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MEMORANDUM

DATE: August 6, 2013
TO: Katie Howe, City of Rancho Palos Verdes
FROM: Jewel Johnson, Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority
RE: RPV Ranger Services Activity Report | Invoice #C9

Preserve Visitor Contacts

- April 1, 2013 – June 30, 2013
- 525 Patrol Hours
- 47 Interpretative Hours
- 9 Rangers patrolled the reserves during this period

13 - Citations Issued

APRIL

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - Dog off Leash
- Forrestal Reserve
 - Dog off Leash
- RPV Beach (Sunset Trail)
 - No Animals on Beach

MAY

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - Dog off Leash (2)
- Ladera Linda
 - Dog off Leash
- San Ramon Reserve
 - Radio Control Plane (prior warning)

JUNE

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - Dog off Leash (2)
- Ladera Linda
 - Dog off Leash
- Forrestal Reserve
 - Dog off Leash
- West Bluff Trail
 - Unauthorized Trail Use | Hikers (2)

Meetings

- Preserve Management/PUMP Public Forum
- Land Conservancy's Volunteer Trail Watch Program
 - Volunteer Trail Watch (VTW) Orientation (June 29)
- Fall Interpretative Programs
 - Night Hikes
 - Junior Ranger Program

Interpretative Programs

Junior Ranger Program

- April 6 "Nature and Wildfire! 9am-Noon | Portuguese Bend Reserve
- April 20 "Earth Day" tide pool trip & beach clean-up, 9am-Noon | Abalone Cove
- May 18/19 "Nature at Night" Campout & Graduation | City Hall

4TH of July MRCA Ranger Booth and Hike | Rancho Palos Verdes City Hall and Alta Vicente Reserve

Preserve Maintenance

APRIL

Cool Overlook

- Temporary fix to vandalized post

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Remove tire swing
- Missing stickers | Landslide Scarp and Peppertree Trail Junction
- Report of water leak off Burma Road

Forrestal Reserve

- Warn and advise neighbor to remove unauthorized "improvements" in the reserve

Ocean Trails Reserve

- Down post above Gnatcatcher Trail

San Ramon Reserve

- Public Works crew previously harassed by mountain bikers | Ranger Pera assisted crew during bike jump removal.

MAY

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Ishibashi Trail | Cables cut | Secondary cables ok
 - No evidence of recent bike use but observed foot traffic
- Landslide Scarp | Peppertree trail markers missing

Filiorum | Three Sisters Reserve

- Pacifica Drive entrance | No Reserve signage
- Ocean Terrace Drive entrance | Filiorum Reserve signage at Three Sisters Reserve
- No Three Sisters Reserve signage at the Ocean Terrace Drive entrance
- Five (5) spur and/or unmarked trails

Abalone Cove

- Nursery vandalism

JUNE

Portuguese Bend Reserve

- Unauthorized Trails between Burma and Sandbox | Panorama Trails
- No trail markers at Toyon | Landslide Scarp | Peppertree trail junction
- Temporary repair of restoration area marker off Peppertree Trail
- Beginning of spur trail off Landslide Scarp Trail
- Spur trail off Eagle Nest Overlook
- Unauthorized trail entry/use from Rolling Hills onto Burma Road above Barn Owl

Abalone Cove

- Cut fencing in small lot (formerly "Annie Stand")

Forrestal Reserve

- Trail marker confusion
 - Flying Mane @ Packsaddle
 - Mariposa | Flying Mane | Basalt Trail Junction

Filiorum Reserve

- Kelvin Canyon | Gary Gulch Trail marker down
- Eucalyptus Trail needs clear markers
- Spur trail to viewpoint off Eucalyptus Trail
- Confusion on access to Portuguese Bend Reserve "Vanderlip" Trail via Gary Gulch trail

First Aid

- Handed out bottles of water to preserve visitors (1 case)
 - Group of 40+ hikers starting back from beach below Archery Range to Portuguese Bend Reserve Crenshaw entrance
- Ranger Slawter assisted LACO Fire in locating injured hiker (broken ankle)
 - Filiorum Reserve (Zote's Cutacross)

RANGER OBSERVATIONS

The focus of our patrols this quarter continues to be the Portuguese Bend Reserve. The Toyon | Landslide Scarp | Peppertree trail junction signage still creates confusion for new bike users. The combination of quick spur trail closures and enforcement has lessened the vandalism of the Peppertree trail restoration. We will continue to monitor this problem area. There has been an increase in user group activity in Forrestal Reserve and Upper Filiorum. Large organized groups tend to start at Forrestal Reserve and hike to the beach below the Archery Range or into Portuguese Bend Reserve. As the public discovers the trails in Upper Filiorum and Three Sisters, the importance of clear signage becomes urgent. The Rangers are willing to assist the City and PVPLC in removal of graffiti found in the reserves, small repair and installation of vandalized trail markers and signage upon completion of supply room.

Additional areas of interest:

- Portuguese Bend Reserve
 - After hour vehicle access
 - Found gates open
 - Habitat damage | spur trail creation off Fire Station Trail
 - Parking at entrance to reserve off Palos Verdes Drive South
 - Signage needed "No Stopping Anytime" or "No Parking Anytime"
- San Ramon Reserve
 - Creation of illegal bike jumps
 - Motorcycle access
 - Radio controlled planes
- Abalone Cove Lifeguard Stand
 - After hour access
 - Found glow sticks leading from Palos Verdes Drive South to lifeguard stand
 - Unauthorized professional photo shoot
- Alta Vicente Reserve
 - Homeless encampments
 - Must keep restrooms locked
 - Lockable Port-a-Potty
- RPV Beach | Founders Park | La Rotunda & Twin Harbors trailhead
 - Dogs on Beach
 - Unauthorized trail use off West Portal|West Bluff Trail which is used as an access to the take-off area above RPV Beach lifeguard stand
 - Paragliders depart beach on unauthorized trail behind RPV Beach lifeguard stand or through private beach club community