



MOUNTAINS RECREATION & CONSERVATION AUTHORITY

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Tom Odom, Director of Recreation and Parks
City of Rancho Palos Verdes
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Dear Mr. Odom:

The City of Rancho Palos Verdes contracted the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to provide 30 hours a week of Ranger Services beginning December 15, 2009. The initial focus was the burn areas in the Portuguese Bend Reserve.

The following trails were posted, "DO NOT ENTER TRAIL CLOSED, FIRE RECOVERY AREA":

- Ishibashi Trail
- The Rim Trail
- Grapevine Trail
- Paintbrush Trail
- Peacock Flats Trail
- Eagle's Nest Trail
- Ailor Trail

As of February 21, 2010, there has been an estimated 300 hours of patrols, and 65% of those hours were dedicated to the trail closures in the Portuguese Bend Reserve burn areas. In addition to answering questions, picking up litter, removing graffiti, replacing vandalized signs, park visitors were warned and advised of the trail closures and six (6) citations were issued for being in the posted closed areas.

Sincerely,

Jewel Johnson
Supervising Ranger