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Coby King

HPS Lookout Newsletter

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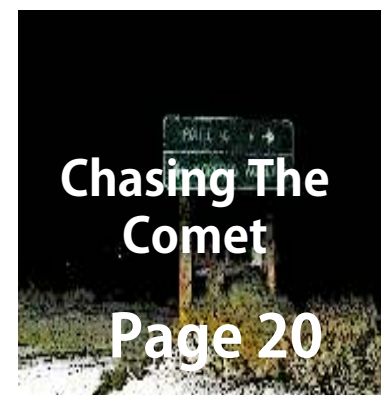
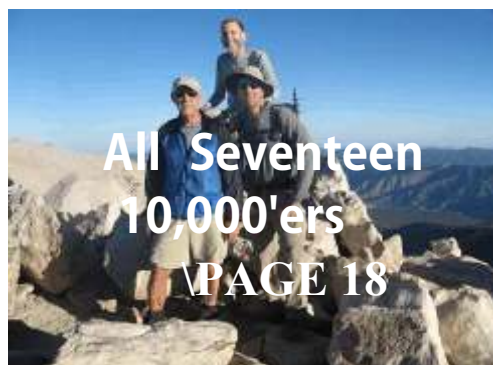
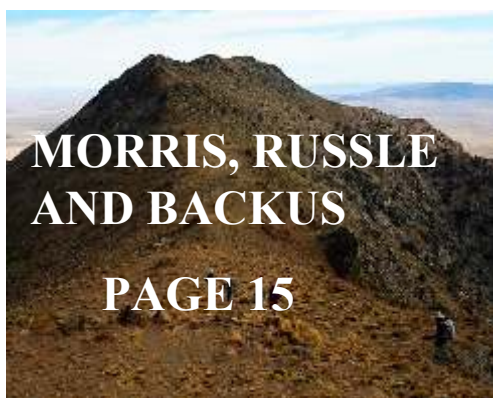
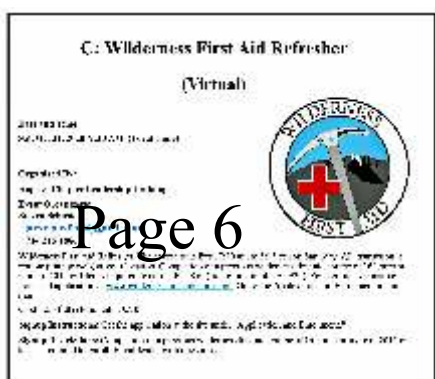
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Letter From The Chair

Hi HPS'ers!

Sad, Sad, Sad!

Our world, country, state and HPS have been severely affected by the Covid-19 pandemic.

Covid stats here in California have been improving somewhat but not nearly quick enough for the Sierra Club to restore events and hikes.

Recently National SC announced that their offices will be closed through February 28, 2021 and that travel and in-person meetings will remain on pause. What this means is that all SC sponsored outings will be closed indefinitely. Check Mat Kelliher's Outings Article elsewhere in this Lookout for his comments about the potential for outings to be restarted. Based on what I have seen so far, I am not hopeful that HPS will be leading outings or having our typical events anytime soon.

The net result is that we have cancelled our remaining HPS 2020 events. The Oktoberfest and the Holiday Hoopla are cancelled. Additionally our January 2021 HPS Annual Awards Banquet is cancelled. The November 8, 2020 Angeles Chapter Banquet has been moved to May 2, 2021. There is some discussion about having some type of Virtual Awards Event to hand out awards to all the deserving honorees. HPS is due to receive two awards. HPS is to receive A Certificate of Merit and Ignacia Doggett is to receive a Special Award. If the virtual event isn't done, my guess is these awards would be presented at next years Annual Awards Banquet.

I have seen that many of our members have been out climbing our peaks on private hikes in small groups. Be safe. Social distance and wear masks when social distancing isn't possible. Also, limit carpooling to household members. Don't become a Covid-19 stat.
Be and stay safe!

Mike

HPS Chair



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Micki Bondy Siegel

Hundred Peaks Section
MCOMM Teleconference

5-12-2020

- 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
- Jim Hagar - Member At Large
- Bill Simpson
- Meeting Call to order: 6:25pm
- Chair Report, Michael Dillenback:
 - Lookout Article. Discussion of article for HPS Newsletter. Discussed and approved Navigation Corner article to run article with Bill Simpson's article. Both articles Approved for V57 N3 May-June 2020 Lookout Newsletter. (Michael D./Mark/Apvd)
 - Membership Chair Role Replacement- Discussion on-going at this time.
 - Angeles Chapter Banquet Nov. 8th (Tentative) -
 - HPS Outing for WTC Alumni Hike Jim Hagar (Tentative) - Discussed and referred to next meeting
 - David Harris, 2020 Banquet Speaker Suggestions, Coby King - Discussed and referred to next meeting
 - Outings and Safety, Mat Kelliher: No scheduled outings through June 14th.
 - Secretary's Report. Mark S. Allen: Discussion and approval of March 10, 2020 Teleconference Minutes (Apvd)
 - 3-10-2020 Teleconference Minutes to Karen Leverich for Website: www.hundredpeaks.org
 - Treasurer's Report, (Laura Newman) March - April. Apvd and Filed)
 - Membership Report Michael McCarty / Ryan Lynch.- Tabled

