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Private Hike, Five Fingers. May Tang and group, Oct 10, 20.



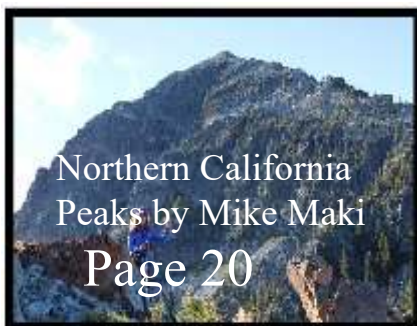
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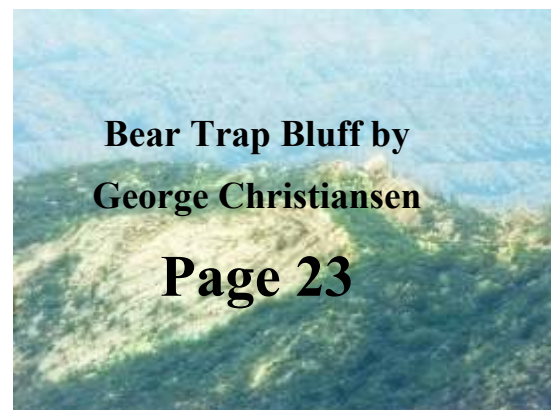
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Letter From The Chair

Hi HPS'ers!

Hope you and your family are well and safe. Mine is doing fine.

I wish I had better news to report than I do. National Sierra Club is very slowly orchestrating the protocols for allowing Sierra Club hikes to start again. I am not hopeful that we will have HPS hikes very soon. Currently several hikes (about 12 for all of SC) are being considered for piloting. We are not sure when they will be chosen or when the hikes will occur. We may have to wait until a vaccine has been developed and is widely being used. I really miss leading and participating in our HPS hikes.

Of course, our Annual Holiday Hoopla and HPS Annual Awards Banquet have been canceled. And there are no thoughts of having a HPS Spring Fling at the moment.

The only Sierra Club events that have been occurring have been virtual. We had our Angeles Chapter Outings Meeting held virtually. That was pretty well done. Also, The Sierra Club Angeles Chapter produced the first Virtual Leadership Training Course with great results.

Besides COVID, we have had a devastating fire season in Southern California. These fires led to the closure of all Southern California forests. They are all open again but with significant access restrictions due to fire damage. Many of our beloved HPS peaks were burned over. At our upcoming November Hundred Peaks Section MCOMM Meeting we will discuss the peaks that are affected. The list of suspended peaks is extensive. There will be an announcement out shortly.

In the meantime, stay focused on staying safe and well. If you are lucky enough to get out hiking, social distance and wear masks when social distancing isn't possible. Also, limit carpooling to household members. Don't become a COVID-19 Stat!

Michael Dillenback
HPS Chair



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Hundred Peaks Section 2020 Elections

Please vote. Return ballot early enough to be received **on or before** December 1, 2020. **See candidate statements below list of candidates.**

HPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE – TWO (2) YEAR TERM

PLEASE VOTE FOR UP TO 4 CANDIDATES; *Indicate your preference with an X*

____ Mark Allen

____ Sunny Yi

____ Ryan Lynch

____ William Chen

HPS MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

Statement of Mark S. Allen:

Please vote for me to continue serving on the HPS Management Committee. I have been involved with Hundred Peaks Section for many years. My first 25 peaks were in the San Gabriel's in 2002, finishing the list in 2008. I have served as Secretary to the Management Committee since 2012 truly working with the Best of Best. I have been Lookout Newsletter Editor since 2016 highlighting HPS accomplishments for the membership. I have also been Banquet Silent Auctioneer for years. During this unusual time in history, depend on your Management Committee as we work to increase hiking safety, trail conditions and section membership. All these tasks are hugely fulfilling. I ask you, the Hundred Peaks Section Membership, to allow me to continue this Journey of service.

Statement of Sunny Yi:

Hello, my name is Sunny Yi. I finished the HPS List four years ago and I am now hiking Sierra Peak Section, Desert Peak Section and Hundred Peak Section peaks every weekend. In 2018, I graduated from WTC. It helped me in my aim to advance my knowledge, skills and ability to safely lead hiking friends in a wide range of hikes, and in becoming an I-rated Sierra Club leader. I would like to continue to help others by serving as a member of the HPS Management Committee.

Statement of Ryan Lynch: No candidate statement submitted.

Statement of William Chen:

I'm running once again for MComm because I continue to believe that a stronger Hundred Peaks Section yields many benefits - HPS provides an outlet for us to explore, enjoy, and protect the planet. We need to build a strong and resilient HPS, one that can continue to last for generations. It is essential that we maintain and develop our many great traditions; the emblems, events, and sharing of mountain information that we all love. With the recent pandemic, it is more important than ever for us all to stick together, maintain the section, and be ready to go when we restart official outings. As I did in 2018, I ask humbly for your vote, and I pledge to serve on MComm with competence and integrity."

Hundred Peaks Section 2020 Elections

HPS Star Peaks Emblem Proposal

Question: Shall the Hundred Peaks Section establish a new Emblem, known as the HPS Star Peaks Emblem?

