

THE LOOKOUT



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Jim Kidder reaches his 100th HPS Peak on Ross Mountain

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It can be accessed at: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>



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We hope you enjoy this issue!



Susan Kang celebrates her 100th HPS peak on Sugarpine Mountain

HPS FALL FESTIVAL!!! - SEPTEMBER 26 - 27, 2015
McGILL CAMPGROUND - LOS PADRES NATIONAL FOREST



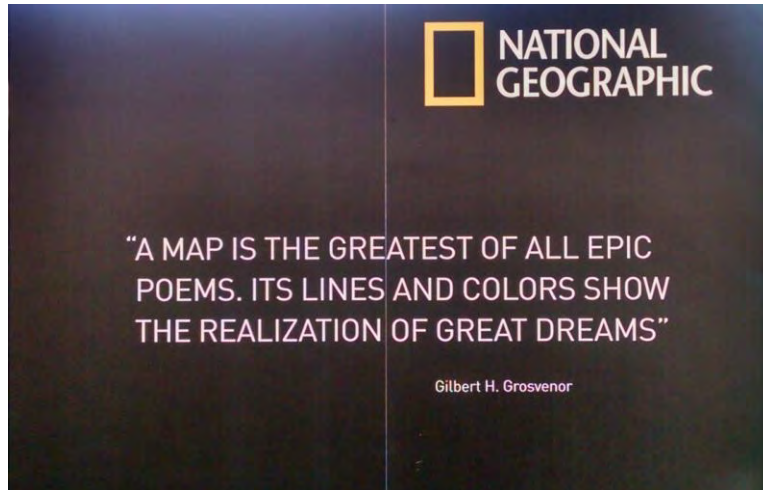
This year the Hundred Peaks Section will be holding its 2015 Fall Festival in the Los Padres National Forest on Saturday September 26 and Sunday September 27. We've reserved one large group campsite for Saturday night (Sep 26) at the McGill Campground near Mt Pinos, CA. The campground is equipped with picnic tables, fire-rings, and vault toilets. It is a dry camp, so be sure to bring along all the water you'll need for the weekend. For those who prefer to sleep indoors, the nearby town of Frazier Park offers a variety of lodging choices. From our campground, we'll be centrally located to many of our most scenic peaks in the Lost Padres National Forest, the Chumash and Sespe Wilderness Areas, and Lockwood Valley. And autumn is probably the best time of year to visit these areas!!

After spending the day bagging peaks on one of the several outings that will be available, Saturday night we'll all meet up at McGee Campground to enjoy a beautiful autumn evening HPS style with a big Potluck Happy Hour. There will be ample opportunity to socialize and hang out around a roaring campfire with old and new friends. Whether you're camping out or staying in nearby Frazier Park, everyone is welcome and all are encouraged to attend. If you're planning on camping out with us, be sure to make reservations in advance as spaces are limited and they're available on a first-come, first-served basis. For questions, campground information, driving directions, potluck suggestions and campground reservations, contact the HPS Programs Chair at mkelliher746@gmail.com

Although specific Outings have yet to be posted at the time of this printing, as we get closer to the event they will be. Make sure to check the HPS Website at <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm> for newly added outings, or the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities at <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities> to find specific outings to be offered. Once you've found the hike(s) you're interested in attending, contact the respective outing leaders directly for status and specific details.

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: LEARNING TOPOGRAPHY IN A SANDBOX

