In addition to his numerous HPS accomplishments, Peter Doggett has bagged Mt. Hollywood 1,000 times!
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June 21, 2014: “Crest Quintet”
By Edith Liu

Starting at the short-cut to Windy Gap, hiking up Islip first, back to the gap, up to Hawkins, Throop, Burnham, and last but not least, Baden-Powell. The occasional breeze kept us fairly comfortable all the way to Vincent Gap.

Ignacia and Peter get an A+ for superb leadership and organizing this hike, involving a not so easy car shuttle. It amazed me how successful they were, keeping the “flock” of all 16 participants of various capabilities together. Now that I have slowed down at my old age, I was at first hesitant to join the “tigers”, thus I was pleasantly surprised how accommodating these leaders were. I was not the only senior citizen, there were several 70 plus “mature” hikers in the group. I asked an 84 year old, who was at all times on the heels of the leader, for his driver’s license to prove it. I got a kiss for saying he looks more like 65! And good to know that quite a few HPS newbies were among us.

The photo was taken on the summit of Baden-Powell, Martin Parsons being the photographer.
Thank you Ignacia and Peter!
HUNDRED PEAKS SECTION MEMBERSHIP REPORT – May 2014

ACHIEVEMENTS:

100 Explorers
   #12 – Bruce Craig – 5/6/14 – Barley Flats

200 Pathfinders
   #18 – Bruce Craig – 4/30/14 – Bald Eagle Peak

List Finish #3
   #32 – Bruce Craig – 5/9/14 – Tip Top Mountain

200 Peaks
   #472 – Mary Varalyay – 5/3/14 – Mount Jenkins

100 Peaks
   #1151 – Mike Manning – 3/24/14 – Winston Peak
   #1152 – Richard Reid – 4/5/14 – Cuyamaca Peak

DONATIONS:

Southern Courtney - $3
Janet Howell - $11
Winnette Butler - $1
Chris Waldheim - $26
Terrence McCorkle - $3
Leo Rosario - $5

NEW LIFE MEMBER:

Dirk Van Fleet

NEW MEMBERS:

Mirna Roach
Greg Roach
Tim Branson
Jerry Grenard

MEMBERSHIP COUNTS:

281 Members (241 primary + 40 household)
24 Subscribers
305 Total

The 25th Annual Waterman Rendezvous Hike
Saturday July 26, 2014

Special Guest: Bill Burke (the only person to climb the highest mountain on every continent after reaching age 60.

Greg de Hoogh, HPS Membership Chair
THE NAVIGATION CORNER:
TEST YOUR KNOWLEDGE

By Bob Myers, LTC Navigation Chair

It is once again time for a Test Your Knowledge Quiz. Four questions are set forth below. Those who answer all questions correctly by July 31, 2014, will be placed in a drawing for a $50.00 REI gift card.

1. The initial name proposed for Joshua Tree National Monument in the 1930s:

   □ A. Chollo Garden National Monument
   □ B. Desert Plants National Park.
   □ C. Little San Bernardino Mountains Monument

2. Joshua Tree National Park's newest peak Mount Minerva Hoyt is A, B or C in the photo:

3. Which of the following peaks was once within the boundaries of Joshua Tree National Monument but was removed in 1950s because of lobbying by mining interests?

   □ A. Orocopia Mountain
   □ B. East Ord Mountain
   □ C. Sheep Hole Mountain
   □ D. Old Woman Mountain

4. The largest stand of Joshua trees in California can be found at:

   □ A. Joshua Tree National Park
   □ B. Death Valley National Park
   □ C. Mojave National Preserve
Answers should be emailed to rmmyers@ix.netcom.com

Upcoming Navigation Events

Our Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle will be on August 3, 2014. This will be our sixth summer at Mt. Pinos and in prior years we were rewarded with weather much cooler than in the Los Angeles basin. We return to the San Bernardino Mountains on September 21, 2014, for our Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle.

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.

Cameron Bell learning the tricks of navigation at our Places We’ve Saved Navigation Noodle in April 2014.
Rideshare Points

Rideshare Points mentioned in the Outings in this issue of The Lookout include:

La Canada Angeles Crest Hwy (Hwy 2), Just N of Foothill Fwy (I-210). Park on Angeles Crest Hwy only. - See more at: http://angeles2.sierraclub.org/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places#sthash.5FnaWcOd.dpuf

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/get_outdoors/know_you_go/rideshare_meeting_places

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!

