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Pristine desert lands, sacred to Native Americans, imperiled by gold mine

By Edie Harmon and Jeff Berman

Glamis Imperial Corporation, a subsidiary of Canadian-based Glamis Gold Limited, has proposed to construct a large open-pit gold mine in southeastern Imperial County. The mine would destroy land that is not only ecologically vital but sacred to the Quechan (pronounced 'kwit-zan') Indian Nation, who, for thousands of years, have used this area for religious and cultural purposes. The site is three-quarters of a mile from the Picacho Peak Wilderness and one and a half miles from the Indian Pass Wilderness. It is also at the gateway to the Indian Pass Area of Critical Environmental Concern, critical habitat for the endangered desert tortoise, and a popular destination for backpackers and other passive recreational users.

The company plans to create three large open pits, the largest of which (880 feet deep) would never be backfilled (having the waste rock returned to the pit) because it would exceed Glamis Imperial's anticipated profits to do so. Glamis plans to leach gold by spraying toxic cyanide over 150 million tons of ore. Meanwhile, the waste rock and tailings (mining's substantial waste by-product) would cover over a square mile and leave two 300-foot piles. The company plans to mine the area around-the-clock for twenty years.



A Quechan prayer circle at the site of the proposed Glamis Imperial strip mine. The mine would raze important wildlife habitat, archeological sites and land sacred to and still actively used by the Quechan Indian Nation. Photo by Stacy Vellas.

"Just because our people did not build a giant cathedral like the Europeans doesn't mean the land isn't just as important to our religion," Lorey exclaims. "If you destroy the land, you destroy what we believe in, who we are."

The mine would also destroy over 100 acres of mature woodland that provide prime habitat for mule deer and other wildlife. While Glamis Imperial proposes to plant

seedling trees, most of the replanted ironwood trees at the nearby Picacho mine have died, and immature trees simply cannot replace the functions of mature woodlands. Endangered desert tortoises have been observed on the proposed mine site—a mere two miles south of designated critical habitat. Still, studies to determine the mine's environmental impact are inadequate. For example, plant surveys have excluded even common annuals that bloomed after recent heavy rains. More ominously, Glamis Imperial holds hundreds of mining claims surrounding the proposed mine site and may expand once permitted, just as the nearby Mesquite Mine did, further threatening wildlife and destroying cultural riches.

The Quechan still actively practice their religion and consider their religious and cultural practices to be an integral part of maintaining the health and balance of the individual, the tribe and the natural world. The site at Indian Pass is vital to the living culture of the Quechan,

a federally recognized tribe having one of the largest enrollments of any tribe in California.

Lorey Cachora, a traditional Quechan and trained archeologist, fights to prevent the open pit mine that would forever destroy his people's ability to engage in traditional spiritual practices there. With the growing scale of modern hard-rock mines, he notes that "any damage, once done, can never be undone." The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) prepared an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) in which they concede that "vi-

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Director's Report

Killing time (and trees) in the Range of Light

Some birds just get no respect. Fourteen years after it was recognized as a sensitive species, the government still has no plan to protect the California spotted owl. While its well known cousin, the northern spotted owl, has been the focus of national attention, the California spotted owl still languishes in relative obscurity. Consider:

- The northern spotted owl is recognized as a threatened species under the Endangered Species Act. The California spotted owl receives no such recognition.

- Old-growth logging ground to a halt in the Pacific northwest while the federal government developed a plan to protect the northern spotted owl. Logging has continued in owl habitat however, while a plan to protect the California spotted owl is being developed.

- President Clinton himself came to Portland to convene a summit to discuss the forest habitat of the northern spotted owl. It was Clinton's underlings however, who in 1996, nixed an ill-advised management plan for the California spotted owl. The Prez himself probably didn't have a clue.

- The management plan for the northern spotted owl was approved in 1994. The plan for the California spotted owl is currently being rewritten... again.

So, what gives?

Scientists recognized in the 1980s that both species of spotted owl were on the decline. In the Pacific northwest, conservationists filed litigation to protect the northern spotted owl. It was this litigation, and the ensuing injunction against logging in owl habitat, that brought the focus of the nation, and of the President himself, to the northwest forests.

California conservationists, however, chose an alternate route. Instead of filing litigation to protect the threatened California owl, California conservationists used political pressure—and the threat of litigation—to spur the agency into action. The Forest Service responded by enacting a series of "interim" protection measures, which would remain in effect until a long-term management plan for the bird and its Sierra Nevada forest habitat could be developed.

The first draft of this plan was released in 1995. Among other things, the plan would have increased

Hellos and good-byes

CWC recently hired Cat Black to author the California Roadless Area Report. Cat comes to CWC with years of experience in researching Forest Service land manage-

ment. Her background will be helpful—it's not easy to determine how many timber sales, mines and roads have been carved into California's 6.3 million acres of roadless areas over the past twenty years. Welcome aboard, Cat!