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair



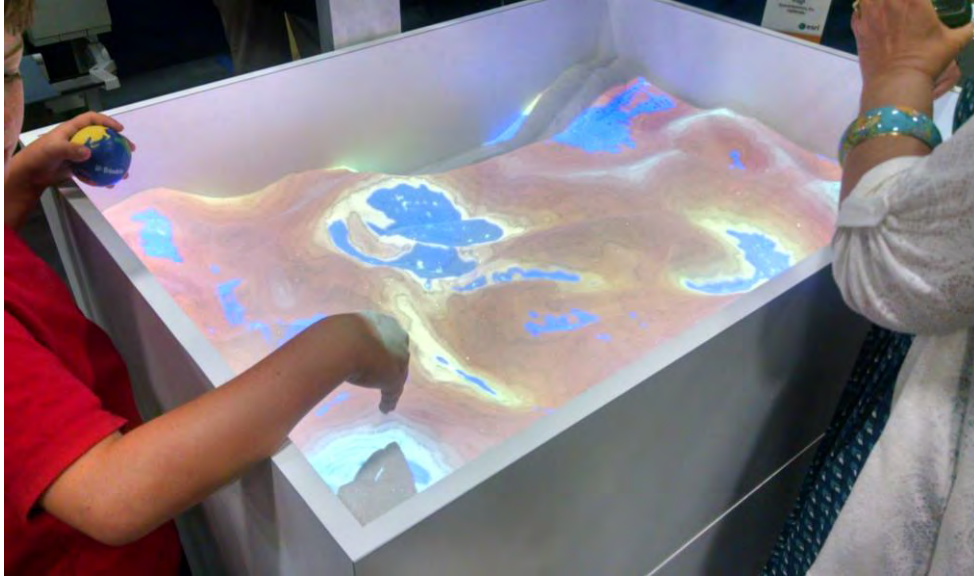
National Geographic exhibit – Esri User Conference,
San Diego Convention Center

In July, I attended the Esri User Conference in San Diego. With more than 15,000 geospatial professionals in attendance, this conference is heaven for map lovers. I spent hours in the Map Gallery where hundreds of maps were on display. Winning entries from the map competition can be found at: <http://www.esri.com/events/user-conference/exhibits/map-gallery-results>.



Environmental Issues map– Esri User Conference,
San Diego Convention Center

In addition to the Map Gallery, the Exhibition Hall had all the latest technology on display. I was excited to see an augmented reality sandbox at the Epson booth. Contour lines are projected on the sand, and as the sand is moved, the contour lines change. A Google search of “augmented reality sandbox” will return more information. A short video demonstrating the sandbox can be found at: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?t=54&v=NorjCgY8Bj8>.



Augmented reality sandbox – Esri User Conference,
San Diego Convention Center

In prior articles, I noted the difficulty that many map readers have in visualizing the shape of the terrain from contour lines on the topographic map. The augmented reality sandbox allows users to see what the contour lines look like as the shape of the terrain changes. This is a great learning tool for both young and old. Unfortunately, at the present time, this is not a very portable teaching instrument.

Upcoming Navigation Event

The Lake Fire burned over 31,000 acres in San Bernardino National Forest. The fire started a few days after our June Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle and burned in the area where we usually navigate. Pictures recently taken from the summit of San Geronio and from the South Fork trailhead reveal that large stands of trees were spared – encouraging news. As a result of the closure, we have relocated our September 20, 2015, navigation noodle to the Mt. Pinos area.

We will close out the year with two navigation noodles in Joshua Tree National Park. Our Indian Cove Navigation Noodle is on November 14-15, 2015. This car camping adventure is a great place for beginners and for those interested in more challenging navigation, we will be holding our Navigation Workshop on 3rd Class Terrain on November 14, 2015. Our final navigation event of the year is the Warren Point Navigation Noodle on December 6, 2015.

At all of our navigation events, we can work with beginners. No prior navigation experience is required. All are welcome!!!

I welcome your navigation questions. Contact me at rmmyers@ix.netcom.com.

Sierra Club Volunteers Provide Trail Maintenance While Peak Bagging

By Stephen Bryne, Sierra Club Hike and Backpack Leader

Recently, Sierra Club volunteers had the opportunity to help maintain trails while hiking to seldom-visited peaks in the Santa Barbara County backcountry. This adventure was courtesy of the Los Bryan Conant's Padres Forest Association (LPFA) with help from U.S. Forest Service (USFS) volunteers. Conant and Mike Smith, leader of the Sisquoc trail repair group, invited volunteers from the Sierra Club to join them on this weekend. The Big Four peaks include Big Pine, West Big Pine, Madulce Peak, and Samon Peak. These are usually done as a 45-mile, 3-day backpack trip. While Mike would lead a group to work on the nearby Sisquoc Trail, we would do trail repair on Madulce Trail on Saturday and would hike to the remaining peaks on the other two days.

