



## MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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### MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** February 10, 2014  
**TO:** Katie Lozano, City of Rancho Palos Verdes  
**FROM:** Jewel Johnson, MRCA Supervising Ranger  
**RE:** RPV | MRCA Ranger Services Activity Report – Invoice #C11

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### PRESERVE VISITOR CONTACTS

- October 1 – December 31, 2013
- 524 Patrol Hours
- 47 Interpretative Hours
- 8 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period

### PRESERVE ACTIVITY

#### Portuguese Bend Reserve

This Reserve continues to be preferred by all user groups. The usage at this time of the year tends to be lower due to cooler weather.

- Unauthorized Trail Use
  - Spur trail off 1<sup>st</sup> Overlook (Hikers)
  - Spur trail off Ishibashi (Bikes | Hikers)
    - Spur trails created during restoration projects are being used by hikers
  - Spur trail off Eagles Nest (Bikes)
  - Landslide Scarp (Bikes)
  - Spur trail off Landslide Scarp (bikes going down | Hikers coming up)
  - Spur trails off Peppertree (Bikes going down | Hikers coming up)
  - Spur trail off Garden (Hikers coming up)
  - Spur trail Burma | Sandbox (Bikes)
  - Spur trails above Barn Owl (Hikers | Bikes)
    - Observed hikers entering and exiting from Rolling Hills property
    - Trail system on private property above Rim Trail used by hikers and mountain bikes to enter Portuguese Bend.

### **Portuguese Bend Reserve cont'**

- Hikers continue to use the old and new route on Rim Trail
  - Existing trail markers unclear– need additional trail markers
- No new spur trails off Fire Station Trail
- No new evidence of lewd behavior off Ishibashi Farm Trail
- Golf Cart entered Reserve from the Narcissa private community

### **Forrestal Reserve**

This reserve has seen increased usage, primarily by “Meet-up” groups of 20 or more hikers. Their final destination is usually the beach below the Archery Range. There is evidence that hikers and bikes are using an unauthorized trail below the soccer field; this trail allows them to access Forrestal Reserve at Conqueror Trail.

#### **Bike jump off Conqueror Trail**



The city lock was missing off Forrestal Road gate.

### **Ocean Trails Reserve**

Ranger Slawter was first responder to hiker who collapsed on trail and monitored vitals until LA County Fire 53 and 106 arrived on scene.

### **Three Sisters Reserve**

Ranger Slawter reported single mountain bike accident. The rider refused medical help. We are monitoring the reserve for usage patterns. Issues reported are dogs off leash and bike jumps. Information of reported domesticated hawk forwarded to Department of Fish and Wildlife for further investigation. Hikers are using debris basin steps to connect to McBride Trail. This Reserve primarily used by local residents in early morning and before sunset to walk their dogs. It is recommended that the trails are clearly posted and spur trails are closed before it is discovered by a broader group of users

### **Filiorum Reserve**

Hikers and bikes are increasingly accessing Portuguese Bend Reserve via Rattlesnake trail. The trails (Eucalyptus and Gary's Gulch) near the residential areas need clarification and additional trail markers. Observed fitness groups of 5 – 10 running trails.

Monitoring "Airsoft" use after finding CO2 cartridges on Kelvin Canyon Trail



### **San Ramon Reserve**

- Low usage
- Mountain bikes primarily use this reserve.
- They are building bike jumps, 5 months after removal.
- There is an increase in spur trails.
- There are no trail markers.



### **Vicente Bluffs Reserve**

- Ranger service call reporting campfire on beach. The tent structure was unoccupied. LA County Fire 53 on scene.
- Fishermen, divers, and families continue to climb over railing to access beach and take pictures near parking lot off Calle Entradero, below Seascape and Golden Cove Trails. These are unauthorized and unstable trails.

**Abalone Cove Reserve**

- Evidence of fire pit near lifeguard stand.





**CITATIONS – 14**

**OCTOBER (5)**

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Dog off Leash (4)
- Unauthorized Trail Use (Bike)

**NOVEMBER (7)**

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Dog off Leash (2)
- Unauthorized Trail Use (Bike – 2)
- Unauthorized Vehicle (Golf Cart)
  - Entered from Narcissa community

Founders Park

- Dog off Leash (2)

**DECEMBER (2)**

Palos Verdes Drive West

- Excessive Speed

City Hall

- Dog off Leash

**ADMINISTRATIVE**

November 7: PVPLC | RPV Preserve Management Team

November 13: Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW) Quarter Meeting

November 20: RPV Preserve Management / PUMP Public Forum

No court dates

## **INTERPRETIVE PROGRAMS**

### JUNIOR RANGER PROGRAM

- OCTOBER 12: WILDFIRE AND NATURE

Meet MRCA firefighters and discuss safety and wildfire ecology.

- OCTOBER 26: NATIVE WAYS

Discover how Native Americans lived off the land and sea. Hike the coast and visit the Point Vicente Interpretive Center.

- NOVEMBER 9: ORIENTEERING

Learn navigating skills as you find your way through the Forrestal Nature Reserve using a compass and a trail map.

- NOVEMBER 23: WILDLIFE DETECTIVES

Learn tracking skills as we venture out to find clues about what wildlife live in our hills and neighborhoods! Visit the new Discovery Room.

- DECEMBER 7: GEOLOGY OF RANCHO PALOS VERDES

Search out geodes and fossils of Palos Verdes.

- DECEMBER 14: JUNIOR RANGER GRADUATION

### PORTUGUESE BEND RESERVE Ranger-Led NIGHT HIKES

- November 16 (cancelled)
- December 19

### DISCOVERY ROOM GRAND OPENING at Ladera Linda Community Center

- October 20<sup>TH</sup>