“Yes” means that HPS shall establish the HPS Star Peaks Emblem and empower the HPS Management Committee to pick 50 peaks, according to the criteria below.

“No” means that HPS shall not establish the HPS Star Peaks Emblem.

Criteria:

If the proposal is adopted (by a majority of HPS members voting in the election), the Management Committee shall, at its next regularly scheduled meeting, select 50 peaks which when completed by a member shall entitle the member to be recognized for the Star Peaks Emblem.

The 50 peaks shall be picked with consideration to the following criteria:

- 1) Iconic status: HPS peaks that are generally well-known and recognized as representing great Southern California hiking. These would be among the most popular and oft-climbed peaks on the HPS list.
- 2) Peaks where the only HPS route is a drive-up or near drive-up (i.e., the route involves less than one-half mile of hiking one way from the parking spot to the summit) would not be eligible for inclusion UNLESS the peak is a county high point.
- 3) Geographic distribution: each of the 32 sections of the HPS List shall be represented with at least one peak. The Management Committee recognizes that 2 of the 32 sections only contain one peak and a third only contains 2 peaks. After one peak from each of the 32 have been selected, the other 18 peaks to be added to the list should reflect the geographic diversity of the list.
- 4) Particular beauty of the peak, scenery, and views.

Argument in favor

The HPS list, with 281 peaks scattered from the southern Sierras nearly to the Mexican border, and from the Carrizo Plain in San Luis Obispo County to the high peaks of Joshua Tree National Park, presents a formidable challenge. Many hikers quite naturally start the list by focusing on peaks that are closest to their home. It is often only those who push toward completing the list that discover that many of the peaks far away are extraordinary experiences and reveal the diversity of landscapes and ecosystems that exist in our Southern California mountains above 5000 feet in elevation.

The Management Committee is proposing this emblem as a sort of “best of the HPS list” but ALSO as a way of encouraging relatively new peakbaggers and leaders to explore beyond their comfort zone and visit peaks and areas that they might otherwise miss and not climb for many years. Keeping the emblem to only 50 peaks makes the selection difficult, but it also eases the difficulty in achieving the emblem.

Hundred Peaks Section
MCOMM Teleconference

7-14-2020

- Michael Dillenback - Chair
- Coby King – Vice Chair
- Mark S. Allen - Secretary
- George Christiansen - Access and Mountain Records
- Mike Dilllenback – Programs Chair
- Sheedhar "Reddy" Yetur, Asst Programs Chair
- William Chen, Outreach, Asst. Programs Chair
- Mat Kelliher, Outings and Safety Chair
- Ryan B. Lynch - Membership Chair
- Jim Hagar - Member At Large
- Meeting Call to order: 6:41pm
- Chair Report, Michael Dillenback:
- Confidential Discussion on HPS Policy, Apvd and Filed
- Membership Role Replacement, Ryan B. Lynch. Discussion by Ryan of development of Membership Data to include organizing and simplification role of Membership Chair.
- HPS 100 Peaks Emblem Award, discussion by Coby King. David Harris, 2020 Banquet Speaker, suggested such an emblem. Coby discussed the formation of this awards criteria to be established for September meeting.
- Secretary's Report, by Mark S. Allen. Amendments made to 5-12-2020 Minutes, (Apvd and Filed). Discussed Lookout Newsletter printing and delivery to Wayne Vollaire. Minutes sent to Karen Leverich for posting on www.hundredpeaks.org
- Angeles Chapter Banquet Nov. 8th (Tentative) by Michael Dillenback, location,remodeling in process.
- Outings and Safety Report, by Mat Kelliher. Cancellation of all Sierra Club Outings has been extended through Monday, August 31, 2020. New outings, regardless of their proposed date, will not be approved or posted.
- Treasurer's Report, (Laura Newman) March - April. Apvd and Filed)

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jun/Jul 2020

New Members

Ryan B. Lynch, HPS Membership Chair

- Garrett Marcotte
- Matt Liao

Donations

- Jin Oak Chung \$250

Membership Statistics

- 19 Life Members
- 185 Members
- 20 Household
- 12 Subscribers

236 TOTAL

Emblems

200 Peaks bar

- Gloria Nafel - Tip Top Peak - 5/15/2020

- Mountain Records / Access Report, by George Christiansen: .

Due to the Coronavirus:

ALL peaks are dosed (but not suspended) relative to HPS scheduled hikes (currently through August 31). If member,s are involved lo private hikes, access to the desired peaks must be researched individually relative to trail and area closures. All areas now appear to be open for private hikes, but check before you go since the pandemic is now on the upswing.