Sierra Club volunteers were lead by Hundred Peak Section (HPS) hike leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett. The Doggett's know these peaks well. Peter has completed the entire 279-peak list a remarkable 12 times. The indefatigable Peter once did the Big Four in a single 18 hour day--that is--all 45 miles and 8000 ft. of ascension.

For us, this was a rare chance to experience the Big Four without the 45-mile, 3-day backpack, since we were able to drive to Alamar Saddle. This spot was once forested, but the mature trees were burned during the Zaca Fire. The Zaca Fire began northeast of Buellton on July 4, 2007, and by August 31, it had burned over 240,207 acres, making it California's second largest fire in recorded history after the Cedar Fire of 2003. After making camp at Alamar Saddle, we hiked to West Big Pine and Big Pine Mountain. West Big Pine, at 6490 ft., offers excellent views of the surrounding wilderness. The USFS constructed a fire lookout here in 1934 but it has since been dismantled. June's rains lead to a profusion of wildflowers along the trail, including Indian paintbrush, scarlet bugler, and wallflower.

Big Pine Mountain, at 6800 ft, is the highest point in Santa Barbara County. Conifer forests including white, yellow, Ponderosa, and Jeffrey pines dot the north slope of the appropriately named Big Pine Mountain.

Saturday morning our trail work involved clearing the first 1.5 miles of the 3.5-mile-long Madulce Trail, which is overgrown. After completing this work, we visited Madulce Peak. This 6536-ft peak was named in the 18th century, most likely by Mission padres for the wild strawberries that still grow in the area. The USFS built a fire lookout here in 1934, but the tower was burned in the late 1970s. On the Madulce Trail we traversed through thickets of thimbleberries, which provided delicious, ripe berries.

Wildlife abounds in this part of the wilderness. Bears are commonly seen. Mike reported a close encounter with a mountain lion. Mule deer were spied. Smaller mammals included black-tailed jackrabbit and chipmunk. Bird sightings included mountain quail, spotted

towhee, Western scrub jay, Steller's jay, raven, roadrunner, and common poorwill. Ignacia Doggett and Ellen Dorwin were treated to the sight of a mountain king snake.

On Sunday, we climbed Samon Peak. This peak, at 6227 ft, is reached by a 3-mile out-and-back "use" trail. This trail climbs steeply from near Chokecherry Spring to the top of a ridge then descends into a meadow before traversing four small peaks on the way to Samon Peak. Peter reported that, on one of his trips to Samon, on arriving at the peak, he found the summit register guarded by a rattlesnake. From this rocky summit, there are panoramic views of the nearby wild-and-scenic Sisquoc River.

Overall, this trip was literally a win-win. Sierra Club volunteers were able to provide badly needed trail maintenance while visiting four remote peaks in the Santa Barbara backcountry. A good time was had by all. Many thanks to LPFA, USFS volunteers, and trip leaders Peter and Ignacia Doggett.

References:

Sierra Club Hundred Peak Section.

Website: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/>



Mike Stubblefield (3rd from left) on his first HPS outing visiting Peak and McPherson on 4-13-14. On 6-13-15, he visited his 100th HPS peak on a six peak outing to the 3Ts, Bighorn, Ontario, and Sugarloaf

**Hundred Peaks Section
Management Committee Meeting
May 12, 2015**

- **Coby King, Chair**
- **Bill Simpson, Vice Chair**
- **Mark S. Allen, Secretary**
- **Mat Kelliher, Outings and Safety**
- **Michael McCarty, Membership**
- **Wayne Bannister, Mountain Records**
- **Ron Campbell, Outreach**
- **Meeting Call to order: 6:37pm**
- Approval of 3-10-2015 MCOMM Minutes Mat/Bill/Approved
- Approval of Treasurer's Reports March, April, May Receive/File
- Approval of 5-12-2015 Membership Report Michael McCarty
- MCOMM extends thanks to Greg DeHoogh for many years as Membership Chair
- Programs Report, Mat Kelliher:
 - Spring Fling April 18th, Hurkey Creek Campground
 - Waterman Rendezvous 7-25-15, Mat/Coby/Approved
 - Fall Festival 9-26th & 27th, McGill Camp', Lockwood Valley Mat/Mark/Approved
 - Holiday Hoopla, 12-4th, 5th and, 6th Indian Cove, JTREE
 - Awards Banquet, 1-9-16, Monrovia Restaurant
 - Mat to contact John Robinson's co-author for speaker
 - Mat to try contacting PCT Committee for speaker
- Mark Allen to assume Joe Young's duties with Trophies for Awards Banquet
- MCOMM Extends thanks to Joe Young for many years of service

