steep grade and erosion at authorized trailhead. It appears to less activity during this quarter.

Observed paragliders are taking off on LA County Property near Friendship Park.

THREE SISTERS RESERVE

Field Visit with PVPLC Conservation Director to discuss trail marker placement. **(pictures on file)**

- McBride Trail and McCarrell Canyon Trail look the same. McBride is the primary entrance to Three Sisters.
- There is a McCarrell Canyon Trail marker at Ocean Terrace Dr (outside Reserve?).
- Barkentine | McCarrell Canyon trail markers double stacked. Recommended separating.
- Recommended "Stay on Trail" signs.
- Overall, more thought and consideration on trail marker placement. Possible change from current trail markers to post.
- Recommended moving "Filiorum Reserve" funding sign out of Three Sisters Reserve to Filiorum Reserve (Pacifica)

All Wildlife Rescue and Education was notified of an injured (right talon) Red tail Hawk at Three Sisters Reserve. They are authorized by the Department of Fish and Wildlife.

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE

Follow up on report of homeless camp off North Spur trail. Found no evidence of encampment but found swing on tree.

I advise some regular dog walkers from the nearby homes off Via Capri about the Rancho Caminos Dog Park. Recommend directional signs to "Dog Park" from North Spur and South Spur trails.

RANGER HOTLINE CALLS – 43

ABALONE COVE RESERVE

- Call for assistance from LA County Lifeguard (swell coming in)
- Nude man in Sacred Cove (PVPLC Keeper)
- Is fishing allowed in Abalone Cove?
- Archery Range member keeps parking at Archery Range and going to the beach.
- Line fishing at Abalone Cove (Spearfishing Only)
- Fisherman harassing visitor
- When are trails opening
- After-hours activity (large group)

CITATIONS ISSUED – 4

- Area Closed (Hikers) – 2
- No animals allowed on beach - 2

PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE

- Unsafe biking on Ishibashi Trail
- Increase of dogs off leash
 - Dog almost attacked
 - Caller identified Portuguese Bend Reserve as Del Cerro Park
- Dehydrated Hiker
- Coyote on Burma early morning

CITATIONS ISSUED – 2

- Dog off Leash

FORRESTAL RESERVE

- What type of stone?
- Someone tent camping

OCEAN TRAILS RESERVE

- Poaching (fishing allowed)
- Dogs allowed on trails?
- Are trails open

CITATIONS ISSUED – 2

- Dog off Leash
- Dog in prohibited area

ALTA VICENTE RESERVE

- Homeless man sleeping or sick

MISC Ranger Service Calls

- Citation questions (City Staff)
- Trespassers in Narcissa private community
- Someone camping in car on Forrestal Drive (VTW)
- Archery Range member parking and going to beach
- Permit for collecting animals
- Lost wallet
- Archery Classes for kids
- Blue Whale caught in fishing net
- Fishing below Archery Range
- Aggressive dogs at dog park
- Set up table and chairs at Founders Park
- After hours wedding proposal at Founders Park
- Unauthorized trail use (BIKES)
- Fishing Dates

INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS

- Fall 2015 Junior Ranger Program
- Full Moon Hike (Forrestal Reserve)

Administrative | Meetings

- PVPLC/CITY Monthly Preserve Management Team Meetings
- Abalone Cove Safety Task Force Meeting

Enforcement Updates

- AB 298, which allows officers in the field the discretion to cite MPA violations as either a misdemeanor or an infraction, was signed into law on June 30th and will go into effect on January 1st, 2016.
- 12.16.140 Rancho Palos Verdes Ordinance (Bail Schedule pending court approval)
 - Overnight Camping within the Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Prohibited.