A shady rest spot along the Marion Mountain Trail, on the way to Folly.
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Advance Schedule of Hundred Peaks Section Activities
July - December 2014
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 June 10, 2014. These outings cover the period ranging from July 1 through December 31, 2014. 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://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp

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://tioga.sierraclub.org/oars-activity/pages/activity.jsf?activity=32355.
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/ltc/transfers/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.

Jul 2   Wed       Hundred Peaks
O: Barley Flats (5600’+) - Join us for a day in the San Gabriel Mountains about 4 miles north of Mt. Wilson. This peak was suspended for some time due to the Station Fire and is finally open to us. The only route is via the road. It is about a 6 mile round trip on road, 1000’ gain. Come join us to see what changes the fire made to this area. Other peaks possible. Slow pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, GEORGE CHRISTIANSEN, PAT ARREDONDO

Jul 2   Wed       Hundred Peaks
O: Wild View Peak (7258’), Pine Mountain Ridge (7440’+) - Join us for a hike to these two interesting peaks. There will be unique views of Mt. Baldy and Iron Mountain. Total distance will be around 14 miles and total gain will be about 3600 feet. Bring water, lunch, hat, sturdy boots, sunscreen. Contact leader for details. Leader: BILL SIMPSON Co-Leader: JIMMY QUAN, BRUCE CRAIG

Jul 4   Fri       Hundred Peaks
I: July 4th Jamboree (Crest Cleanout) - Mt Lewis (8396’), Kratka Ridge (7515’), Mt Akawie (7283’), Winston Pk (7502’), Mt Hillyer (6200+), Vetter Mtn (5908’), Mt Mooney (5840+), Mt Sally (5408’), Occidental Pk (5732’), Mt Wilson (5710’). Join us as we celebrate our national holiday, Independence Day, in a national forest -- Angeles National Forest. While the signers of the Declaration of Independence risked loss of property and life, we only have to risk a bit of sweat. Do one, some, or all 10 (perhaps more) peaks as we will drive between trailheads and climbs. The total hike will be about 12 miles round trip with roughly 3000’ of gain. Additional or alternate peaks possible. Please bring liquids, lug soles, layers, lunch & hat. Contact peterdoggett@aol.com for meeting details. Leaders PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Jul 8   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: BILL SIMPSON

Jul 12  Sat       Hundred Peaks
I: Santa Rosa (8070’), Toro (8716’) - Join us for a day in the San Bernardino National Forest near Palm Desert. Santa Rosa is mostly a drive up. Toro is 3 miles round trip, 800’ gain. High clearance, 4WD vehicle advised. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Slow to moderate pace. Contact leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, PAT ARREDONDO, PAT VAUGHN
Celebrate the HPS’s milestone 25th Annual Waterman Rendezvous with your hiking friends and Bill Burke, an accomplished mountaineer with more than one milestone to his name. Bill is the only person to climb the highest mountain on every continent after reaching age 60; his commitment to climbing mountains is exceeded only by his commitment to his family. Waterman Mtn is located in one of the most beautiful sections of the Angeles National Forest, with stunning pines, great views, and an exciting summit block. A number of HPS hikes will make their way to the summit, converging to create the biggest potluck in the Angeles National Forest (if we do say so ourselves!). Bring a great attitude, a treat to share, and appropriate hiking gear. Check OARS often for details on each hike’s statistics, meeting time, and leader contact information.

**Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**25th Annual Waterman Rendezvous** - Join us on this exciting 25th Anniversary of our Annual HPS Waterman Rendezvous and enjoy a hike through the beautiful forests of the San Gabriel Mtns High Country with our special guest Bill Burke! Moderate hike, 6 mi rt, with 1200’ of gain to the peak, starting from a shady trail from the parking lot above Buckhorn Campground. Meet at La Canada rideshare at 8:00 a.m. Bring lots of yummy potluck items and miles of smiles to share. 3-4 hrs. r/t (not counting the food fest and fun times on the peak). Leaders: CHRIS SPISAK, LILLY FUKUI, PAT VAUGHN

**Jul 26 Sat Hundred Peaks**

**O: Waterman Mt (8038’)** - Join Rosemary Campbell and Bruce Craig on their third consecutive lead of this route to the peak for the pot luck party. Our lovely shaded trail from above Buckhorn is 7 mi round trip and 1300’ gain. Meet at the La Canada rideshare at 9:00 am with goodies to share, eating utensils, water, suitable clothing layers. Leaders: ROSEMARY CAMPBELL, BRUCE CRAIG

**Aug 3 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS**

**I: Mt. Pinos Navigation Noodle** - Navigation noodle in Los Padres National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email or sase, navigation experience/training, rideshare info, contact info, any WTC, leader rating to Leader: ROBERT MYERS, Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

**Aug 13 – 17 Wed – Sun Wilderness Adventures Section, Hundred Peaks**

**O: High Sierra Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Kennedy Meadows to Horseshoe Meadows**. This beautiful trip begins along the South Fork of the Kern River in the South Sierra Wilderness, passes through the Golden Trout Wilderness, and finishes by descending from Cottonwood Pass. Moderately paced, 5 days, 50 miles, one-way. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500' gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. Group Size Limited. Depending on group size, participants may need to share in expense of a rental van. This is a Wilderness Adventures Section outing co-sponsored by HPS. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent
conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: TED
LUBESHKOFF, Co-leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Aug 15 – 17 Fri – Sun WTC, SPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Let's climb Cloudripper (13,525') - Join us on this adventurous backpack in the John Muir Wilderness, with views of the Palisades Glacier, stunning alpine lakes and a fun climb of Cloudripper-the highest peak in the Inconsolable Range of the Palisades with a superb payoff-views of several peaks including Mt. Sill, North Pal, Mt. Agassiz, Goode, Humphreys and many more. Friday morning begin backpacking from the North Fork of Big Pine Creek (at Glacier Lodge) to camp at 5th Lake (6 miles 3200 ft of gain on trail). Saturday hike 2.8 miles 2800 ft all cross-country to climb Cloudripper and then return to camp for our legendary Happy Hour. Sunday pack out, and return home. This exciting trip is especially designed for fit WTC students and will count as an experience trip. The gain and elevation make this trip a challenge, good conditioning is a must, but we are taking our time over three days to enjoy the stunning vistas all along the way. Pace will be WTC moderate. Permit limits group size. This is a WTC outing co-sponsored by SPS, HPS. Send email with recent experience & conditioning, H&W phones, rideshare info along with WTC Group (if any) & Leaders names to Leader: MAT KELLIHER (mkelliher746@gmail.com). Co-leader: SRIDHAR GULLAPALLI $7 permit fee.

Sep 9 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. To have items added to the agenda, or to volunteer, please contact the HPS Chair: BILL SIMPSON

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.

Sep 21 Sun LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS
I: Grinnell Ridge Navigation Noodle - Navigation Noodle in San Bernardino National Forest for either checkout or practice to satisfy Basic (I/M) or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS, Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Sep 27 Sat DPS, Hundred Peaks
I: Charleston Peak (11,915'), Mummy Mountain (11,528') - Join us on this very strenuous, moderately paced, early autumn trip up into the Spring Mountains of Nevada to climb two of the State’s most alluring peaks. Saturday we’ll take the South Loop trail out of Kyle Canyon for a moderately paced, but very strenuous hike on trail to Charleston Peak and return for a day’s total of 18 miles and 4,300’ of gain. Saturday night we’ll relax around the campfire and enjoy a traditional DPS potluck at a nearby campground. Sunday we’ll start out on the North Lake trail out of Kyle Canyon and then travel cross country at a moderate pace over very rugged class 2 terrain to the summit of Mummy Mountain and then return the way we came in for a day’s total
of 10 miles and 3,700’ of gain. We’ve reserved a local campground for both Friday and Saturday nights; campground fees will be split among those of us who will be using it. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Sep 27  Sat  Hundred Peaks, Lower Peaks 
HPS Fall Festival - Mark your calendars for 2014’s Fall Festival, hosted jointly by the Hundred Peaks Section and Lower Peaks Committee. It’s sure to be a great time as we enjoy what will hopefully be cool and pleasant autumn evenings. We hope you can join us for a potluck on Saturday night. Check the HPS outings page at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/hps/outings.asp and the LPC outings page at http://angeles.sierraclub.org/lpc/outings.asp for information on specific activities. Karen and Wolf Leverich have generously offered to host us for camping (and even better— they will be allow us to use their restroom and shower facilities) on Friday and Saturday nights in San Luis Obispo. Please email CHRISTINE SOSKINS (csoskins@gmail.com) to reserve your spot for either or both nights and for directions.