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT
Jan/Feb 2020 Michael McCarty, HPS Membership Chair

New Members

Matt Liao
Tim Lawnicki
Wade Graham

Donations

Gary Gillan - \$16

19 Life Members

211 Members

22 Household

16 Subscribers

268

100 Peaks Emblem

#1216 - Nahid Shirazi - Rock Point - 1/5/2020

200 Peaks Bar

#507 - Sreedhar Yetur - Madulce Peak - 10/26/2019

100 Peaks Leadership Emblem

#57 - Sreedhar Yetur - Bare Mountain - 8/3/2019

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

Due to the Coronavirus,

ALL peaks are closed (but not suspended) relative to HPS scheduled hikes (currently through June 14). If members are involved in private hikes, access to the desired peaks must be researched individually relative to trail and area closures. These conditions continue to change daily, with many areas now opening.

- SUSPENSIONS — Modjeska Peak (18B) is currently the only officially suspended HPS Peak.
- Programs, Michael Dillenback, William Chen, Sheedhar "Reddy" Yetur
- 2020 Spring Fling. All HPS Events canceled through June 14, 2020
- 2020 Waterman Rendezvous, 6-27-2020 (Tentative) Still could be 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, Nothing new to report.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:00pm

C: Wilderness First Aid Refresher

(Virtual)

Date and Time:

Sat, Oct 31, 2020 7:30 AM (Local Time)

Organized By:

Angeles Chapter Leadership Training

Event Organizers:

Steven Schuster

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Wilderness First Aid Refresher. The course runs from 7:30 am to 5:15 pm on Saturday. All instruction is remote (via the web) at your location. Completion of a previous wilderness first aid course of 16 hours or more in 2015 or later is required to enroll. Fee \$50 (full refund until 10/10/20). For sign-up, see instructions and application at www.wildernessfirstaidcourse.org. Go to the Application and Enrollment menu item.

Cost: \$50 full refund until 10/10

Signup Instructions: Get the application at the site under "Application and Enrollment."

Signup Restrictions: Completion of a previous wilderness first aid course of 16 hours or more in 2015 or later is required to enroll. Email leader with questions.

HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Jun/Jul 2020

Ryan B. Lynch, HPS Membership Chair

New Members

- 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

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, [http://www.hundredpeaks.org](#) 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

Letter From The Outings Chair

Howdy Hikers,

Recently the Sierra Club announced that their offices will be closed through February 28, 2021, and that travel and in-person meetings will remain on pause. What this means for outings is that they will remain closed -- indefinitely.

National, with input from Angeles and other Chapters, is hard at work trying to come up with a plan for safely re-opening outings. If they are able to come up with a safe plan, it will likely consist of a phased approach, with severe restrictions and limitations placed on where and how far we can go, that will gradually ease up as specific predefined benchmarks in the local and national response to the COVID-19 pandemic are reached. Outings may not reopen until the pandemic is completely under control in all states, or they might reopen a little sooner on state by state basis. Or, they might not reopen until a safe and effective vaccine is available and in widespread use. We've been told that we'll get more information on this sometime in mid-September. Personally, I suspect that open HPS outings are a long way off, likely well beyond the Feb 2021 date. When we do get more information, I'll be sure to pass it along to you.

In the meantime, if you're getting out there on private trips, be sure to keep in compliance with state and local regulations. And be aware of the impact you might have on the communities you travel through. Follow social distancing practices, wear a face mask, and wash your hands often. Other than those you live with, avoid carpooling and don't share food/drink. Stay healthy, safe, and fit, hopefully we'll all be able to get together out there again soon.

Mat Kelliher
HPS Outings Chair

LTC SEMINAR IS GOING VIRTUAL

LTC, Leadership Training Committee, is developing a virtual leadership training course.

As of press time, the exact date is not yet set. We expect to have a class ready to launch in October.

The event will be via Zoom and be 4-5 hours. Either October 10th or 11th, 2020 and we'll put the word out as soon as that is official.

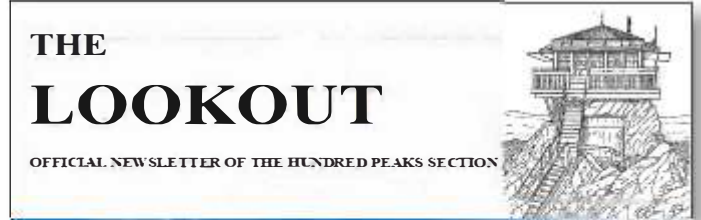
Ask LTC for more information.
Visit the LTC Seminar page on our website:
<https://www.sierra-club.org/angeles/leadership-outings/leadership-training-seminar>



First priority is given to the April Registrants. The attendees will be limited as this will be our first virtual LTC Seminar. If all goes well, we will schedule another before Spring 2021. Contact: LTPSeminarRegistrars@gmail.com



Private Hike to Jean and Marion August 2020



Cover: Mount Lowe. Taken by Coby King during hike to Brown Mountain 3-20-2016



Private Hike to Josephine Peak, Isa Galan



Private Hike, The 3 T's, Gordan Jenkins and Chris Feifer

THE NAVIGATION CORNER: THE STATION FIRE'S IMPACT ON VEGETATION

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

Wildfires have a big impact on the natural places where we like to hike. The impact of these fires continues long after the flames are extinguished. One of the fires that impacted our hiking areas was the Station Fire that raged through Angeles National Forest in 2009. I examined vegetation recovery within the Station Fire's perimeter as part of a course I recently completed at Penn State.