CWC's spring crew of interns has arrived. This quarter, Katja will join returning interns Joshua and Kyle to learn the fine art of and science of wildlands conservation. All are assisting Cat in the preparation of the California Roadless Area Report. Welcome back Joshua and Kyle, and welcome aboard Katja!

Sadly, conservation interns Wendy, Nate, Laura V. and Laura K. have moved on to greener meadows. Each put in countless hours assisting CWC to defend threatened wild areas while securing their long-term protection. Thanks to the four of you for your hard work and commitment, and good luck in your new ventures. We wish you the best.

Meanwhile, the California spotted owl remains at risk. Several recent owl studies show a steadily falling population. As the Forest Service dabbles in developing yet another series of inadequate "interim" protection measures, the owl continues to slide towards extinction.

A conservationist in Oregon once said "There is only one word the Forest Service understands—injunction." It was an injunction against logging in northern spotted owl habitat that led to the development of the Northwest Forest Plan. A similar injunction in California would certainly provide incentive for the agency to develop a similar long-term plan in California. In fact, it may be the only thing that can wrench an adequate management plan from the obstinate agency.

After fourteen years of warnings, the Forest Service still has no long-term strategy to protect the California spotted owl. Despite our pleadings for protection, the owl continues to decline as its forest habitat dwindles. Perhaps it is time we learn a lesson from our northern counterparts: if we want to achieve the recognition and protection that the California spotted owl deserves, we may just have to bring in the lawyers.

By Paul Spitler

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Wildlands 2000

CWC is hosting a statewide meeting to discuss, plan and build support for the Wildlands 2000 campaign (see announcement on page 7). CWC initiated the campaign last October to begin work on the state's next wilderness

Announcing CWC's first ever California Wildlands Photo Contest

Avid, amateur wildlands photographers, here's your chance to shine. CWC's first ever photo contest will be held this fall, and we invite you to enter your favorite black and white or color California shots for a chance to win prizes and publication in the *Wilderness Record*. Categories will likely include California's wild scenery, native plants, critters, children and nature, and "strange and unusual sightings." Check the June and July issues of the *Wilderness Record* for complete contest rules and deadlines. In the meantime, load that film and hit the trails—fame and (modest) fortune await you!

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Wilderness Management

Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Park planning: a golden opportunity for a special place

By Steven Krefting

Sequoia and Kings Canyon are among the oldest of our national parks. These adjoining parks, managed as a single unit, contain many unrivaled features, including the highest mountain in the lower 48 states, the deepest glacial canyons in the country, the largest stand of majestic Giant Sequoias in the Sierra, and more caves than any other national park (over 200). The last time there was comprehensive planning for their management was 1971. The Parks and the issues they face have changed over the past 25 years, and it is time to develop a new vision for their future well-being. The National Parks and Conservation Association (NPCA) wants your participation to assure the continued protection of this remarkable place.

Sequoia & Kings Canyon Parks are laying the foundation of the plan which will guide their management over the next 25 years. However, these next few weeks are a critical phase of the plan's development. The Park Service must hear from citizens now to determine what issues will be addressed over the three year planning period. Your voice will make a difference in whether the majestic beauty of these parks is protected into the twenty-first century.

We need to make sure this general management plan addresses several important challenges, including:

Cabin Privileges in Mineral King: In 1978, legislation was passed which transferred the spectacular Mineral King lands from the Forest Service to Sequoia, preventing a large-scale ski resort from being built and ensuring that this special valley would be preserved for the American people. On the land were 65 private cabins which had been allowed under Forest Service leases. These lease agreements were transferred to the Park Service, with the proviso that the leases or permits for the sites could be renewed every five years "...only to those persons who were lessees or permittees of record on the date of the enactment of this Act..." Had the ski resort been built, the cabins would have been destroyed. However, the Park Service chose to honor the federal government's commitment to the permittees. Now many of the same permittees, having enjoyed two decades of exclusive use of this public land at a nominal price, are demanding that their heirs be given renewal rights on the cabins in virtual perpetuity. NPCA believes that the original deal with the cabin permittees was fair and generous, and that any extensions of leases or permits is detrimental to the highest public good. Private lands are available nearby if permittees want to relocate or rebuild their cabins, but Mineral King should be restored to full public access as called for in the original plan.

Prescribed Fire Management: Years of aggressive suppression of natural fires in many areas throughout the West has led to conditions which could lead to disastrous blazes under the right conditions. Scientifically planned, carefully controlled prescribed fires are a tool which can dramatically reduce the threat of super-blazes, which can endanger private property outside the park. The health of the Park's ecosystems, including the Giant Sequoia forests, is dependent on fire to survive. Portions of the mixed-conifer forest in Kings Canyon have been allowed



The Mineral King area, as seen from the air. The Sequoia-Kings Canyon General Management Plan offers the chance to allow public use of this currently privatized area. Photo courtesy of the U.S. Forest Service.

to retain their natural fire cycle, but other areas of the parks are dangerously overgrown due to decades of zealous fire suppression. Carefully-timed and controlled fires are essential to restore these forests to their natural state, as well as reducing the impending threat of a devastating mega-fire.