Outings and Safety, Mat Kelliher

- 5-12-15 Outings Report by Mat Kelliher discussed
- Outlined less hikes completed this year
- Ways to recruit new leaders:
 - Mentoring new graduates just out of LTC
 - "Leader Buddy" system needed to encourage new leaders
 - Opportunity to use List of LTC graduates
 - List sent to Mat by Ron of LTC graduates
 - Coby asks to establish email list of Leaders to increase led hikes.

Mountain Records, Wayne Bannister: New Route to Anderson- Tabled

Peak Guide revisions- Ryan Peak Guide Route 3- Bill/Ron/Approved

Jim Hagar proposed map changes:

- 25G Galena Peak
- 14HIJ Burnham, Baden Powel, Ross
- 26J Minerva Hoyt
- 12FGH Occidental, Wilson, Harvard
- 10EGFH Granite, Rabbit, Iron, Roundtop
- Coby/Mat/Approved
- Lookout Mountain #1 29E Suspension, Bill/Ron/Approved

Discussion re HPS Finances, Ron Campbell:

- Recommendation effective 1-1-17 the Lookout Publication will be electronic only
 - Members without email address or long time members, will continue to receive hardcopy of Lookout publications without premium charge.
 - Effective now New Member Electronic Lookout only
 - Similar to other Sierra Club sections, DPS, and SPS
 - Bill suggest letter from Chair to MCOMM on Electronic Only Lookout
 - Motion for HPS Lookout to be electronic only, Ron/Bill/Approved

Conservation Chair Appointed- Bill Simpson

HPS Nominating Committee

Ignacia Doggett

Tanya Roton

HPS Awards Committee Tabled to July Meeting

Angeles Chapter Awards Committee Tabled to July Meeting

Coby, Trophy vendor transition:

Vendor for HPS Pins now out of business

Encore Awards, Long Beach, Newport Ave.

Mark Allen to contact vendor

Meeting Adjourned: 7:51pm

Next Teleconference 7-14-15

The HPS is looking for an Editor for The Lookout. If you are interested contact any of the Management Committee

Rideshare Points

There are no Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout.

Note that new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time, often only a few days prior to when the trip is scheduled to occur. Rideshare Points that may be mentioned in those Outings posted on OARS, as well as most of the Angeles Chapter rideshare points (complete with directions and maps), can be found here:

http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/ltc_ridesharing

Several roads that we frequently use to travel to the trailheads have warnings that headlights must be turned on for daylight use. These include, but are not limited to, sections of the Angeles Crest Highway, Highway 138 near Wrightwood, and highways between Lake Arrowhead and Big Bear. Penalties for failure to observe this requirement are very expensive. Be Safe!! Don't get a ticket! Turn on your headlights where required!

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Louie Hoffman summits Castle Rocks for his 100th HPS peak

Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities

September 2015 – January 2016

by Mat Kelliher, HPS Outings Chair

The following is a listing of all HPS Outings submitted and posted to the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) as of August 7, 2015. These outings cover the period ranging from September 2, 2015 through January 9, 2016. Note that **new HPS outings are added to the online schedule of activities (OARS) all the time**, often only a few days prior to when a trip is scheduled, so if you haven't found what you're looking for in this edition of The Lookout, be sure to check for newly added outings on the HPS online Schedule of Activities (OARS) frequently for last minute additions. The HPS OARS site is located here: <http://www.hundredpeaks.org/outings.htm>

And if you're still looking for something other than what's being offered on any given day on HPS OARS, check out the Angeles Chapter online Schedule of Activities (OARS) for a staggering selection of outings options offered by all of the various Groups, Sections, and Committees of the Angeles Chapter. The Angeles Chapter OARS site is located here:

<http://angeles.sierraclub.org/activities>

HPS outings are open to everyone; you don't need to be a member of either the HPS or Sierra Club to participate! However, to participate in an outing, you will be expected to sign a liability waiver, which you can preview here: <http://angeles.sierraclub.org/sites/angeles.sierraclub.org/files/docs/SignInWaiver.pdf>

Unless otherwise indicated, contact the leader of the outing(s) you'd like to join for trip status and details. Leader contact information is included in this edition of The Lookout, as are directions to the rideshare points (if any) referenced herein.