- SUSPENSIONS — Modjeska Peak (18B) is currently the only officially suspended HPS Peak.
- Peak Guide Updates - Two Peak Guides are submitted for review and approved:
 - **White Mountain #1** {20D) New Route 3 as proposed by David Harris. This is a regularly used route as seen on the Peak Bagger website. (Apvd)
 - **Thorn Point (7E):** Note added to the route to Thorn Pint indicating that the road is washed out one mile from the normal railhead. This occurred during the winter of 2018, and is not currently on the schedule for repair. (Apvd)
- Programs, Michael Dillenback, William Chen, Sheedhar "Reddy" Yetur
- All HPS Events canceled through Monday, August 31, 2020
- 2020 Waterman Rendezvous, Canceled
- 2020 Oktoberfest/ Fall Festival, October 17th and 18th (ReddyYetur)
- 2021 HPS Awards Banquet, January 9th, 2021 (Michael Dillenback)
- Holiday Hoopla -Dec. 4th -6th (Michael Dillenback)
- Outreach Report, William Chen. Nothing new to report.
- Merchandising Report, sold two items, (2 HPS Bandanas)

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

**Hundred Peaks Section (HPS)
Lookout Subscription Form**

(There are no prerequisites to become a subscriber)

Name (or names if household)					
Street Address					
City		State		Zip	
Phone		Email			
Sierra Club Membership No. (required for new members)					

IF YOU WISH TO BECOME A MEMBER, PLEASE SEND A LIST OF 25 PEAKS YOU HAVE HIKED THAT ARE ON THE HPS LIST, with the month and year of the peak completion. (See the HPS Website, for a list of the 275 or so HPS peaks.)

All rates are for 6 issues/year, delivered electronically.

Basic Subscription: \$9 for 1 year, \$17 for 2 years, \$24 for 3 years

Sustaining Subscription (helps to cover other section expenses): \$20 for 1 year, \$39 for 2 years, \$57 for 3 years

Lifetime Subscription: \$500

Amount enclosed \$ _____

HPS Subscription email address: lookout_membership@hundredpeaks.org


Summits

Photo by Eric Chu



Private Hike to Potatoe Mtn. Oct 20th Winnette Butler and Edith Lai.

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Private Hike to Mount Baldy. Bill and Virginia Simpson



Photo: Ted Clark-Chung
Larry Wazniak, San Jacinto Mtns.



Cover: Bobcat Fire September 21, 2020 at Islip Saddle. Caltrans Photo released for publication by Caltrans District 8. Photo submitted by Coby King



Private Hike, Teresa Blackman Spohr and her husband, Fred, Tehachapi Mountain, 9-27-20.