The Station Fire was started by an arsonist on August 26, 2009, and rapidly burned over 250 square miles of national forest land – nearly 25% of the land mass of Angeles National Forest (Thompson, Kaplan and Gomberg, The Station Fire: An Example of a Large Wildfire in the Absence of Significant Wind 2010, 1). Although not fully contained until early October, most of the fire growth occurred between August 26 to September 4. The progression of the fire is illustrated below.

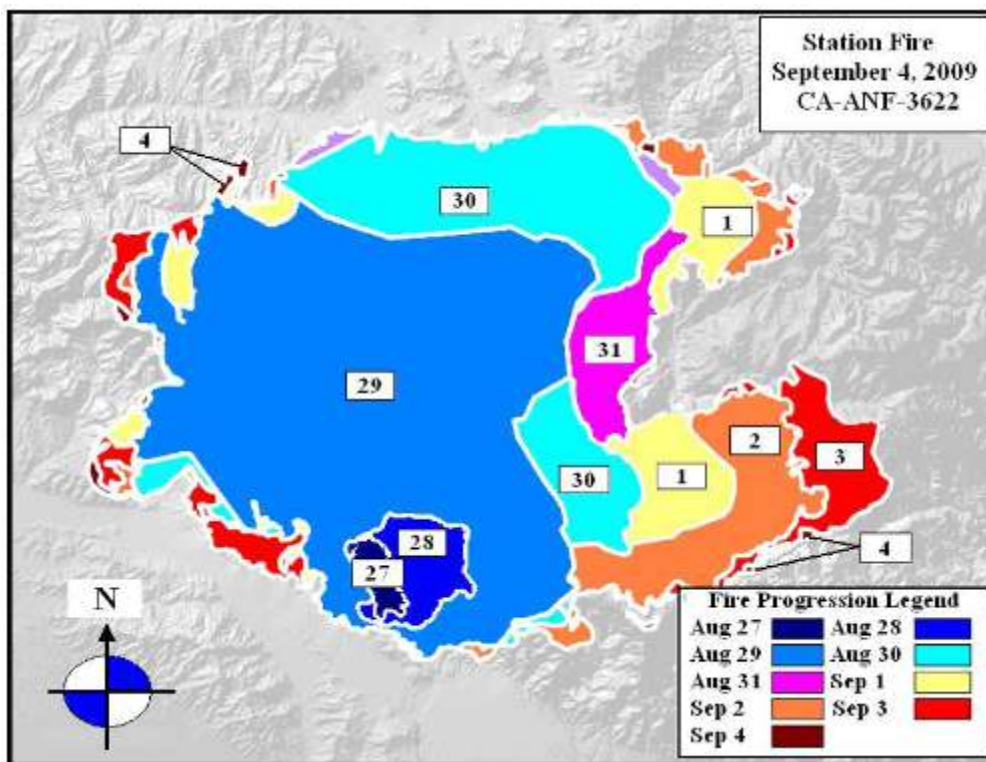
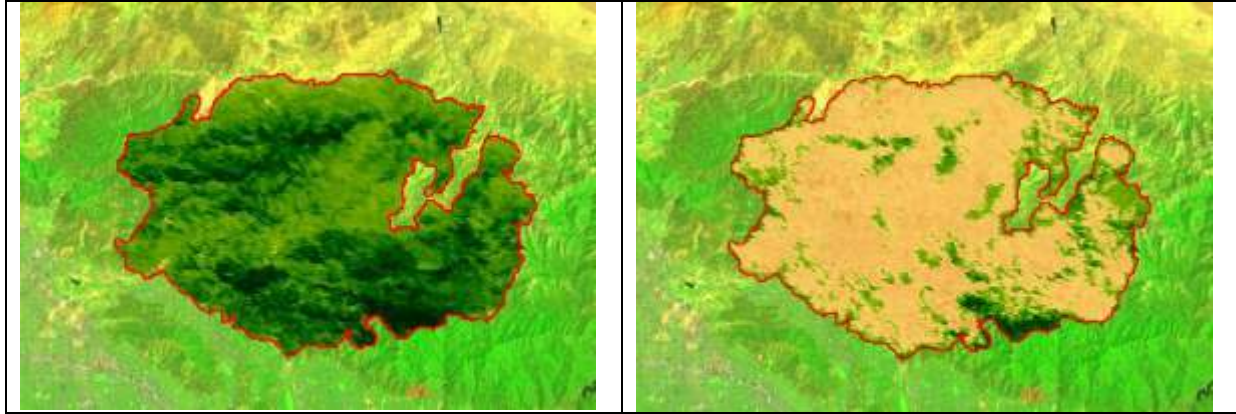


