

## **Hundred Peaks Section Outings and Safety Policy**

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### **I. Classification of Outings**

Outings shall be rated as "I", "O", or "M" in accordance with Angeles Chapter Safety Committee policy. Routes to peaks on the current HPS list are considered to be rated either "O" or "I" except for certain "M" peaks or routes listed in Section V below. Ascents by unusual routes involving class 3 or higher climbing or under snow and ice conditions which ordinarily involve moderate or higher technical difficulties shall be rated "M" or "E".

### **II. Outings and Safety Chair**

- A. The Outings Chair and the Safety Chair shall be experienced mountaineers and outings leaders, and shall be familiar with the peaks on the HPS list and with the capabilities of HPS leaders. These Chairs will normally, but not necessarily, be the same person.
- B. The Outings Chair shall maintain a current file of leaders and their certification level as approved by Angeles Chapter.

### **III. Outings Requirements and Distribution of Write-Ups for Approved Trips**

- A. Proposed outings write-ups shall be submitted to the Outings Chair for approval and distribution for publication. For jointly sponsored outings, the write-up shall be submitted through the first mentioned sponsor, with a copy sent to the Outings Chair of the other named sponsors. The Outings Chair will be responsible for distributing approved Outings for listing.
- B. Every outing shall be listed in the Angeles Chapter *Schedule of Activities*, The HPS newsletter (*The Lookout*) or the HPS internet website.
- C. The outing write-up shall define requirements placed on participants as to effort required (distance, elevation gain, etc.) and special skills and equipment, including the difficulty level classification.

### **IV. Leader Qualifications**

- A. Leaders of HPS sponsored outings are expected to be HPS members, however exceptions may be authorized by the HPS Outings Chair. Leaders must be Sierra Club members in good standing.
- B. For any outing, the leader and the assistant leader must be rated by the Chapter as being qualified to conduct outings of the designated rating.
- C. It is the policy of the HPS that both leaders should have climbed the peak before conducting the outing, preferably within 3 months of the scheduled date. However, HPS will accept for scheduling, at the discretion of the Outings Chair, outings where the leaders have not previously climbed the peak and are not planning to scout it, providing that one of the following criteria is met:
  - (1) The outing is listed as "exploratory", or
  - (2) A route in the HPS approved Peak Guide is followed.

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- D. Leaders must follow the current HPS Outings and Angeles Chapter Safety Committee Policies.

### **V. Leader Qualifications for "M" Rated Peaks and Routes**

- A. The following routes in the approved HPS Peak Guides are considered to be third class ("M" rated) routes:

- 1I Five Fingers by all routes,
- 11B Strawberry Peak by Route 2 (via Colby Canyon),
- 28A Lily Rock by all routes.
- 28E Antsell Rock by all routes,

The HPS Peak Guides shall indicate the "M" rating of these routes.

- B. "I" rated leaders who wish to lead the routes in Section V.A. must be approved by the Chapter Safety Committee. The Chapter Safety Committee is delegating to the HPS Management Committee to recommend to the Safety Committee leaders who they feel should be granted the privilege of leading these "M" rated routes. In order to be recommended, "I" rated leaders shall meet the following criteria (set by the HPS Management):

- (1) Previously led at least 20 sanctioned HPS "I" rated peaks,
- (2) Previously been a participant on a hike with an M (or higher) rated leader, or an "I" rated leader who has been approved by HPS, to the peak by the route they plan to lead. [the hike need not have been a scheduled Sierra Club outing].
- (3) Shall have experience at climbing on 3rd class rock, and demonstrated knowledge of the risks of the 3rd class climb and the skills to manage a group so that the risks are minimized.
- (4) Shall have applied to the HPS Safety Chair stating their qualifications for leading each of the routes in V.A.

- C. The outing shall be listed as "M".

- D. The following peaks shall require "M" (or higher) rated leaders to climb the summit block highest point. "I" rated leaders may lead to the base of the summit block (register location), but neither they nor their participants shall climb the highest point.

- 2Q Weldon Peak
- 27G Cornell Peak
- 28K Pine Mtn #2
- 28N Rock Point

The HPS Peak Guides shall indicate the leader requirements for these routes.

- D. "M" or higher rated leaders are required for any exploratory or undocumented (not described in the HPS Peak Guide) route that is likely to require class 3 or higher climbing, for example, Iron Mtn #1 from Mt San Antonio.

- E. Winter hikes in snow conditions:

- 1. Normally "O" rated routes shall become at least "I" rated under conditions requiring snowshoes or skis.


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2. Routes requiring ice axe and crampons shall become restricted "E" rated.


### VI. Outing Procedures

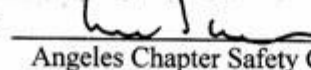
- A. Leaders are expected to be familiar with Sierra Club National and Angeles Chapter policies, which take precedence over HPS policies.
- B. Every outing shall have at least two leaders. Trips with large groups may need more than 2 leaders for adequate control. All leaders have to be rated appropriately to the outing.
- C. A sign-in sheet with waiver approved by the Sierra Club shall be used on all outings to check participants in and out. The leaders shall ascertain that all participants legibly list their emergency phone numbers and automobile license plate numbers in the spaces provided for this information. All participants shall be checked in and out.
- D. The leaders should have available Sierra Club and HPS Membership information for nonmembers.
- E. The leaders are responsible for enforcing Sierra Club rules of conduct on the outing.
- F. The leaders shall check that all participants are properly equipped and qualified for the outing requirements.  
For outings rated "O" or "I", this check may be made at the road head.  
For "M" or higher rated outings, reservations shall be required with the check on participant qualifications as a part of the reservation procedure.
- G. The leaders shall keep the group under control at all times and exercise prudent judgment at all times during the trip.
- H. The leaders shall modify the outing plan as necessary to avoid exceeding the capability of the group.
- I. The leaders shall abort the outing objective if circumstances prevent its completion in safety.

Approved:  6-12-03  
HPS Chair Date

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HPS Outings Chair Date

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