Private Hike George White at McAuley Pk, 10-19-20



On trail to Josephine Peak



Private Hike Gordon Jenkins and Chris Feifer on route to Pinyon Peak



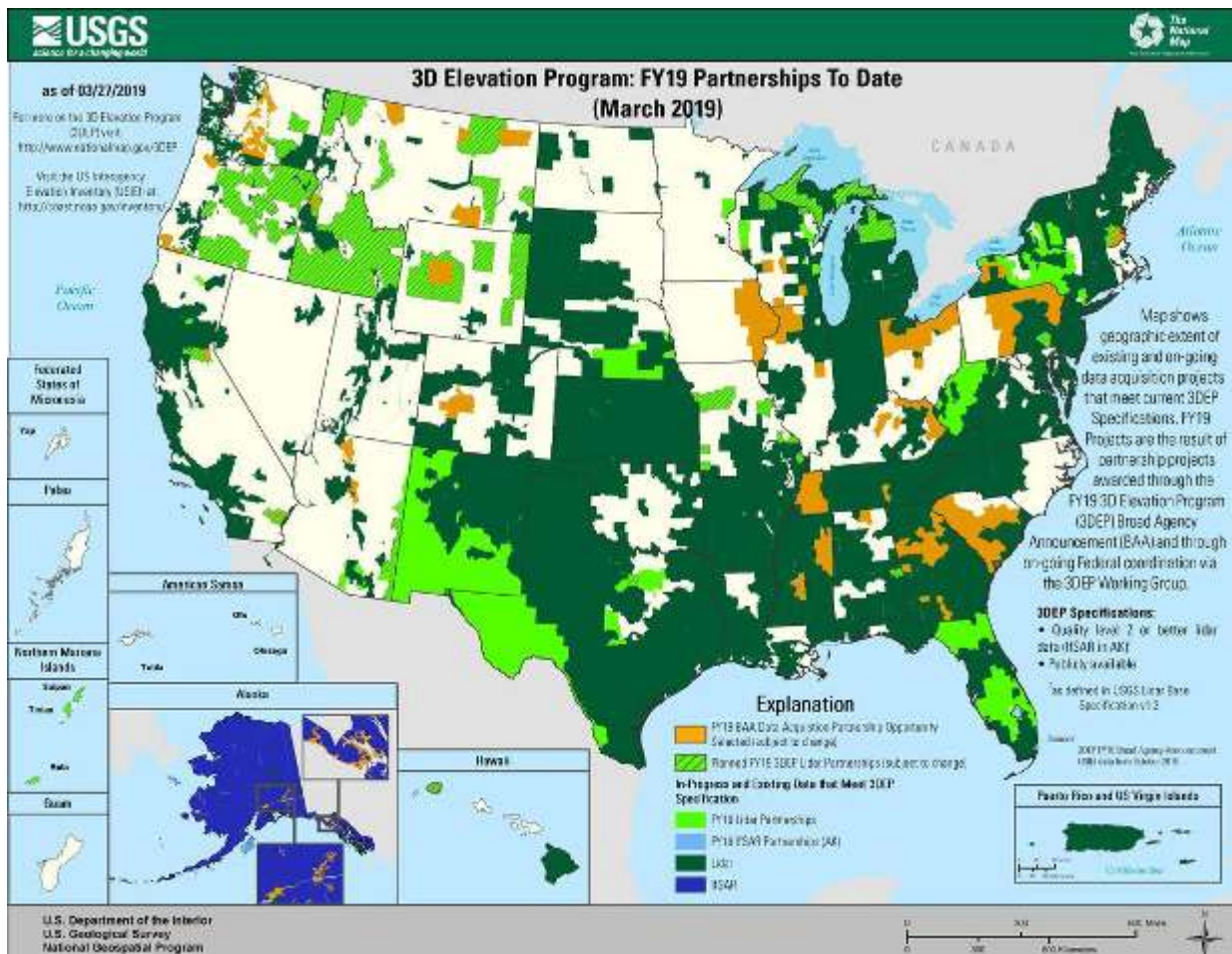
Happy Birthday Winnette Oct 20th

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: LIDAR DATA UPDATE

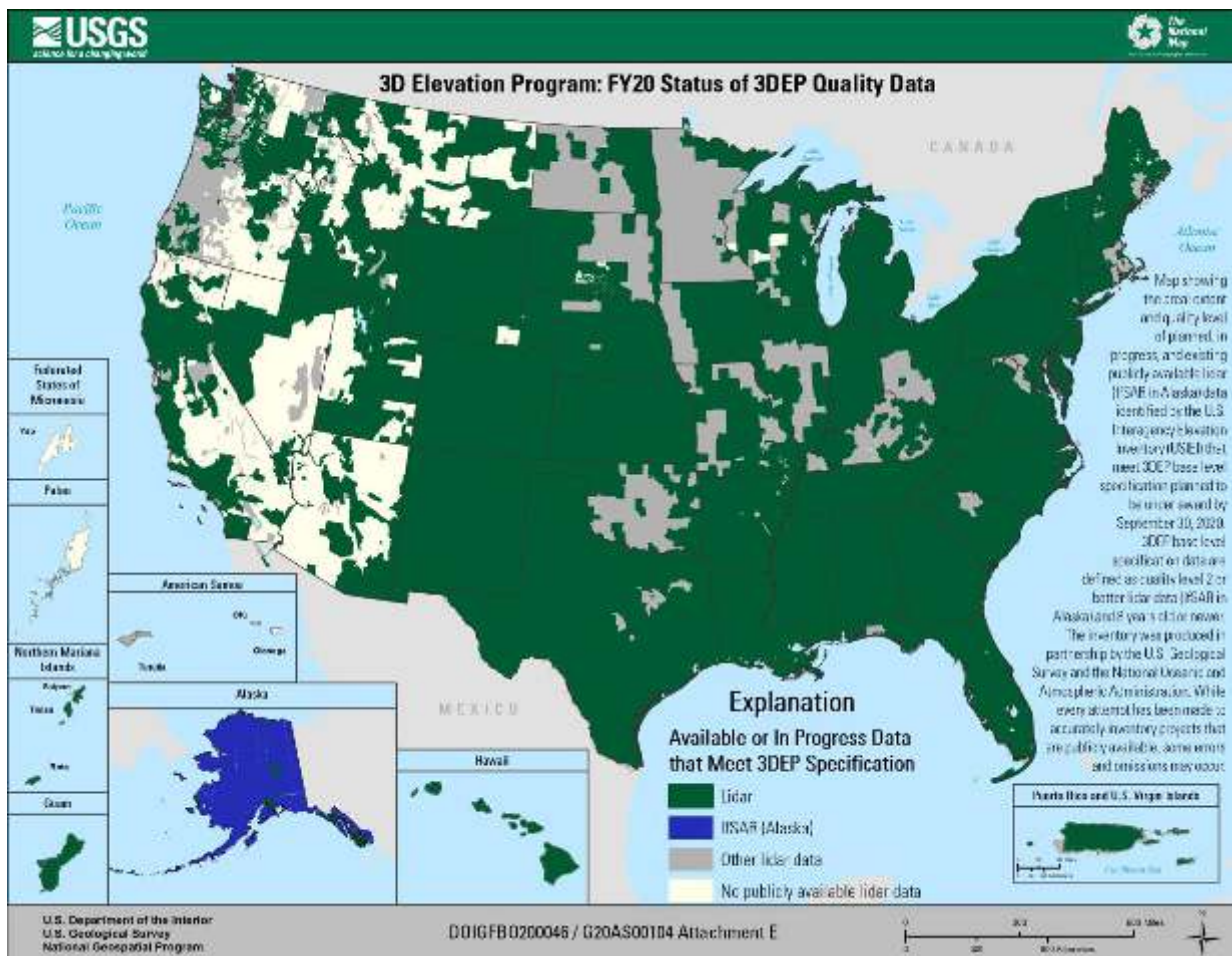
By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

As discussed in a previous article (The Lookout, Volume 56, No. 3, May-June 2019), the USGS's 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) is acquiring very detailed elevation data for the United States using light detection and ranging (lidar) technology. The 3DEP program is intended to provide the next generation of topographic data for the United States. This article will provide an update on lidar coverage for the United States and explore some of the many uses of lidar data.