Pack Animals: Horses and burros carrying packs of equipment and gear evoke romantic images of the Old West. However, the reality is that in the wrong places or in too great of numbers, pack animals can be ruinous to natural resources. Alpine environments, like those of the High Sierra, are particularly vulnerable to the damage these animals cause. Soil compression caused by heavily-laden animals' footsteps can destructively alter delicate alpine wetlands and fields; sharp hooves digging into steep, winding trails can accelerate erosion; overgrazing can destroy flowering meadows in a single night. Park managers must evaluate pack animal use based on sound research and assessment of their effects on the Sierra ecosystems and regulate their use accordingly.

According to Steve Evans of Friends of the River, the GMP update also offers the opportunity to add the Kaweah River to the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System and improve management of adjacent federal lands; increase wilderness protection in the park; and reduce destructive livestock grazing.

- The GMP should assess the eligibility of all forks of the Kaweah River in the park and make a joint recommendation with the Bureau of Land Management (which manages downstream segments of the river) to add the Kaweah to the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System.

- The GMP should consider whether adjacent federal lands which are currently managed by the BLM should be added to the park and managed by the Park Service. This

would improve management and protection of these sensitive foothill areas.

- The GMP should consider adding the Hockett Plateau, Bearpaw Meadow, and Peak Lake regions of the Park

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to the Wilderness System.

- The GMP should restrict livestock grazing in the park to protect meadows, riparian areas, water quality, and other recreational uses.



What you can do

The Park Service needs to hear from you in the next few weeks about what issues they should evaluate in this planning process. Please write a letter or send a postcard by April 1 making points based on the information above, and send it to:

Sequoia and Kings Canyon Planning Team
Denver Service Center — Spain DSC/LA
12795 West Alameda Parkway
P.O. Box 25287
Denver, CO 80225-9901

Comments can also be submitted via e-mail to the planning coordinator at david_graber@nps.gov or through the National Park Service planning page at <http://www.nps.gov/planning>.

Steven Krefting is the Regional Grassroots Representative for NPCA. Additional information provided by Steve Evans, Conservation Director for Friends of the River.

Wilderness Management

Doolittle and his wise-use allies attempt to redefine the Wilderness Act

Bill requiring maintenance of dams in the Emigrant Wilderness is now before the Senate

By Steve Brougher

Never one to champion wilderness preservation, Congressman John Doolittle stays true to form with his legislation (H.R. 1663) to require maintenance of eighteen dams in the Emigrant Wilderness. As discussed in an August, 1997, *Wilderness Record* article, this bill violates key tenets of the Wilderness Act of 1964 by allowing the maintenance of structures which significantly manipulate the natural environment, thus setting a terrible precedent for the entire National Wilderness Preservation System (NWPS). As H.R. 1663 wends its way through Congress, it has become increasingly clear that supporters of the wise-use agenda are using this bill as an opportunity to redefine the Wilderness Act to mean something totally different from what was intended when it was passed 35 years ago. This is a serious development that should alarm all wilderness advocates.

Last July, H.R. 1663 was referred to the House Subcommittee on Forests and Forest Health, chaired by wise-use advocate Helen Chenoweth (R-ID). A hastily arranged hearing attended by only three Subcommittee members, Doolittle, Chenoweth and Oregon Republican Bob Smith, was carefully orchestrated to highlight the testimony of the pro-dam interests, much of which was inaccurate or completely false. Opponents were denied the opportunity to testify at the hearing and there was little time for individuals and organizations such as Wilderness Watch, California Wilderness Coalition, The Wilderness Society and Sierra Club, to adequately convey their opposition. With Chenoweth shamelessly stating that the bill was "non-controversial and supported by all," the House quickly voted, under "suspension of the rules," a lopsided 423-2 for the bill.

H.R. 1663 was next referred to the Senate Subcommittee on Forests and Public Land Management, chaired by Senator Larry Craig (R-ID), and a hearing was held on March 25. Unlike the House hearing, testimony against the bill was provided by myself and Mike Francis of The Wilderness Society. Senator Craig, also a wise-use supporter, was the only subcommittee member presiding, but our attendance was nonetheless important for voicing opposition to the bill. Of greater significance, though, were the hours spent educating legislative aides about the misinformation provided by dam proponents and the danger H.R. 1663 poses to the Wilderness Act and the NWPS.

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This photo, showing supporters of Doolittle's bill standing on one of the eighteen dams in the Emigrant Wilderness, was submitted as testimony by the bill proponents at a Senate hearing on the proposal.

