



## **MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY**

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### **MEMORANDUM**

**DATE:** April 27, 2016  
**TO:** Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
**FROM:** Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger  
**RE:** RPV | MRCA Ranger Services Activity Report – Inv#1516.03

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#### **Palos Verdes Nature Preserve Activities**

- January – March 2016
- 592 Patrol Hours
- 8 Interpretative Hours
- 6 Rangers patrolled the Preserves during this period

There has been an increase of activity in Filiorum, Three Sisters and Forrestal Reserves since the parking restrictions on Crenshaw Boulevard. The MRCA continues to stress the importance of properly posted trail markers to assist the new and regular users in navigating their way around the designated trails.

The enforcement priorities were unauthorized trail use in Portuguese Bend Reserve and Forrestal Reserve.

## PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE

Enforcement Priorities - Monitored unauthorized trail use on Rim / Grapevine / Paintbrush trails.

- Evidence of unauthorized trail use by horses and bikes off Grapevine Trail and Paintbrush Trail. Bikes not allowed on Grapevine and Paintbrush. Equestrians are going off Grapevine Trail **(Pictures on file)**
- Grapevine and Paintbrush trail markers not visible from Ishibashi trail. Recommend using 4 x 4 Carbonite trail post

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

Mountain Bikers access Portuguese Bend Reserve via Forrestal Reserve and Rolling Hills.

PVPLC, City, and MRCA staff conducted November 2015 site visit to correct unclear signage at the trail junctions of Ishibashi Farm/Peppertree. The trail markers at Ishibashi Farm Trail are confusing. "No Bike" and "Bike allowed" trail markers are double stacked. **(Pictures on file)**

*November 2015 recommendations changes still pending*

There was confusion regarding an unmarked official trail (North Sandbox – Hiker/Equestrian Only) was an official trail. Almost exclusively mountain bikers are using this trail. Recommend designation change. **(Pictures on file)**

There is continued use of spur trails by Equestrians off Vanderlip trail to Gary Gulch trail in Filiorum Reserve. Location of bench and evidence of grazing found **(Pictures on file)**

## FORRESTAL RESERVE

There are continued issues with trail markers at the 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)** The other side of the trail marker is only visible if you are standing off trail in the brush. Trail marker is triple stacked and the bottom portion is partially buried. **(Pictures on file)** Three multi-use trails lead to the hiker only Quarry Trail and an Equestrian Turnaround. Mountain bikers turn right onto the Quarry Trail because a second trail marker is not visible to traffic coming off Basalt. **(Pictures on file)**

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- Enforcement Priorities – Monitor Vista trail for spur trail usage.
  - Found no evidence of recent spur trail usage
  - Trail markers continue to be unclear, confusing or not visible
- View from Purple Sage to Conqueror / Cactus Jct
  - No clear indication you are transitioning from Purple Sage to Conqueror. **(33.74016, -118.35343)**
- View from Dauntless shows trail marker with Canyon trail and Vista Point / Canyon View **(33.74143, -118.35459)**
  - Trail Name? Canyon or Canyon View?
  - Trail Name? Vista or Vista Point?
  - Wooden stack delineators at Vista **(33.74154, -118.35453)** are only six inches in ground and/or held up by rocks.
- Recommend posting distance to Portuguese Bend Reserve and Abalone Cove Reserve.

## OCEAN TRAILS RESEVE (including Founders Park | RPV Beach)

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

### SAN RAMON RESERVE

Found two small bike jumps.

### THREE SISTERS RESERVE

- 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.
- Recommended moving "Filiorum Reserve" funding sign out of Three Sisters Reserve to Filiorum Reserve (Pacifica)

### ALTA VICENTE RESERVE

Regular dog walkers requested directional signs to Rancho Caninos Dog Park from nearby residences. They were unaware of the dog park.

### ABALONE COVE RESERVE

High surf advisory.