In my previous article, I showed the 2019 status of lidar coverage in the United States as illustrated in the map below.



The USGS's 2020 update shows good progress in lidar coverage as illustrated in the map below. Unfortunately, there are still big gaps in lidar coverage for California, Nevada, and Arizona. In California, there is an absence of lidar data for the Sierra and most of our deserts.



Lidar data has a variety of uses. A lidar pulse can have multiple returns. Each return has an elevation value.

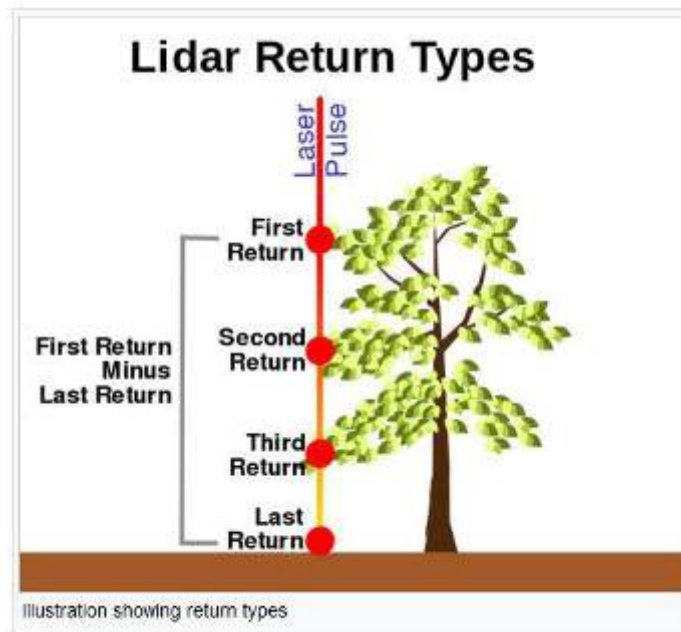


Image source: www.xmswiki.com/wiki/Lidar

Lidar pulses that reach the ground can be used to create a Digital Elevation Model (DEM). DEMs form that basis for creating contour lines for topographic maps.

In areas with vegetation, the first lidar return will often be the tops of trees. In developed areas, the first (and last) return will be the top of buildings. Using these first returns, a Digital Surface Model (DSM) can be created. Below is a DSM for a residential neighborhood in Santa Monica created from lidar data. You can clearly see both tree canopy and the outline of building rooftops.



A DSM can be used in a variety of ways. For example, if DSMs created before and after a natural disaster are available, building damage can be determined. The difference in elevation between the before and after DSM would identify buildings with collapsed roofs.

Another use of DSMs is to create contour lines. As part of a project I recently completed on the relationship between tree canopy and surface temperature, one-foot contours were created to show differences in tree canopy by tree species. The contour lines are illustrated below

Santa Monica Tree Canopy:

Species difference in tree canopy derived from digital surface model



If you would like to explore in more detail how lidar and other remote sensing data can be used to study tree canopy, please check out my interactive story map at: <https://arcg.is/0TiyD4>

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



Five Fingers Private Hike

By May Tang

10-10-20



View from the Top



10/10/2020 Five Fingers 4x. So happy to see Jerry Grenard and Mike Manning at the plateau below the summit.



View from the road



Photo by Mrs. Fengyin Yen

Hike participants L to R: ChunHou Chang, Georgina Yang, May Tang, Eunice Chen and Joy Hsueh.





Lower Peaks Corner

May Peak

By Keith Winston

Hiked: 9/16/2015



May Peak is the newest mountain added to the Sierra Club Lower Peaks, in 2015 no less. I could not avoid a rush hour start time which meant spending quality time with four million of my closest friends, a million of them driving semi trucks, on the local 6-lane freeways. The adventure part of the hike was driving past downtown LA, with Google maps diverting me off and on the freeways to shave a few minutes here and there.

In morning traffic, it took nearly three hours to get to the saddle between May Peak and Fernando 2 on the Santa Clarita Truck Trail (3N17). It is called a drive-up peak and short walk in the Peakbagger notes. The mostly paved Santa Clarita Truck Trail is gated, and the gate was open. A sign says the gate closes at 6 PM. I would guess it opens at dawn. On the way to the trail head, you must drive through LA County Fire Camp #9. There were a lot of cars and trucks parked at the facility, but I didn't see anyone outside as I drove through. Just past the camp, 3N17 dips down and right at a fork. The saddle is not too far after the fork and there is a wide parking area. May Canyon Saddle is on the North side of May Peak approached by those walking up. Because of rain the day before, most of the saddle was under a shallow pool of water.



It was a surprisingly cool 55F under low, lingering clouds from the passing storm. I started up the damp firebreak, only muddy in places, for the short hike to May Peak. It was a mile round trip over a use trail and some false summits. Clouds blocked the views, so I focused on getting to the summit and signing the register. The register started in 2015, yet was already half full. This newest lower peak was



was quite popular. I concluded my business and jogged most of the way back, passing three other hikers on the way up from the saddle.