H.R. 1663 is compatible with the Wilderness Act. The purpose of the Act, however, is to preserve wild places which are not "occupied and modified" by modern civilization, stipulating that the forces of nature are allowed free reign and specifically prohibiting structures. H.R. 1663 completely frustrates the intent of the Wilderness Act by putting non-conforming uses back into the area. Did Congress intend to undo the very purpose of the legislation it passed when it designated the Emigrant as a wilderness area? Two examples will illustrate the fallacy of this approach:

- Some wildernesses contain old homesteads that were logged, plowed, etc. Should we assume that Congress intended for these old homesteads to be restored, the encroaching forest cut back, and the buildings reconstructed?
- Many wilderness areas experienced off-road vehicle use prior to designation and evidence of that use remains. Should we assume that Congress intended for ORV use to continue in these areas today?

Dam proponents argue that, despite the clear language and intent of the Act, it is permissible to allow activities that blatantly degrade

wilderness values. The wise-use movement and their political henchmen have so far been unable to amend the Wilderness Act, but H.R. 1663 and the interpretations of the Act put forth to justify it could effectively undermine the very foundation of the Act. In short, if the wise-use perspective on wilderness is codified in this bill and others to follow, it will jeopardize those areas we expected to be preserved in perpetuity as wilderness. Certainly, this is a chilling prospect to anyone concerned with the long-term preservation of our remaining wildlands in a natural, undisturbed state.



What you can do

California Senators Barbara Boxer and Dianne Feinstein are now the key to stopping H.R. 1663. To counter the lopsided House vote, it is absolutely critical that both Senators hear a clear message from California citizens that there is strong opposition to H.R. 1663 and the wise-use agenda for Emigrant Wilderness and the entire National Wilderness Preservation System.

Write a letter to the senators at:

Honorable Barbara Boxer/Dianne Feinstein
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

You can also e-mail them at senator@boxer.senate.gov or senator@feinstein.senate.gov.

Steve Brougher is the Issues Coordinator for the Central Sierra Chapter of Wilderness Watch and the retired manager of the Emigrant Wilderness.

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Wilderness News

Forest Service studies eastern Sierra rivers for Wild and Scenic eligibility

By Steve Evans

The Forest Service is soliciting public comments on a management plan that addresses potential Wild & Scenic Rivers on public lands in the Sierra Nevada and in Nevada. Now is an excellent time for concerned river lovers to get involved and advocate for the protection of their favorite rivers.

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest encompasses 3.5 million acres of public land in Nevada and eastern California, including portions of the eastern Sierra Nevada from Mono Lake north to the Truckee River. The Forest Service is updating its management plan for the forest and is soliciting public scoping comments concerning issues which should be addressed in the plan. Among many other things, the plan will consider which rivers and streams are eligible for and should be included in the National Wild & Scenic Rivers System. Following are some key issues which should be considered in the forest plan update:

- The Forest Service has already determined segments of the East Carson River, West Walker River, and East Walker River to be eligible for National Wild & Scenic River status, in recognition of their outstanding scenic, recreation, fishery, cultural, and ecological values. The forest plan update should recommend to Congress that these rivers be added to the system.

- Portions of the Truckee River and its tributary, Gray Creek, should be determined eligible for Wild & Scenic status in recognition of their outstanding recreational, scenic, fishery, and ecological values. The forest plan update should recommend to Congress that the Truckee River and Gray Creek should be added to the System. In addition, the plan should prioritize acquisition of private

lands along the Truckee River on a willing seller or exchange basis in order to provide public recreational access to the river and protect fish and wildlife habitat from development.

- The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) has determined a number of tributaries to the Walker River to be eligible for Wild & Scenic status. These eligible tributaries originate from federal lands managed by the Forest Service. The forest plan update should recognize the eligibility of the national forest segments of Mill Creek, Green Creek, Dog Creek, Virginia Creek, Atastra Creek, and Rough Creek and make a joint recommendation with the BLM to Congress to add these creeks to the system.

- Several other rivers and creeks have been identified by the Forest Service and Friends of Nevada Wilderness as eligible or potentially eligible for Wild & Scenic status, including Desert Creek in the California portion of the Sweetwater Range, as well as several streams in Nevada, including Galena Creek near Mt. Rose, the Jarbridge River, Little Humboldt River, Marys River, Virgin River, and many others. Support the Friends of Nevada Wilderness's Wild & Scenic River nomination for these streams.

Public scoping comments on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest plan update should be submitted to: Alan S. Pinkerton, Assistant Forest Supervisor, 2881 S. Valley View Blvd, Suite 16, Las Vegas, NV 89102.

For more information contact Steve Evans at Friends of the River, (916) 442-3155, or e-mail him at sevans@friendsoftheriver.org.