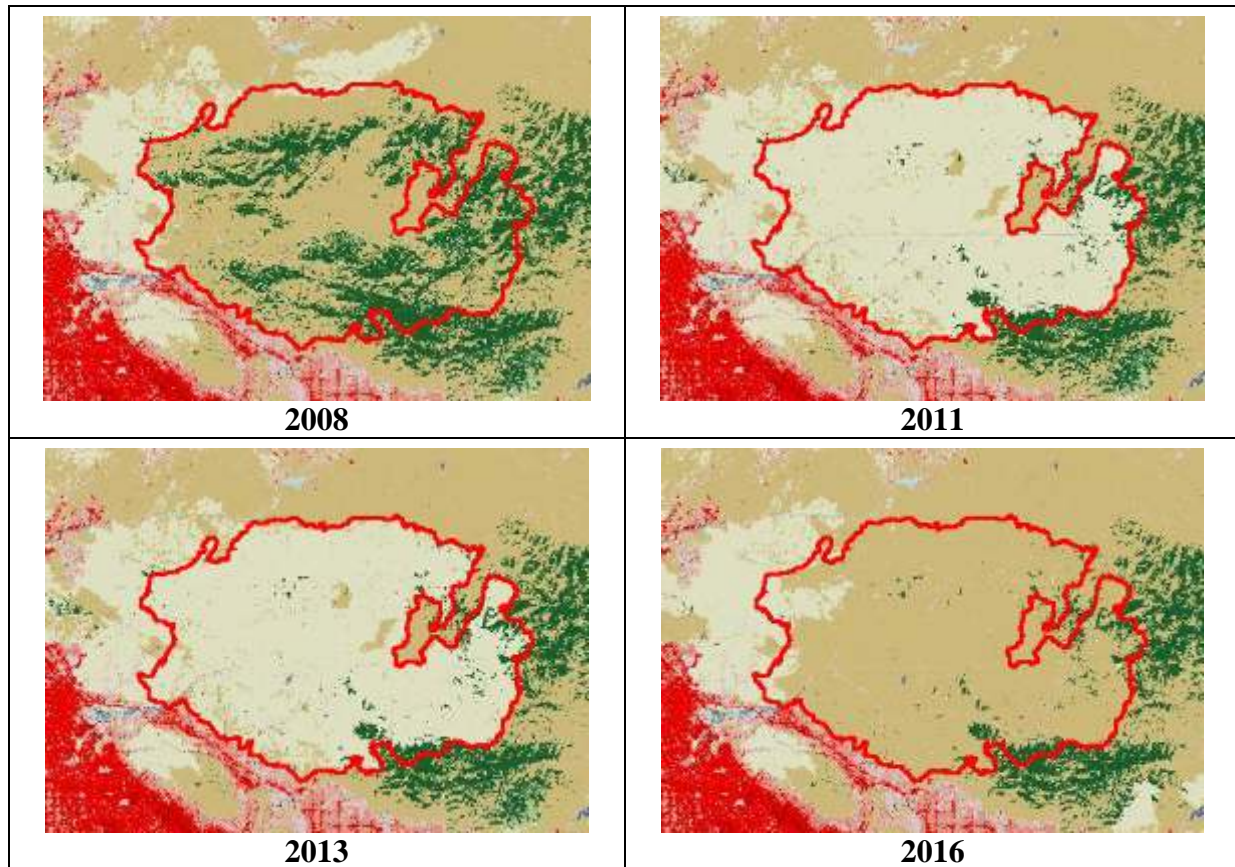
Image Source: Thompson, Kaplan and Gomberg 2010.

The Station Fire resulted in profound changes in vegetation within the fire's perimeter. A comparison of before and after vegetation indices created by the MODIS Terra satellite shows that most vegetation was destroyed.



MODIS Terra Vegetation Indices 16-DAY Global 250m with image dates of August 13, 2009 and September 30, 2009.

The National Land Cover Database uses Landsat satellite imagery and other geospatial data to develop land cover classes for the United States. Prior to the fire, the area within the Station Fire consisted of evergreen forest and shrub/scrub. However, following the fire, vegetation regrowth was initially grassland/herbaceous and now consists largely of shrub/scrub. The change is illustrated below.



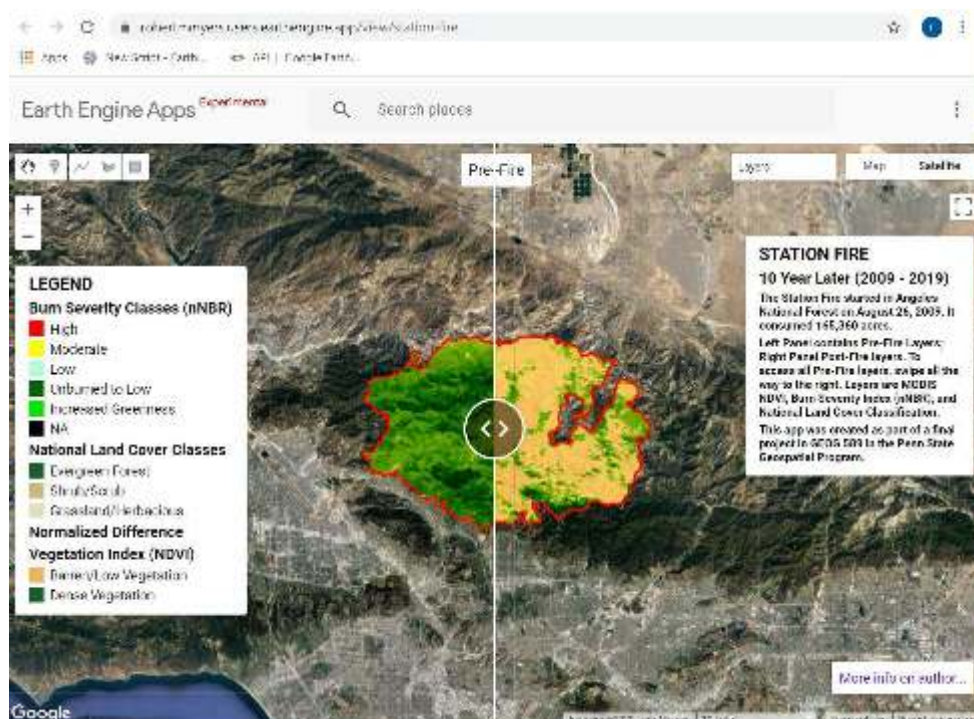
Fire Zone Land Cover: Evergreen Forest Shrub/Scrub Grassland/Herbaceous
 Red outside the fire zone represents urban land cover