### 36 Ranger Service Calls

#### **January (10)**

1. ABALONE COVE – Boat dumping bait in water
2. Ladera Linda – Couple golfing on soccer field
3. Forrestal – Dog off leash
4. Vista Del Norte – Homeless encampment
  - a. Ranger made contact with transient
  - b. FOLLOW-UP: Area checked for some debris / no evidence of long term camp
5. Del Cerro Park (Portuguese Bend) – Para gliders
6. Portuguese Bend – Scout master checking on trail closure
7. Portuguese Bend – Flashlights going down into reserve
  - a. Call @ 18:52
  - b. Reserve Closed @ 18:17
8. Portuguese Bend – Volunteer called / Men off trail
9. Abalone Cove – Collecting Rocks

#### **February (16)**

1. Forrestal – 4/5 dogs off leash
2. Trump Golf – trash overflowing
  - a. The trails in Trump Golf Course leading to Ocean Trail Reserve.
  - b. Wanted Rangers to issue citation for whomever is responsible for emptying trash.
3. Portuguese Bend – Reminder of monitor survey
4. Three Sisters – Table / Saw on McBride
  - a. Ranger did not find any evidence
5. Portuguese Bend – Paraglide
6. Portuguese Bend – Domestic cat on trail
7. Filiorum – Domestic cat on trail

- a. Abalone Cove – Injured baby sea lion. The Marine Mammal rescue place on beach when they no longer have space and they do follow up checks.
8. Alta Vicente – Night Hike mix-up / rescheduled Ranger-led hike
9. Del Cerro (Portuguese Bend) – lost in park with injured dog
  - a. Hiker assisted to vehicle by Ranger
10. Abalone Cove – SEE #8
11. Portuguese Bend – Injured Hiker / Hiker walked out
12. Del Cerro (Portuguese Bend) – Lot of people / won't leave
  - a. Call @ 6:32pm
  - b. Reserve Closed @ 6:48pm
13. Abalone Cove – Archery Club needed help changing lock.
14. Abalone Cove – Dead Sea Lion
  - According to lifeguards the two dead sea lions have been reported several times in the past week to city and/or marine wildlife rescue personnel.
  - One of the sea lions has a tag #A3223.
  - Both located at the high tide line on the rocky southern beach area.
15. Abalone Cove – Restroom flooded

### **March (10)**

1. Ladera Linda – spike strips not going down
2. Vicente Bluffs – Is spear fishing allowed in Golden Cove and question (?) regarding “No Beach Access” signs
3. Forrestal – Dogs off Leash
4. Abalone Cove – Dead Seal
5. Forrestal – Someone having sex with something. Caller unable to give description of person.
6. Vicente Bluffs – Fishing Violation – Fishing allowed but there is no legal access to the beach.
7. Forrestal – Dog off Leash
8. Lunada Bay – 20-30 dogs off leash
9. Estates at Trump Golf – 3 suspicious males (Private Property)
10. Estates at Trump Golf – someone looks like they are poaching watch (Private Property)

8 - Citation Issued		
Location	Contact Date	Violation
RPV-PORTUGUSE	1/13/2016	DOG OFF LEASH
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RPV-FORRESTAL	1/28/2016	DOG OFF LEASH
RPV-PORTUGUESE	2/4/2016	DOG OFF LEASH
RPV-ABALONE COVE	2/3/2016	DOG OFF LEASH AND NO DOGS ON BEACH
PRV-FORRESTAL RESERVE	2/3/2016	CLOSED AREA
RPV BEACH	2/20/2016	DOG OFF LEASH
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- Found John Deere stuck on Toyon trail (from Narcissa Community)
- Portuguese Bend Lower fence on Palos Verdes Dr. damaged by vehicle
- PELICAN COVE – Ranger observed smoke coming from trash can / extinguished (cigarette)
- Portuguese Bend – Received report of unauthorized race in reserve.
- MRCA Rangers did predawn patrol and found no activity. Race organizers notified by city.
- RPV Preserve Staff Training
  - Tactical Communication for Park Professionals
  - Trail Safety and preparedness
- Rain closures
  - (March) Rangers posted signs - advised public at Portuguese Bend
  - (April) City posted signs - Rangers advised public