Steve Evans is Conservation Director for Friends of the River and a Board member of CWC.

Orleans Mountain Roadless Area under attack—again

By Anthony Ambrose

The Six Rivers National Forest has recently released an Environmental Assessment (EA) outlining plans to salvage-log 459 acres in the Orleans Mountain roadless area, adjacent to the Trinity Alps Wilderness. The document proposes to salvage-log 5.5 million board-feet of trees, implement "fuel treatments" on 331 acres, and construct 1.7 miles of temporary roads in one of the largest and densest concentrations of late-successional and old-growth habitat in northern California. Horse Linto Creek is one of the most important and productive watersheds, designated as Tier 1, under the Northwest Forest Plan. The area is critical for the maintenance and recovery of native anadromous fisheries.

In the winter of 1995-96, severe windstorms resulted in numerous wind-thrown trees in the mid-elevation Douglas fir and white fir forests throughout the area, which the Forest Service was quick to claim as an "extreme fire threat," and in need of salvage logging. Since that time, they have implemented several phases of salvage logging along the ridge system, and are now proposing to continue operations within the Orleans Mountain Roadless Area. Earlier phases of the project resulted in the removal of numerous large, live trees, snags, and downed logs, as well as extensive soil disturbance near the creek.



What you can do

Please write, fax, or call the new Six Rivers Forest Supervisor Lou Woltering at 1330 Bayshore Way, Eureka, CA 95501, phone (707) 442-1721; fax (707) 442-9242. Urge him to immediately drop all salvage units within the Orleans Mountain "C" RARE II Roadless Area from the LSR RC-305 Fuel Reduction Project. Remind him that roadless areas are critically important to the public and the health of watersheds, and also remind him that, as a new supervisor, this is an excellent opportunity for him to demonstrate his willingness to listen and respond to public concern.

Although the official comment period has passed for the EA, it is important that the Six Rivers National Forest continue to receive letters, calls, or faxes opposing entry into this critical roadless area.

Isn't it tough enough already?

At a time when habitat acquisition needs support (see The Wildlands Project column, page 6), the "New Wildlife Refuge Authorization Act", H.R. 512, would obstruct the creation of new refuges.

Sponsored by Representatives Don Young (R-AK) and Richard Pombo (R-CA), H.R. 512 requires additional congressional authorization before lands can be bought. Land and Water Conservation Fund purchases already require authorization. Additional approval is redundant and further politicizes refuge establishment.

The bill will return to the House floor in the next two weeks. Please call your Representative at (202) 224-3121 and ask them to vote against this bad bill.

Alert: Quincy Library Group bill must be stopped in the Senate

The Quincy Library Group bill has been attached to an unrelated bill, S. 1079, which is expected voted on in the Senate at any time. S. 1079 is a Trojan horse intended to increase logging in the Sierra Nevada range and dupe taxpayers into footing the bill.

Help defeat the Quincy Logging bill (S. 1028/S. 1079) in the Senate.

Please call your Senators and urge them to oppose the Quincy Library Group bill (S. 1028/S. 1079). The QLGB will increase logging and watershed disturbance while imposing an unproven timber management experiment on 2.5 million acres of public forestland. It will further fragment critical wildlife habitat in the Sierra Nevada, as well as degrade water quality.

Specific issues concerning the legislation include:

- Too Big: S. 1028/S. 1079 requires that up to 70,000 acres of public forestlands be logged annually. According to the Congressional Budget Office, the legislation will more than double logging on the affected national forests.

- Bad Science: Dr. Don Erman of the University of California and the chief scientist of the Sierra Nevada

Ecosystem Project (SNEP) believes that the "ideas behind the bill are untested." In addition, the proposal fails to protect all old-growth forests and sensitive watersheds identified and proposed for protection by the SNEP study.

- Too Costly: According to the Congressional Budget Office, full implementation of this legislation will cost federal taxpayers \$70 million. Although some of this public investment may be recouped from increased timber revenues, it is likely that the Forest Service will be forced to raid their recreational budget and other non-timber funds throughout the region to pay for this logging experiment.

Please write or e-mail your senators and ask them to oppose this legislation.

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein and the Honorable Barbara Boxer

United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

You can also e-mail them at senator@boxer.senate.gov or senator@feinstein.senate.gov.

For more info call the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign at (916) 442-3155 ext. 206, or e-mail them at sierra.campaign@friendsoftheriver.org.

The Wildlands Project



By Rich Hunter

Just last month, several prominent research institutions reported a stunning conclusion to twenty years of botanical research: one of every eight species of vascular plants in the world is now extinct or threatened with extinction. It is no secret that many species on Earth are headed for the same destiny at an alarming rate.