Oct 22 – 26  Wed – Sun  Wilderness Adventures Section, Hundred Peaks  
O: Southern Sierra Pacific Crest Trail Backpack from Walker Pass to Kennedy Meadows. This trip begins by passing Morris Peak, Mount Jenkins, and Owens Peak, travels through Rockhouse Basin, and finishes by hiking along the South Fork of the Kern River in the Dome Land Wilderness. Moderately paced, 5 days, 52 miles, one-way. Average day will be 12 miles with 2500’ gain/loss. No layover days/no beginners. This is a Wilderness Adventures outing co-sponsored by HPS. Send email with H & C phones, city, recent conditioning and backpack experience to jeannstar@sbcglobal.net Leader: TED LUBESHKOFF, Co-leader: PAT ARREDONDO

Oct 25  Sat  Hundred Peaks 
I: Beartrap Bluff (6160’+) - Join us for a day in the Los Padres National Forest 20 miles north of Ojai. This is a strenuous, but well worth it hike. One of our newest additions to the HPS list, it is 12 miles round trip, 3800’ of gain (3000’ out and 800’ return) on trail and some cross country. Most of it is on the Gene Marshall/Piedra Blanca trail which is in excellent shape. The last 1 ½ miles is up a gully to a plateau then on to the summit. Estimate 8- 9 hours of hiking. Slow to moderate pace. Bring food, water, 10 essentials. Contact leaders for status and details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Nov 1   Sat  LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS  
I: Beginning Navigation Clinic - Spend the day one-on-one with an instructor, learning/practicing map and compass in our local mountains. Beginners to rusty old-timers welcome and practice is available at all skill levels. Not a checkout, but it will help you prepare. Many expert leaders will attend; many I-rated leaders started here in the past. 4 mi, 500’ gain. Send sase, phones, rideshare info, $25 deposit, refunded at trailhead (Sierra Club) to Leader: DIANE DUNBAR.  Co-Ldr: RICHARD BOARDMAN

Nov 8 – 9  Sat – Sun  DPS, Hundred Peaks  
I: New York Butte (10,668’), Pleasant Point (9,690’), Cerro Gordo Peak (9,188’)- Join us for a pleasant autumn weekend in the southern Inyo Mountains as we scale a couple of classic DPS peaks as well as a bonus trip up to the summit of one of the Great Basin Peaks Section peaks. Saturday we’ll start out from Long John Canyon near Lone Pine, CA to ascend the long and steep southwestern ridge of New York Butte to its summit and return for a very strenuous day’s total of 8.3 RT miles with 6,200’ of gain. Saturday night we’ll camp at our cars in Long
John Canyon and enjoy a traditional and festive DPS Potluck Happy Hour. Sunday we'll drive over to the eastern side of Owens Lake and head up into the Inyo Mtns. From our trailhead in the Cerro Gordo Ghost Town, we'll first head north up the southern ridge crest to Pleasant Point and return for a total of 6.0 RT miles and 1,850' of gain. Then we'll head south to hike up an old mining road to the summit of Cerro Gordo Peak and return for a total of 2.8 RT miles with 1,150' of gain. This is a DPS Outing co-sponsored by HPS. Email Mat Kelliher with contact info, recent conditioning, and experience for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, BILL SIMPSON