For those who have hiked in areas ravaged by fire, the return of evergreen forests is a slow process. Thus, although the Station Fire area has seen a return of vegetation, it consists mostly of shrub/scrub. This is illustrated in the image below where there appears to be no evergreen trees growing in areas where they once flourished.



If readers would like to explore the Station Fire further, I have created an interactive web app to compare before and after datasets. The web application is illustrated below and can be found at the following URL:

<https://robertmmyers.users.earthengine.app/view/station-fire>



Upcoming Navigation Events

With Sierra Club outings placed on hold because of COVID-19, all navigation outings have been cancelled for the remainder of the year. To provide navigation training opportunities, we are offering an online training on Saturday, November 14, 2020. This will be our second on-line training during the pandemic.

I have also made available to readers of the *The Lookout* several online navigation quizzes. There are four quizzes and they are intended to be taken in order:

Compass Basics: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz1>

UTM and Compass Bearings: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz2>

Terrain Recognition: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz3>

Final Quiz: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HPS-Quiz4>

Before taking the quizzes, you should download and print the map available at:

<https://robertmmyers.box.com/v/HPS-Quiz-Map>

When printing the map, make you sure you select “Actual Size” rather than “Fit.”

Let me know if you have any questions. Contact me at rmyers@ix.netcom.com.



Photo by Mike Maki



Teresa Blackmon Spohr



Peter and Ignacia Doggett

By Coby King

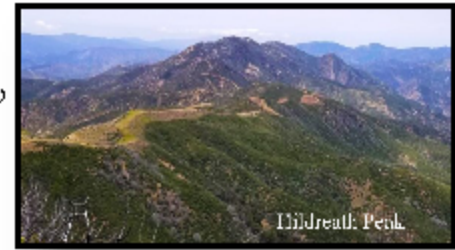


This was my second try at Hildreth. My first attempt, a few weeks prior, was quickly aborted due to a bicycle technical problem. I started my bike ride from Pine Mountain Summit, which is where Potrero Seco Road meets Highway 33, at 7:27 a.m. It was 38 degrees and sunny.

It was an easy ride, mostly downhill, 3.2 miles to the Potrero Seco settlement/camp, which I was surprised to discover. But it also explained why the road was in such good condition. Entering forest service lands, the road immediately deteriorated, and my bike walking now included both steep ascents beyond my ability with a full pack and some areas that were very sandy. After 8.1 miles I reached Three Sisters, which was the old trailhead for this route. I locked up the bike, helmet and pump to the gate that led to Hildreth, and after a 45-minute rest and food break, headed up the hill

I had noticed fresh bike tracks while I was biking and I was impressed to see that they continued on the portion I was walking. I was glad I had left my bike behind because the road is much steeper and rougher then up to Three Sisters. After 45 minutes, I ran into the only people I saw on the entire trip, two guys, one on a mountain bike and the other on an electric mountain bike (who knew such a thing existed?). They had camped a little ways up the trail, and were hunters, scouting out deer for the season, or so they said.

As others who have hiked this road know, there is absolutely nothing technical about it whatsoever. But it is a LONG haul and involves many more steep ascents and descents than on other road hikes that I've done, such as nearby Old Man Mountain and Monte Arido, the road to which features some ups and downs but consists primarily of long stretches of gradual road. The road beyond Three Sisters, on the other hand often feels more like a firebreak than it does an actual road although clearly it once was. One of the most dispiriting aspects of this hike is that you reach the absolute lowest point of the entire hike just a mile and a half before the summit and then you have to steeply climb to the top. There was a duck signifying where others had traveled, but the way up from there was vague, and I had to do some very minor bushwhacking to reach the summit at about 2 pm. The register can was easy to find, and the register was fun to leaf through. On the way down (after a 45 minute break) I found some ducks continuing to the west. I tried that and found that it was much easier to get back down to the road but it did leave me to the west and with a bit of elevation to get back up to where I originally left the road. Either way works.



By now, the temperature had risen into the low 50s but it was completely overcast. And sure enough, I started feeling sprinkles. Within about 15 to 20 minutes, I realized that it was not going to let up and so on went my pack cover and my rain jacket. One issue that was annoying but that I didn't think was too serious was the fact that the roads here are made of clay and when they get wet mud starts clumping on your boots, which is both uncomfortable and extra tiring. This became a more serious issue when I got back on my bike at Three Sisters at just past 6 pm. Very soon I realized that the mud collecting on my tires was going to make biking difficult or impossible.