Stanford University ecologist Peter Vitousek has described the human transformation of land as "the single most important" phenomenon affecting plant ecology today. The Earth's lush diversity of plants feeds our current medley of wildlife. The on-going rate of development in California is quickly steamrolling the homes of our fellow citizens—red-legged frogs, elderberry beetles, chinook salmon and many others.

The fast pace of land conversion in privately-owned areas has inspired the number of local land trusts to double since 1984, according to the Land Trust Alliance in Washington, D.C. These organizations are key participants in establishing wildlands project networks. The Wildlands Project has a critical role in encouraging land trusts and their projects to connect with a regional wilderness vision. Acquiring core reserves, administration of conservation easements, and setting the highest standard for land stewardship are all critical roles for land trusts.

Of course, not all of the 900,000 people directly involved with local land trusts are engaged by major environmental issues like the biodiversity crisis. Many people are inspired by the vision of a park down the road where they can toss a frisbee or have a family picnic. Sprawl threatens sanctity for humans too.

While the demand is rising for funds to buy parks, open space, and habitat from private land-owners, public dollars are scant. California has not approved a parks bond act in ten years. Budgetary constraints, coupled with the Wilson Administration's dismal environmental positions, have led to a lack of leadership in acquiring new public land. Programs designed to protect privately-held habitat for threatened and endangered species in California have languished because they haven't been funded.

It's not that voters don't support these ballot measures for environmental improvements. The *Amicus Journal* reported that voters nationwide passed 150 bond acts in 1996, raising \$4 billion for protecting land. Pork politics has weighed down the passage of a bond in California.

Efforts to pass a new California parks bond are underway. Senate Bill 2, introduced by Mike Thompson, is pending in the state legislature and would place an \$850 million bond act on the 1998 ballot. The funds would be

New efforts, partnerships underway for acquiring private lands for habitat conservation

dispersed to invigorate state parks, local agencies, wildlife programs, and several regional conservancies.

Even a sum as huge as \$850 million will spread thin, given the backlog of worthy projects throughout the state. While the bond act supports important programs, many urgent needs for habitat acquisition will not be met.

That is, unless Congress releases its hold on dollars that are earmarked for the Land & Water Conservation Fund (LWCF). The LWCF is a little-known federal trust established in 1965 to buy and maintain land for parks and recreation with income from leases on offshore oil and gas wells.

Despite a surplus in oil well lease income, Congress has failed to fund the LWCF at its full potential, which is roughly \$900 million a year. This reaches proportions of an epic environmental scandal, especially in the face of widespread community demand for land protection. Since 1965, Congress failed to direct \$12.6 billion that was earmarked for the LWCF. Instead of spending money on parks, Congress has used the oil and gas revenues for other federal programs, like purchasing military equipment.

Mike Sellors, of California Audubon, is coordinating a workshop to teach people skills for grassroots organizing on potential LWCF parks in their area. This workshop is part of a nationwide campaign by Americans for our Heritage and Recreation (AHR) to revive the LWCF by making it a popular cause.

Americans for our Heritage and Recreation is a broad coalition of 150 groups, among them hikers, mountain bikers, birders; land trusts, watershed restoration projects, and historic preservation societies; city, county, and state officials; even some recreation industry groups are involved.

For years, advocacy groups and public officials in the land acquisition business have remained divided in the hunt for LWCF appropriations because Congress authorizes two separate types of funds. Advocates for LWCF projects of federal agencies have been successful at persuading Congress to spend an average of \$200-\$300 million a year. The other component of LWCF makes matching grants to states for local and state parks

and recreational facilities. These matching grants would significantly bolster funds for local efforts. In the last 15 years, there has been only an average of \$30 million available for state matching grants. Since 1995, Congress has voted for no funds each year. In the words of Portland, Oregon Parks Director Charles Jordan, "We spend our time fighting over crumbs, while Congress has taken the loaf to do other things."

AHR was born in July 1996 to make the LWCF worth fighting about. When money for the national component dipped to an all-time low after the 1994 elections, federal LWCF advocates decided to team up with state advocates. The coalition is counting on involvement from local project proponents across the West to make the LWCF an issue that members of Congress cannot continue to ignore.

Ralph Regula, House Interior Appropriations Subcommittee chairman, has been the most recent lawmaker to stifle the state grants program. His efforts last year blocked the Senate's approval of \$100 million. Regula only wants to allocate LWCF funds to help agencies catch up on their large backlog of maintenance and repairs. However, many in the conservation community support larger funding for parks. Chuck Clusen of the Natural Resources Defense Council says Regula is "robbing Peter to pay Paul." The LWCF has always been specifically earmarked to buy land for parks and outdoor recreation.

The LWCF has a long track record of protecting biodiversity in California. The current Headwaters forest deal includes \$250 million from the LWCF, and almost all of Redwood National Park was acquired with the fund. Some other examples of LWCF sites in California include parts of Ventana Wilderness and various inholdings within Yosemite and Sequoia-Kings Canyon National Parks.