Sep 8 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Annual Business Meeting and Bi-Monthly Management Committee Meeting - All are welcome to attend our annual business meeting and bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm at Ranger House in Griffith Park.

Directions: The Ranger House in Griffith Park (not to be confused with the Ranger Station Visitors Center in Griffith Park!) is located south of Los Feliz Boulevard on the east side of Riverside Drive, and shares a large parking lot with the Friendship Auditorium. Friendship Auditorium is a large white building decorated by a series of arches on the side facing Riverside Dr. The entrance immediately in front of the Auditorium is often the only entrance open to the parking lot. Enter here and park in the spaces along the extreme northern edge of the parking lot, as the lot can become quite full due to Auditorium use. Ranger House is the small building located in the far northeast corner of the parking lot.

To have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: **COBY KING**

Sep 12 Sat SPS, Hundred Peaks

I: Mount Gould (13,005'), Mount Rixford (12,887') – Join us for this strenuous day hike at a moderate pace to a couple of fine SPS peaks on the other side of the gorgeous Kearsarge Pass near Independence, CA. We'll start out on trail and make our way up and along a series of jewel-like lakes as we ascend through the John Muir Wilderness up to Kearsarge Pass (11,845'). Once at the Pass we'll head due north, straight up the steep talus-choked slopes of Mt Gould to its summit, where we'll enjoy spectacular views in all directions. From here we'll travel west into the Sequoia & Kings Canyon Wilderness along the wildy

rugged and extremely scenic ridgeline connecting Mt Gould and Mt Rixford. Be prepared for some truly amazing views!! From the summit of Rixford we'll return the way we came in for a day's total of about 13 RT miles and about 5,000' of gain, 650' of which we'll get on our return. Participants must be in excellent condition and be comfortable with long stretches of travel over rugged, sometimes loose, Class 2 talus. This is an SPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email contact info, recent experience & conditioning to mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: *MAT KELLIHER, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGET*

Sep 20 Sun Hundred Peaks

I: Little San Gorgonio Pk (9133'), Wilshire Mtn (8832'), Wilshire Pk (8680'), Cedar Mtn (8324'), Birch Mtn (7826'), Allen Pk (5795'): Traversing the rarely visited Yucaipa Ridge, you are immersed in a beautiful grand forest -- magnificent yet welcoming. Wander with us through these woods, and share wonderful views of Galena to the east and the San Bernardino Crest to the north. Strenuous, not for beginners; approx. 16.5 rt and 5400' gain. Please bring liquids, lugsoles, layers, lunch and hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for trip details. Leaders *PETER & IGNACIA DOGGET*

Sep 26 Sat Hundred Peaks

2015 HPS Fall Festival - Come out to the beautiful Lockwood Valley area for 2015's Fall Festival to bag peaks, mingle with friends, and have a great time. Saturday night, we've reserved a group site at the McGill Campground (near Mt Pinos). We'll have a potluck smorgasbord and lots of laughs. Contact leaders of specific hikes for details on their outings. Reservations at the campground are first come, first served-- please contact *Mat Kelliher* mkelliher746@gmail.com to secure your spot.

Nov 10 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Management Committee Meeting - All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: *COBY KING*

Dec 5 Sat Hundred Peaks

2015 Holiday Hooplah - This year the HPS will hold its annual Holiday Hooplah at the Indian Cove Group campground in Joshua Tree National Park. Reservations at the campground are first come, first served-- please contact *Mat Kelliher* mkelliher746@gmail.com to secure your spot, and stay tuned for more details.