While I managed to struggle down the road for about 7/10 of a mile, eventually the tires just refused to turn. I faced a difficult decision. Try to carry out my bike and possibly not get back to my car until well after midnight, or abandon the bike and walk the 7½ mile track back to Highway 33. I really didn't have the strength or the will to carry my bike and the increasing rain made my decision to leave my bike the right one. I locked it behind a bush, took a waypoint and some photos and reluctantly turned to the east. Walking in a steady rain, I made it back to Highway 33 at about 10:15, after almost 29 miles of hiking, biking and walking my bike for almost 15 hours. It was 42 degrees.

When the forest service office opened on Monday I called to see how I might be able to get my bike retrieved without walking in 7½ miles and biking out. I may still have to do that but I am hoping that I might be able to either get a ride to my bike or be able to drive in a little bit. I will update this post once I get my bike back

Post script: A week or so later, I was able to retrieve my bike. I ended up having an interesting discussion with the Potrero Seco caretaker. My phone was a little worse for wear, but all for the cause.

Morris, Russel, Backus

By Ted Lubeshkoff



On Saturday, 11/3/18, Ryan B. Lynch and I led a group of seven on the ridge between Morris Peak, Russell Peak, and Backus Peak. This is a rarely-led route, but very doable. We met at Powers Well, did a car shuttle to the mine, and started with HPS Morris Peak Route 2. The ridge between Morris and Russell is pretty straightforward until this ridge joins the ridge going north from Russell Peak. It is important to cross

over to the east side of this short section of the ridge. Ryan led up to Morris and Russell and I led from Russell to Backus. I have done the Backus to Russell direction about 2-3 times before, but I think this was the first time I went this direction. I remembered to head to the big saddle east of Russell on the south side of the main ridge. We did about 10.5 miles in 11 hours. It was a beautiful day in the desert with views of Owens, Jenkins, and Five Fingers.



Stacy Moore

Mount Baldy 8



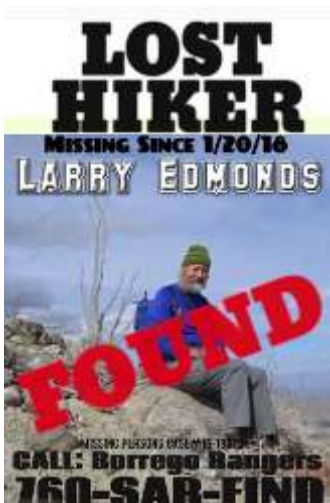
Granite Mountain #2

January 20th, 2018

By Larry Edmonds

On January 19th, 2018 I met good friends in Anza Borrego Desert State park for a hike just east of Granite Mountain which was convenient since I had scheduled my Larry's Hike Of The Month (LHOTM) for the next day. After the hike I headed over to the mouth of Cool Canyon where I would spend the night. The Hike Of The Month started as a monthly hike that I led for the Adventure Club of General Dynamics Electronics Division for many years, and when I retired I continued to lead a monthly private hike that I called the LHOTM. That evening Afra Roet and Sharon Gott arrived to share my camp and conversation. It sprinkled some overnight but nothing heavy enough to make me abandon my cowboy camp for the truck. We awoke early the next morning to temps in the low 40s with some moderate wind as Jim Wick, Neal Matthys, Mark Sutton, Shelley Rogers, and Ranchita Ted, arrived at our campsite ready to hike. The eight of us then headed up Cool Canyon, an interesting canyon with several rocky dry falls to climb none of which are difficult climbs. At approximately 1 ½ miles up the canyon we climbed out and got on top of the east ridge of Granite. As we climbed the East Ridge towards high point 4624 we headed pretty much directly west where we gained a SE ridge leading up to 4624. This resulted in lots of class 3 bouldering to get up to 4624. I think staying at the top of the East Ridge would be the better approach as I don't think it is as bouldery, but hey the class three bouldering was fun. I should have turned around and took note of the view down into Cool Canyon from here. You will learn later why that would have been a good idea. The group got a bit spread apart so we early arrivers took a break on 4624 to let the others catch up. It was a cold windy day and from this point on we were being pelted by light grapple. After 4624 we crossed a saddle and started the climb towards high point 5185 which also required a bit of bouldering. From there on it was pretty easy, for a climb anyway, sailing up to Granite BM, also known as Granite #2. There was quite a bit of grapple accumulation on the ground at the peak and we could see that snow was falling in the Laguna and Cuyamaca Mountains. As we waited for everyone to arrive on the peak we did our best to stay in sheltered spots in the rocks as it was very cold and windy on top. This was my second time on Granite #2 and the views are as spectacular as I remembered from my first climb of it in March of 2011. Due to the wind and cold we did not stay long after everyone arrived on top. Just long enough to have a quick lunch. As we headed down over 5185 and then to 4624 I had been staying in the rear to be sure everyone was getting down OK. I took a short break on 4624 and then continued down, everyone was out of my sight by now. I looked down at a canyon that I was certain was cool Canyon and proceeded down to that canyon. Even made radio contact with the group to let them know I was headed down behind them. What a blunder that was. Rather than relying on what I thought I was looking at I should have pulled out my map/compass or GPS and verified I was indeed

dropping into Cool Canyon. Heck. had I simply looked up and noticed the position of Whale Peak which I would recognize from any angle I would have known I was not dropping into Cool Canyon. I guess I had done this for so many years I was getting a bit to over confident. Once I had traveled some distance down this canyon it was becoming less and less recognizable to me so eventually this dummy pulled out his GPS only to discover I'm in the wrong Canyon. By now I had gone down canyon quite some distance and new it would take me a while to go back up and cross over into Cool Canyon so I made radio contact with the group to let them know what I had done and that my plan was to continue down this canyon to where it intersects with Highway S2 in Box Canon and thumb my way back to our vehicles. I had several very good long time hiking buddies along in the group and they are never going to let me live this one down as evidenced by the included poster one of them created for me. But hey I discovered and new way up to Granite and luckily all the dry falls were negotiable.