Nov 11  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: BILL SIMPSON

Nov 15  Sat  LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Nov 16  Sun  LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS
I: Indian Cove Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park to satisfy the Basic (I/M) level navigation requirements. Saturday for practice, skills refresher, altimeter, homework, campfire. Sunday checkout. Send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare, to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 7  Sun  LTC, Hundred Peaks, WTC, DPS, SPS
I: Warren Point Navigation Noodle - Navigation noodle at Joshua Tree National Park for either checkoff or practice to satisfy the basic (I/M) level or Advanced (E) level navigation requirements. To participate, send email/sase, contact info, navigation experience/training, any WTC, leader rating, rideshare to Leader: ROBERT MYERS. Assistant: PHIL WHEELER

Dec 12 – 14  Fri – Sun  Hundred Peaks
2014 Holiday Hooplah - Come on out and join us for a fun weekend filled with Peaks and Partying!! This year's festive Holiday Party and Potluck will be held on Saturday night (Dec 13) in Joshua Tree National Park at the Cottonwood Campground. Campground amenities include water and restrooms with flushing toilets. While we're out there for the weekend, there will be several outstanding outings offered to wonderful peaks in the area including DPS, LPC, HPS, and peakbagger.com listed Peaks. Check the outings schedule often for new updates, and contact the trip leaders directly for specific details if a particular trip suits your fancy. There's no charge for the group campground we've reserved for Friday and Saturday nights, but space is limited, so be sure to save your spot by signing up early at mkelliher746@gmail.com.
Dec 13  Sat  Hundred Peaks
I: Mt. Minerva Hoyt (5405') - Join us for the day in Joshua Tree National Park to hike the newest addition to Hundred Peaks list. We will be doing Rt. 2, estimate 10 miles round trail, 2200' total gain, 1800' out plus 400' on return. This hike will be done on cross country and use trail. Other peaks possible. Other routes possible. Slow to moderate pace. After the hike, join us for the Holiday Hooplah potluck being held at Cottonwood Campground. Bring food, water and 10 essentials. Contact Leaders for details: DAVE COMERZAN, PETER & IGNACIA DOGGETT

Dec 14  Sun  Hundred Peaks
O: Queen Mountain (5,680') - Come wind down the 2014 HPS Holiday Hooplah weekend with us on an easy to moderate hike to this lovely peak in Joshua Tree National Park. 4 miles round trip with 1,200' of gain on dirt road and trail with minor class 2 scrambling to reach the summit. Relaxed and casual pace. National Park entry fee required. Some dirt road driving required to reach trailhead. Contact mkelliher746@gmail.com for trip status and details. Leaders: MAT KELLIHER, STELLA CHEUNG

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Station Fire Closure Update

Just prior to the Memorial Day weekend, an announcement relative to reducing the extent of closures in the Angeles National Forest was released. This notice listed specific roads, trails and campgrounds that remain closed, but was not specific regarding unlisted trails (use trails) and possible cross country routes in the forest. The notice can be accessed at http://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/stelprd3801806.pdf

A summary of the closure revisions, as sent to me from the Los Angeles River Ranger District follows (this was in response to my inquiry regarding the Santa Clara Divide Road -- NF road 3N17, and in general, other areas):

"Yes, the Santa Clara Divide Road (and connecting roads) are closed to vehicles due to health, safety and resource concerns. Through-hikers on the PCT can still access the road.

Some trails and campgrounds that require further work to allow for safer use by the public while at the same time protecting resource values in the area will remain closed. The areas that will remain closed to public access include Lower Gabrielino Trail between Bear Canyon Trail intersection and Nino Picnic Area, Barley Flats Trail (11W09) between Barley Flats and Alder Creek, Strawberry-Colby Trail (12W05.1) between Colby Bridge Trailhead and Josephine Saddle, Ken Burton Trail (12W19), Millard Falls User Trail (between Millard Campground and Millard Falls, Messenger Flats Campground, Lightning Point Campground and Big Buck Campground."

Additional clarification now available indicates that the above closure areas (roads, trails, and campgrounds) are the only remaining "Station Fire" closures (other habitat closures and other burn areas may involve limited access). As a result, the HPS peaks in the Angeles National Forest that are currently "suspended", will be evaluated for possible un-suspension.

In the meantime, and as always, "check before you go". Conditions are constantly changing due to many factors, including weather; construction crews in the area (tree clearance for example); high fire danger; recent fires in the area; seasonal locked gates: and on and on. Check before you go!

George Christiansen
HPS Access Chair
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