As soon as I was down, I headed up the firebreak toward Fernando 2. Fernando sports a healthy prominence of 1283' and the top was buried in the clouds. When I got to the top, I started looking around for the benchmark, expecting it on this side of the summit based on the topo maps. It was not hard to locate and was stamped "Camp 9". I am not sure about the origin of the Fernando 2 name. Still in the clouds, there was not much to see. I wandered around past the benchmark and found several fenced buildings and a lot of equipment. This location was one of the former Nike missile sites. It is still being used for something, though the missiles are long gone.

Eureka Pk. & Warren Pt.

October 21 & 22, 2020

By Larry Edmonds

This was a spur of the moment trip to Joshua Tree National Park to hike a few HPS peaks. I had learned that a hiking friend, Leslie Williams, had never been to Joshua Tree NP and it just so happened that she had a few days open in her busy schedule so we decided to go for Eureka Peak and Warren Point along with some peakbagger high points in the area. On Tuesday, October 20th we drove to the park entering via the southern entrance station, driving thru to the west entrance station exit before heading to Blackrock campground for the night. This allowed Leslie to see a good part of the park and along the way we also stopped to do the Barker Dam loop trail. Wednesday morning we hit the trail around 9:00 AM headed for Eureka Peak from Blackrock Campground. We started on the California riding and hiking trail following it to the junction with the Eureka Peak Trail, then followed this trail to the Peak. About 11 miles with 2000 feet of elevation gain over the 11 miles round trip hike. At about the half way point the Eureka Peak trail passes thru a deep narrow canyon with large Pinyon Pines growing from the rocky slopes of the canyon. In my opinion the prettiest part of the trail to the Peak. Since there was no register on the peak we left a new one. After some lunch while enjoying the views of San Jacinto Peak to the SW, Toro Peak to the South, the vastness of the NP to the east and north and San Gorgonio Peak to the west, we took the same basic route back except we went over a couple peakbagger points that were a short distance off the trail. Peak 5418 and I soloed peak 4172 while Leslie waited on the trail for me. We arrived back at the campground around 3:00 PM. We only encountered two other hikers during our trek and were all alone on the peak. Next day, Thursday, the plan was to go for Warren Point. We packed up and vacated our camp spot and parked at the campground registration building. From there we headed to the Warren Point trail leaving the campground at its southern end. In the upper end of Blackrock Canyon the trail takes you up a broad wash with a substantial amount of Rubber Rabbitbrush which was still in bloom bringing some color to the area. As with the previous days hike to Eureka Peak the country you pass thru is dotted with Joshua Trees and Pinyon Pine. We found a register atop Warren Point that had been placed by a Yucca Valley local who frequently visited the peak. His name dominated the registers that covered the past few years. The view from Warren Point is worth the climb. Views of Toro, San Jacinto, San Gorgonio and into the NP. I think I enjoyed the view from here more than the Eureka Peak views but the hike to Eureka was the nicer hike of the two. This day we did have visitors on the peak. From here we headed to Warren View where we were alone and then on up to peak 5005 which was my favorite peak for the day. We were alone on 5005 and the views are as good if not better than those on Warren Point. The totals for the day were 7 ¼ miles with about 1600 feet of elevation gain. Another fun adventure to some HPS peaks with a good friend.



Rubber Rabbitbrush in upper Blackrock Canyon



Leslie signs register atop Warren Point

HPS Spring Fling 2019



Swee Chin is presented HPS 100 Peaks Certificate during Spring Fling at the Keller Ski Hut. Photo: Nahid Shurazi



Michael Dillenback at Keller Ski Hut. Photo: James Wick



Nahid Shurazi



James Wick



Swee Chin



Silver Mountain. Photo: Swee Chin



Swee Chin



James Wick



Gray's Peak Photo: James Wick



James Wick

Mad Desert Dash

by Louie Rodriguez

Sept. 25-26, 2020



This has been a slow year for me to get peaks. After achieving 200 peaks in December, 2019, I was hopeful for a productive 2020. The first few months were spent doing a lot of skiing at various places. But then things changed. I even got some unknown “flu” in the middle of March that knocked me down for a few weeks. Luckily, I bounced back within a month and was back in shape. Fortunately, I picked up one peak in July. Most of the summer was filled with training hikes, golf, biking and other trips, so that I could be ready for the next HPS peak hike. No opportunities came my way, and I was starting to get the shakes. So, I made up my own adventure. Did some quick research and saw that Bighorn Mountains and Meeks Mountain looked relatively easy (by HPS standards), that even a caveman could do it.

I found a non-HPSer buddy willing to try it. After twisting Jeremy’s arm, I talked him to a quick overnight backpack to get two peaks in the remote high desert between Big Bear and Yucca Valley known as the Bighorn Mountains. The deal was that we had to be back by Saturday, the 26th, for the Laker game at 6pm. I assured him that we could do two easy hikes and get back in time, no problem. (So, I hoped!)

The plan was simple, leave Orange County by noon Friday. Get to trail head by 3pm. Do an easy backpack of 3 miles, 850 ft gain to Bighorn Mtn. (5894’) and camp on the summit plateau. Next morning is a 3-mile stroll back to car. Then, drive a mile or two to Meeks Mtn. (6277’) trailhead and climb the easy 4-mile RT 1000’ gain peak before the heat. Finally, drive home by noon and get back, way before the Laker game.