**Day Hike to All Seventeen
“10,000ers” In the San Gorgonio Mountain Area
By Bill Simpson**



Brian Mason, Lyn Dyer and I recently did a private day hike to seventeen 10,000' peaks in the San Gorgonio Mountain area. Our 17-peak day hike was inspired by Erik Siering, who did the 17 peaks as a solo day hike nearly fifteen years ago. His hike likely was inspired by the San Gorgonio “9-Peak Challenge,” which is one of the harder hikes in Southern California. The object of the 9-Peak Challenge is to hike to the nine peaks on the ridge from San Bernardino Peak to San Gorgonio Mountain. While it can be done in a single day, it is more often done as a backpack.

The Boy Scouts have a patch which honors those who accomplish this 9-peak feat. The addition of eight peaks to the 9-Peak Challenge significantly increases the hiking difficulty.

We used Erik's itinerary as a blueprint. We set up a shuttle, beginning our hike at the Fish Creek trailhead and ending it at the Angeles Oaks trailhead. However, I much prefer steep gain to additional miles, so I decided we should hike first to Ten Thousand Foot Ridge, utilizing a ridge from Fish Creek Camp rather than hiking on trail all the way to Fish Creek Saddle. Also, after bagging Lake Peak and Grinnell Mountain, I decided we should hike directly down a ridge from Zahniser and up an opposing ridge to San Gorgonio Peak. In addition to these changes, we made other route alterations that added up to a combined saving of six miles (Erik's total miles were 37; our total miles were 31). The elevation gain for us was pretty close to the elevation gain that Erik experienced in 1996: about 9,100 feet vs. 9,200 feet.

We started our hike at 1:40 a.m. on a Saturday morning with no help from the moon. We were determined 1) to beat the heat of the day during a big chunk of the uphill and 2) finish the hike before 8 p.m. so we could dine at the restaurant in Angeles Oaks to celebrate our achievement (we had no shortage of optimism). The early start meant we wouldn't be getting much, if any, sleep before the hike. It also meant we would hike the first four peaks in the dark, which proved to be fairly easy due to the use of ridges and three strong headlamps. It was especially nice to get the climb to Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (our first peak) out of the way when it was cool out. Our second peak was Lake Peak, which we found after tripping our way over the trees that lay all around like pick-up sticks. We had a little problem finding Lake Peak in the dark even with our strong headlamps. Everything looked like a pile of rocks, which is what Lake Peak basically is. We then tagged Grinnell followed by Zahniser, where we were able to put our head-lamps away.

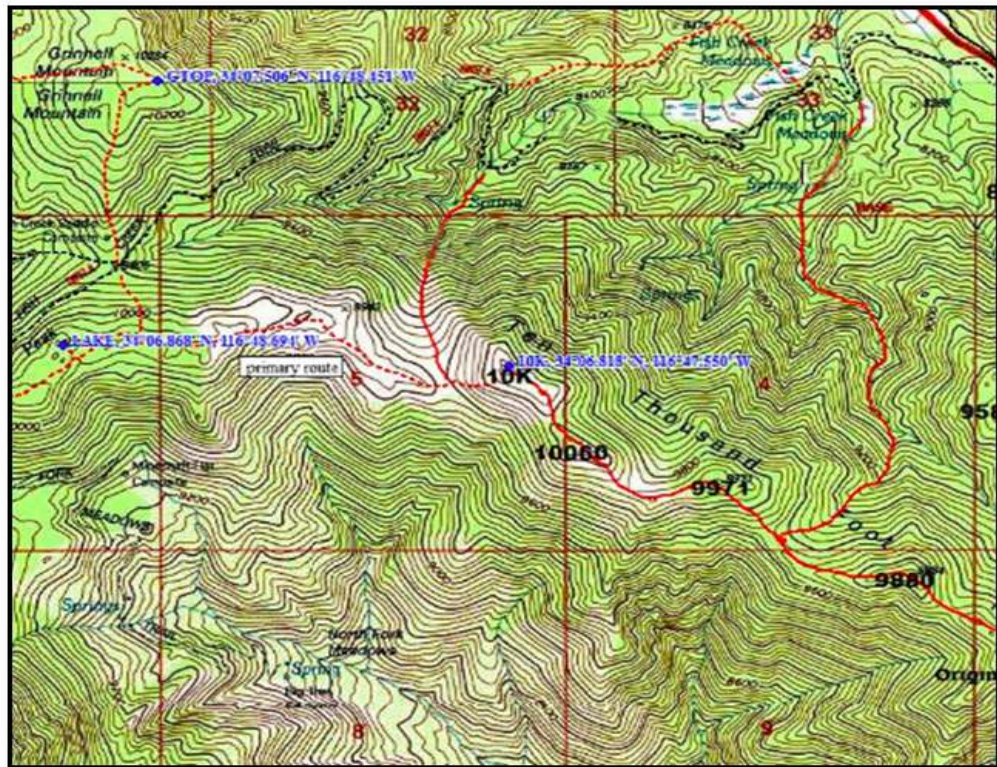
The hike up a steep ridge in daylight to our fifth peak, San Gorgonio, was aided by a nice breeze that was blow-ing at the time. The twelve remaining peaks were at times grueling, but otherwise uneventful. Finally, we finished number 17, San Bernardino Peak, and headed down to Angeles Oaks. This was the worst part of the hike by far. After doing 23 miles with over 9,000 feet of elevation gain, we had to hike down eight miles with over 5,000 feet of elevation loss. We arrived at Angeles Oaks at 7:10 p.m., which permitted us to partake of our celebratory dinner. The one thing I had not anticipated was the amount of “down” time accumulated while hiking to 17 peaks. We amassed two hours and 36 minutes of non-hiking time --which included two nearly ½-hour breaks for meals while on Dobbs Peak and San Bernardino Peak. Shorter breaks at the other fifteen peaks averaged seven minutes, with the shortest being three minutes (Lake Peak and Dragons Head) and the longest being twelve minutes (Zahniser Peak).

