



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: June 18, 2010
TO: Tom Odom, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: Ranger Services

Park Visitor Contacts

- April 13, 2010 - June 13, 2010
- 357 patrol hours
- 750 – 900 Park Visitors

Warned and Advised

- 8 Dogs off Leash (5 - Portuguese / 3 – Forrestal)

12 Citations Issued

- 2 Dog off leash (Abalone Cove Shoreline Park)
- 1 Dog off leash (Forrestal)
- 5 Dog off leash (Portuguese)
- 1 Nude Sunbathing (Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve)
- 2 Smoking (Portuguese – Eagle's Nest Trail)
- 1 Fireworks (Abalone Cove Ecological Reserve) – SEE ATTACH REPORT/PHOTOS

Community Outreach

- Meeting with Sierra Club
 - Discuss the Rangers role in the Reserves
- Meeting with Animal Emergency Referral Center
 - Discuss rattlesnake bites
 - \$1200 per anti-venom vile



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Park Maintenance

Portuguese Bend Reserve:

- Remove Graffiti off Crenshaw Blvd Gates
- Picked up litter around trash cans (lids needed to keep birds out)
- Pick up litter on trails (i.e. water bottles)

Abalone Cove Reserve:

- Picked up litter around trash cans (lids needed to keep birds out)
- Dismantled stone cabanas (Sacred Cove)
- Advised maintenance workers of trash overflowing (Sacred Cove - bottom of Smuggler's Trail)

Forrestal Reserve

- Remove graffiti at "Cool" overlook railing
- Pick up litter around trash cans (lids needed to keep birds out)
- Empty trash can at Purple Sage trail
- Pick up dumping at terminus of Forrestal Road

Interpretative / Signage

- Replace "No Bike" stickers – Portuguese Bend (Ailor, Vanderlip, Landslide Scarp)
- Fill trail map boxes – Forrestal / Portuguese
- School group at tidepools
- Tourist Group at Del Cerro Park
 - Handed out maps

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park – Paddle Board Race

Abalone Cove Reserve (Sacred Cove) There has been increased activity but have not observed lewd behavior. We dismantled 2 (two) "stone cabanas" near the bottom of the Cliffside trail which according to beachgoers are sometimes used for nude sunbathing. An unknown person rebuilt the "stone cabanas". There is a bush that has been hallowed out a can access one of the "stone cabanas" Inside the bush we have found medium size pads that you can sit or lay on. We have observed on several occasions people communicating from inside the bush with other beachgoers in the "stone cabanas". We recommend the bush be cut back or removed.



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Portuguese Bend has been fairly busy but continues to show a good rate of compliance. We passed out dog information cards and Junior Ranger stickers. We have observed rattlesnakes on all the major trails. This is going to be a busy summer for rattlesnakes and we continue to warn and advise park visitors of the importance of staying on the trail and keeping dogs on leash. We assisted a hiker with a dog that was in distress due to lack of water. She was driven to her car and dog was ok after receiving water. LA County fire responded to injured hiker off Burma Road. The LA County fire engine became stuck on Burma Road and blocked in the Ambulance and brush truck. I was able to assist and transport the patient back to her vehicle. LA County dozer unit came and graded the road in order to remove the LA County units off the trail.

Forrestal Reserve remains quiet with the exception of the Soccer fields which are being used as a dog off leash park. I spoke with a representative of AYSO about the dogs causing damage to the fields by digging holes and the owners not picking up after their dogs.