Dec 12 Sat DPS, WTC, Hundred Peaks

I: Nelson Range HP (7,696') In The Dark - Matthew Hengst's Glow In The Dark DPS List Finish - After 5 years Matthew Hengst is finishing the Desert Peak Section List and we're going to do it in suitable style. We'll meet Saturday sunset at the trailhead for Nelson Range HP, strap on our headlamps, and deck ourselves out in as much glow in the dark or light emitting gear as we can carry. We'll summit in the dark and proceed to have a celebration bright enough to be visible for miles before returning to camp and continuing the party fireside with glow in the dark libations. Total stats are 2 miles and 1200 ft gain so appropriate for all levels of fashion challenged bipeds. Garishly colored jeeps optional though a high clearance vehicle will be needed to reach the trailhead. Sponsored by DPS, Co-sponsored by WTC and HPS. Contact matthew.hengst@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: *Matthew Hengst, Jack Kieffer*

Jan 5 Tue Hundred Peaks

HPS Management Committee Meeting - All are welcome to attend our bi-monthly management committee meeting to discuss the business side of the section and upcoming activities. All are welcome to

join us and opportunities to become involved are available. The meeting begins at 6:30 pm via conference call. To receive access information to join in on the conference call, to have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: *COBY KING*

Jan 9 Sat Hundred Peaks
2016 HPS Awards Banquet - At The Monrovia Family Restaurant. Guest Speaker: Bill Burke. Stay tuned for more details.

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Sonia Arancibia, Stephen Bryne, and Peter Doggett work to repair and open up Madulce Trail

(photo by Ellen Dorwin)

Access Report

By George Christiansen

Peak Suspensions: Lake Fire Burn Area

As a result of the Lake Fire in the Jenks Lake / Barton Flats Area of the San Bernardino National Forest (San Gorgonio Wilderness Area) four peaks have been suspended on the HPS list of peaks. They are:

- 1) Shields Peak (24E)
- 2) Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (24J)
- 3) Lake Peak (24K)
- 4) Grinnell Mountain (24L)

A fifth peak, Three Sisters (23H), appears to be just outside the burn perimeter of the fire, and not suspended at this time. Since the standard route from Coon Creek on Forest Road 1N02 will probably be closed for some time, Three Sisters could remain open only if a route from Chaparossa Peak or Pipes Canyon Road can be established.

On July 16, 2015, a Forest Closure Order, 05-12-51-15-04 (Lake Fire Closure) was issued which closes areas in and around the Lake Fire perimeter through July 15, 2016. As a result of this Closure Order, additional HPS Peaks will be considered for "suspension", in addition to those suspended earlier in July. These additional peaks are not within the actual burn perimeter, but are in close proximity, and therefore included in the Forest Closure Order. Those additional peaks which are currently closed to entry are:

- 1) Anderson Peak (24D)
- 2) Charlton Peak (24F)
- 3) Bighorn Mountain (24N)

Private Property Issue -- Lookout Mountain #1

As a result of a property owner fencing his property at the upper end of HPS Route 2 into Lookout Mountain #1 (29E), this peak has been "suspended" from the HPS List. After additional study regarding the potential to reopen a route to the peak, the de-listing of this peak will be considered. De-listing requires a confirming vote by the membership.

- 1) Lookout Mountain #1 (29E)

Mountain Fire Burn Area

The Mountain Fire, which burned the San Jacinto Area more than two years ago, caused the closure of eight peaks in the Desert Divide group. These eight peaks remain on the suspended list:

- 1) Red Tahquitz Peak (28C)
- 2) Southwell Peak (28D)
- 3) Antsell Rock (28E)
- 4) Apache Peak (28F)
- 5) Spittler (28G)
- 6) Palm View Peak (28H)
- 7) Cone Peak (28I)
- 8) Sam Fink Peak (28P)

Forest Closure Alert

As pointed out above, significant portions of the San Gorgonio Wilderness Area are currently closed until July 15 2016. Changes have already taken place to open roads and campsites in the original closure area. Additional revisions to the closure could take place at any time, so if you would like to hike in the area, check with the San Bernardino National Forest and their web-site (easily accessed through the HPS web-site home page -- scroll down to "Forest and Highway Links" and click on the San Bernardino Forest link. The July 16, 2015 Closure opened the San Bernardino Peak Trail from Angeles Oaks as far as San Bernardino East Peak, and also the Momyer and Vivian Creek Trails from Forest Falls. For other open and closed trails, consult the map attached to the Closure Order. Permits are required for these trails, so contact the Mill Creek Station.



Sunny Yi gains her 100th HPS peak on Galena

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