STATISTICS FOR THE HIKE

- Distance: 31 miles
- Elevation gain: 9,100 feet
- Hiking Time: 15.0 hours
- Break Time: 2.5 hours
- Total Time: 17.5 hours

ORDER OF 17 PEAKS HIKED

- Ten Thousand Foot Ridge (10,094')
- Lake Peak (10,161')
- Grinnell Mountain (10,284')
- Zahniser Peak (10,056')
- San Gorgonio Mountain (11,499')
- Bighorn Mountain (10,997')
- Dragons Head (10,866')
- East Dobbs Peak (10,540')
- Dobbs Peak (10,459')
- Jepson Peak (11,205')
- Little Charlton Peak (10,696')
- Charlton Peak (10,806')
- Alto Diablo Peak (10,563')
- Shields Peak (10,680+')
- Anderson Peak (10,840+')
- San Bernardino East Peak (10,691')
- San Bernardino Peak (10,649')



Bill Simpson on Mt. Baden Powell



Milestones



Tehachipi Mountain, 7-31-20. Birthday picture on peak. HPS Chair Michael Dillenback and Holly Brett both have the same birthday.

6-17-20, Larry Pond meets Matthew Hengst and Jennifer Blackie at Walker Pass with a new filter and fresh fruit. Mat and Jennifer have been on the Pacific Crest Trail, beginning in Campo, CA, since May 4th (Page 19)

Chasing The Comet

By Mark S. Allen

Leaving the confines of Pandemic lock-down, I spent several evenings chasing the image of the NEOWISE Comet during its brief showing in the month of July. Heralded by the news and social media, it was truly a religious experience to look up and see this infrequent visitor to our solar system.

First discovered by NASA in March of 2020, the comet was not easy to see above the city lights. We tried this first in Long Beach on Signal Hill. Then, with binoculars, out in the Morongo Valley area, I found the comet by looking to the Northwest under the Big Dipper.



Comet NEOWISE photograph submitted by Richard Passmore.

The picture above represents what most of us saw during the near-earth showing from this comet. NEOWISE is for: Near Earth Object Wide-Field Infrared Survey Explorer, the NASA space telescope that first spotted the comet. I spent three of four nights driving to different observation points around LA encountering groups of neophyte star watchers. Some in small groups of parked cars, others in RV's. All gazing upward. At Mt. Wilson, amateur observers on the road showed me cell phone pictures of the comet in the sky just above the broadcast towers on the ridge to Occidental Peak.

Comet chasing was an experience not unlike peak-bagging but navigating is by the constellations of the night sky. This comet's closest approach to Earth was on July 22nd at 138,540,673 kilometers away from Earth. At that great distance it took 7.8 minutes for the comets light to reach earth.

At first it was viewed in the early morning. Late July found the comet rising higher in the heavens right after the sun set, always down from the Big Dipper Constellation. July 23rd was billed as the last viewing. It will be another 6800 years before NEOWISE returns.



Comet NEOWISE photographed by Doug Brown



Comet NEOWISE photographed by Robert Randall at Trona, California.

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Mat and Tanya, and Kayla RK on Mt Baden-Powell - 8/8/2020



Ann Kim on Indian Mtn. 6-14-20



Hikin Jim, 8-22 Bedford Peak



Edith Lui with a halo from an old cable wheel of the ski lift.



Bruce Craig, Waterman Mtn.



Winnie Butler, Waterman Mtn

Summits

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Virginia Simpson, Mammoth Lakes, CA



Jin Oak Chung



Aug 30, 2020 (Red Tahquitz & Southwell Peak)



Jin Oak Chung



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Garen Yeghpairian on road to May Peak



Richard Passmore
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Asher Waxman, Great Basin Park, NV

Hiking Photography

By Jim Oak Chung



Five Fingers, 4-29-18



Strawberry, Lawlor, Barley Flats 4-04-18



Mt. Baden Powell, 8-16-20



Caliente 5-2-18



Butterfly Peak, 3-25-18



Chuckwalla, 4-08-18



Rattlesnake 3-11-18

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