So, we get to Yucca Valley and the temp is in the 90’s, warmer than I expected. Then we drive to Bighorn trailhead in some real off-road conditions as expected. It just took longer than I expected. Got to last fork according to directions and found that the road is getting too narrow for my big truck. So, we had a mile or so go, but I could not risk scratching my baby. We found a small spot and pulled off the sand/dirt road. Got our packs together and left the truck at 5pm. We had about two hours of good daylight to hike the now 4 miles to the peak. Then temp was slowly lowering and the trail on the road was good, so we were in good spirits.



At 7pm. we made it to Bighorn Mountain and signed the register, just as dusk hit. Found a nearby flat spot and set up camp on the ridge top, with less than spectacular views, due to the smoke from the many fires all over. Had a no-stove dinner (fire restrictions) and relaxed. Got up next morning, broke camp and headed back, only to find a flat tire! Made a sturdy base by first digging a hole and filled rocks in it. Placed jack on top of the pile after adding sand. Then we had a rock-solid base to use the jack and change the tire.

So, we lost an hour or so there, but got the job done. Then driving to Meeks trailhead, we encountered the same narrow road conditions. Stopped short of Meeks and took off with light packs with the temp really warming up, and made it to Meeks; covered 3 miles in 1 ½ hr. and summited about 12:30pm. Signed the register filled with many familiar names, had lunch, and headed down for the return 3 miles.

Drove easy at first on the sandy road, then drove like crazy, cause I knew it would be close. Also, it was fun four-wheeling in the sand! Once on the highway, we drove straight through to Orange County arriving at 5:40pm. Not sure if the Lakers won or lost that game; but we won, claiming two peaks with hot weather, a great camp site, a flat tire, some minor scratches on the paint, all in about 24 hrs. A mad dash indeed.....





May Peak, Sylmar, CA



Private Hike to Baldy via Register Rigdge, Shurovi M RT

11-4-20. Private Hike today. "Beautiful Birthday hike today for Bill with great friends. Bill, Christine and I did Morris while the rest of the group, Jim, Teresa, Louie, Mary, J.C. and Ella continued on to Jenkins," Virginia Shackelford Simpson.



Isa Galan, Hike to South Mount Hawkins



South Mount Hawkins



Milestones

A close-up portrait of a man with a grey beard and hair, smiling. He is wearing a light blue shirt.

Happy Birthday Coby King, Oct 29th

Two hikers standing on a rocky trail. One hiker is holding a long orange banner that says "BLACK 200 MTN HA". They are both wearing hats and hiking gear.

Teresa Blackman Spohr completes 200 Peaks on Black Mountain #4. 9-31-20 with her friend Jill Golden.

Northern California Peaks By Mike Maki



Boulder. Our plans would change.

Our first night on the road did not look promising as we started to encounter lots of smoke from the August fires. As we started up the FS road M2 out of Paskenta towards South Yolla Bolly we had fires burning on two sides. I'm sure we could have completed the hike that day but it was not worth the possibility of getting trapped. With S Yolla Bolly out of the picture we headed north for an afternoon hike of Boulder Peak. The road to Boulder is well graded for most cars. We parked at the Sniktaw Meadow trailhead and hiked the 3.5 miles along the Wright Lakes trail to Boulder. Unfortunately our views were a bit smokey. The trail is well graded and easy to follow. Saw some cattle on the way down and heard their cow bells!



Our plan at that time was a backpack trip the next day to Grizzly Lake and camp below Thompson Peak for a hike to the summit the following day. Thompson is a beautiful peak in the Trinity Alps. We decided, due to the smoke, to wait for clearer skies for our trip to Thompson. Instead we would head farther north and do a one night backpack trip of Preston Peak.



The road to Youngs Valley Trailhead (18N07) is a good one as well. Seventeen miles from Hwy 199 just south of the Oregon Border. Most of the hike is along an abandoned road that used to service the Cyclone Gap chromium mine. From the mine it's a mile or so of trail to Raspberry Lake. All that remains of the mine is some timbers and lots of tailings. Once at the lake I spoke with a volunteer wilderness ranger who had been up on the peak that day removing graffiti! He did a good job since we were not able to find where he had removed it.

Raspberry Lake has some good camp spots. Much of the area was burned in the 2018 Natchez Fire but enough unburned remains to make for a pleasant hike and camp. After a restful quiet night we started about 7:30a for the peak and were on top in about 3.5 hours. The hike up the NW ridge to the top is a fun class 2 with some easy class 3. We hiked back to our camp, I took a very refreshing dip in the lake, packed up and were back at the trailhead by dark. The entire route has a total elevation gain of about 5370 due to the up and down nature of the trail. We drove to Crescent City for the night.

The following day we decided to drive up to the Del Norte Co prominence peak of Blue Creek Mtn. Once again we were lucky to find a very good road that drives right over the very flat summit. It's about a 21 mile drive, most of it paved, along 13N01. We were still far enough north to be out of the smoke. Blue Creek is a very flat lightly forested mountain. We'll need to make one more trip north for Thompson and S Yolla Bolly but we'll let the fire season settle down and probably look at next spring.