With the momentum of the AHR campaign, The Wildlands Project collaborators can jump into the fray to seek public support and funding for the crown jewels of their reserve networks. And, they can cooperate with local land trusts to build coalitions locally in the quest to provide land for the Earth. This is a chance to convince our elected officials to take leadership in land conservation.

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One of every eight species of vascular plants in the world is now extinct or threatened with extinction. It is no secret that many species on Earth are headed for the same destiny at an alarming rate.

Since 1965, Congress failed to direct \$12.6 billion that was earmarked for the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Instead of spending money on parks, Congress has used the oil and gas revenues for other federal programs, like purchasing military equipment.

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Wildlands 2000

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proposal. The first step of this long-term campaign is to complete a comprehensive inventory of the state's remaining wild areas and to map those that require protection. The meeting cover the inventory, mapping standards, and give regional updates of the campaign's progress. Come learn about how you can take part in building California's next wilderness proposal!



Glamis Imperial strip mine

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sual impacts are significant and unmitigatable," and that the proposed mine site includes areas with high religious and cultural concern for Quechan religious practices that would be lost to the pits, waste piles, and heap leach pads. "Just because our people did not build a giant cathedral like the Europeans doesn't mean the land isn't just as important to our religion," Lorey exclaims. "If you destroy the land, you destroy what we believe in, who we are."

Despite changing American values toward environmental protection, cultural and religious sensitivity, and the growing damage potential of modern hard-rock mines, the antiquated 1872 Mining Law still effectively maintains mining as the highest and best use of public land. Executive Order No. 13007, "Indian Sacred Sites," signed by President Clinton, however, also requires that the BLM "accommodate access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites" and "avoid adversely affecting the physical integrity of such sacred sites." Access amid open pits and towering piles of waste by-products, with the constant clamor of the mining operation, clearly does not fit this criteria. Furthermore, the BLM, in its 1980 California Desert Conservation Area Plan, signed a Memorandum of Understanding which guarantees free access to Native Americans to sacred sites for religious purposes. Yet the BLM may still allow the destruction of lands with an archeological record dating 10,000 years, lands held sacred by the Quechans. Lorey states "Our lands are not a library where if destroyed, you can simply go to another one. These sites are our religion, we cannot simply go somewhere else."

The only reasonable, and legal, decision to be made in the face of this proposal is to deny the permit for the mine, withdraw the area from mineral entry (this would prevent the reactivation of dormant mining claims, thereby prohibiting any future mining), and designate the area as a National Monument to protect habitat, sacred lands and archeological resources for present and future generations.



What you can do

Necessary permits have not been granted yet by the BLM and Imperial County. Write, fax, or call and tell them that:

- Open pit mining on land held sacred by the Quechan Nation is an affront to and violates constitutional freedom of religion guarantees;
- The destruction of mature desert woodlands and the impact to endangered desert tortoise habitat is unacceptable, especially considering that eighty percent of the mined gold will be used for jewelry;
- Taxpayers should not have to shoulder the cleanup bill at any mine site— a reclamation bond (i.e., damage

deposit) must be collected to pay for cleanup of unanticipated land and water impacts should the corporation fail;

- Given the cultural and religious significance of these lands, they must choose the "No Action" (no permit) alternative.

Bureau of Land Management
Attn: Glen Miller
1661 South Fourth St.
El Centro, CA 92243
Phone: 909-697-5237
Fax: 760-337-4490

Imperial County Planning Department
Attn: John Morrison, Asst. Planning Director
939 Main Street, Suite B-1
El Centro, CA 92243
Phone: 760-339-4236
Fax: 760-353-8338

Senator Barbara Boxer
Attn: Dan Hammer
525 B Street, #990
San Diego, CA 92110

If possible, please send copies of your letter to the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club at 3820 Ray Street, San Diego, CA 92104

Edie Harmon is an activist with the San Diego Chapter of the Sierra Club. Jeff Berman works on mining issues for the National Wildlife Federation in Colorado. For more information on the Imperial Project contact Edie at (619) 299-1746.



The endangered desert tortoise would endure even more habitat destruction if Glamis Imperial is allowed to mine the area.

Calendar

May 16: Wildlands 2000 campaign meeting. Join activists from throughout the state as they lay the foundation for the next wilderness effort. See announcement on this page for more information.

May 18: Public land activist training in Redding at 6 P.M. Call Ryan Henson at (530) 335-3183 (or e-mail him at ryan@calwild.org) for details.

May 28-31: National wilderness conference in Seattle, Washington. Dozens of workshops are planned, including strategies for getting new areas protected and grassroots organizing for wilderness. Speakers include Paul Spitler and Ryan Henson of CWC. Call Mike Anderson of The Wilderness Society at (206) 624-6430 for details.