Six Peaks On The Desert Divide

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Hiking Photography

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Sunrise San Jacinto Mountains



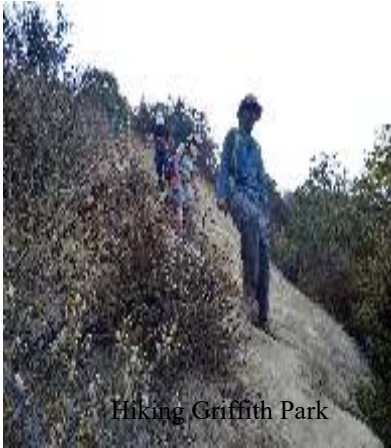
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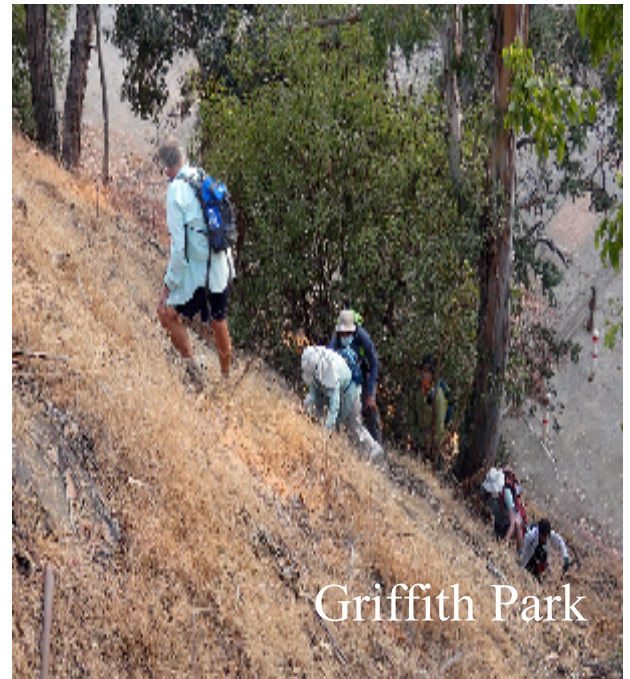
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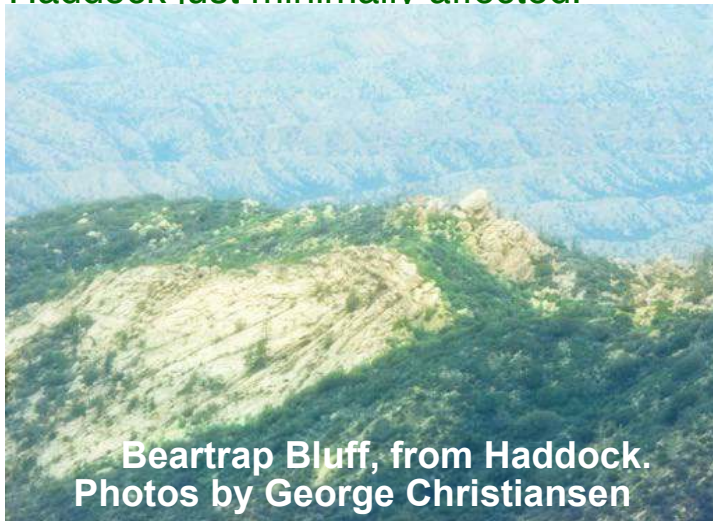


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Beartrap Bluff, Reyes and Haddock — After the Fire

by George Christiansen

Last year (June, 2016), the Pine Fire in the Los Padres Forest, resulted in the closure of access to Beartrap Bluff; and Reyes and Haddock. That area is now open, and during the month of May, Pat Arredondo and I hiked to both locations. I am happy to report that Beartrap Bluff was totally un-affected, and Reyes / Haddock just minimally affected.



Beartrap Bluff, from Haddock.
Photos by George Christiansen



Burn area, looking back from Reyes

Beartrap Bluff —

We went to Beartrap Bluff on May 19. The Peak is completely outside the burn area, as well as the Gene Marshall Trail into the area. A camper at the Beartrap Campsite, just below the gully and slab up to the peak, said that he continued about one mile further on the Gene Marshall Trail and saw no signs of the burn. There was lots of water in Beartrap Creek.

Reyes and Haddock —

The Gate is open from Hwy 33 to the Trailhead (Pine Mountain Road — 6N06). I was told by the Forest Service two weeks prior that “this road has been closed for six years”. This enforces the recommendation that you should always check with the appropriate Forest Office before entering the area, and have an alternate plan since you may receive erroneous information. We saw about a dozen vehicles (on a weekday) — Camping and Hiking. Watch for traffic on blind curves in and out since weekend traffic could be much heavier.

This was a great hike in the forest. No signs of burn until 2.5 miles in, and then very sporadic. It did not affect the whole forest. There were lots of dead trees, but also lots survived between burn areas. The Haddock summit block was not affected.

The burn area was approximately 100 yards N and S of the Haddock summit block, but did not ruin the views or landscape. Reyes is completely in the clear, with no signs of the Fire. Our peaks survived in very good shape.

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