June 9: Workshop and slideshow on wilderness and activist training for people interested in the Sierra National Forest. Call Ryan Henson at (530) 335-3183 (or e-mail him at ryan@calwild.org) for details.

June 12-19: Siskiyou Field Institute. Learn about the fascinating plants, geology, wildlife, and other wonders of nature in the Klamath and Siskiyou mountains of northwestern California and southwestern Oregon. Workshops include salmon biology, fire ecology, conifers of the Siskiyou, and many others. Call Jennifer Beigel or Erik Jules at (541) 592-4459 (or e-mail them at institute@siskiyou.org) for details.

June 24: Workshop on wilderness and wildlands defense for people interested in the Sequoia National Forest. Call Ryan Henson at (530) -335-3183 (or e-mail him at ryan@calwild.org) for details.

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—Representative Sam Farr (D-CA), testifying at the House of Representatives on the Smith logging bill.

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How to use this guide

California has a wealth of wilderness areas—so many that sometimes the most difficult part of planning a trip is narrowing down the possibilities. Whether you want to take a three-week trek or a weekend hike, planning your trip starts with the basics, and among other things, that means knowing what is and isn't allowed. To get you started, we surveyed the managers of the 134 state and federal wilderness areas you can visit in California about the regulations in effect for 1998.

Some regulations are universal and well-known. Bicycles and off-road vehicles (except wheelchairs) are prohibited from all wilderness areas, so you won't find that information listed for each entry.

What you will find is:

- Whether there's a Quota on the number of people allowed into the wilderness each day. Usually, the quota is in effect only during the peak summer recreation season, but some wilderness areas have quotas year-round. The quota may be on overnight use only, or on day and overnight use. The quota may apply to the entire wilderness or to just the most popular trails.

- Whether you need a permit to enter the wilderness. Some of the most popular areas require permits for both day and overnight use. Permits are free, but there may be a charge to reserve a permit in areas that have quotas. If you are found without a permit in an area where permits are required, you can be cited.

- If there's a party size limit on how many people and pack or saddle stock can travel and camp together.

- If fires are allowed. You must have a state campfire permit, obtainable at any ranger station or park office, to have a fire on public land. Note that possession of a campfire permit does not authorize you to have a fire in an area where fires are restricted. Where the risk of wildfire is high, you may be required to have a campfire permit to use a camp stove. Campfire permits are valid anywhere in the state.

- If Pets are allowed. Pets are prohibited from wilderness areas in state and national parks. Where Pets are allowed, they must be under control, and in many wilderness areas dogs must be leashed.

- Whether any portion of the wilderness is closed to recreational use. Closures may be needed to protect sensitive species or fragile ecosystems.

- The office to contact for more information. Because regulations can change suddenly in response to local conditions, contact the ranger district (RD), national forest (NF), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), or park office before you leave for your trip. This is especially important during fire season.

All wilderness managers now recommend or require "leave no trace" recreation. Among other things, that means camping well away from water sources and trails, carrying weed-free feed for stock, packing out all litter, not shortcutting switchbacks, and building campfires only with dead and down wood in existing rings or pits or, better still, not at all.

In bear country, you may want to carry your food in a bear-proof canister. Canisters come in two sizes and can be rented at Sequoia-Kings Canyon and Yosemite

national parks or purchased from the manufacturer, Garcia Machine, at (209) 732-3785.

You should assume that all water sources are contaminated with giardia or other microorganisms. Either boil water for five minutes or use an approved filter.

Wilderness maps can be purchased from the Forest Service and Park Service. Both agencies also have free handouts that will help you plan, and enjoy, your trip. Call, write, or visit one of the offices listed as contacts.

NATIONAL FOREST ADVENTURE PASS FEES

The four southern California national forests: the Angeles, Cleveland, Los Padres and San Bernardino have implemented a recreation fee pilot project called the National Forest Adventure Pass program. It is a recreation pass for all visitors who use the forests and park their vehicles in the forest for recreational purposes. A pass is not required for people stopping for information at Ranger Stations, visitor centers and other Forest Service offices, or for off-road (Green Sticker) vehicles. The pass will be displayed on vehicles and will be available in two forms: a daily pass for \$5 and an annual pass for \$30. The Forest Service intends to return at least 80 percent of the funds to the local forest for maintenance and improvements to recreational sites and restoration of forest resources. The Forest Service says that users will be able to share their comments with the agency regarding the program and where they would like the money applied. The Adventure Pass pilot program is intended to last three years, at which time the Forest Service will gauge the success of the project. The passes will be available at Forest Service offices, by mail and a variety of local vendors. Call any of the above national forests for more information.

DESERT WILDERNESS AREAS

The desert wildernesses are inhospitable, unmapped, infrequently patrolled, and consequently dangerous to people unprepared for desert conditions. Do not expect to find developed trails, trailheads, or mileage signs. Carry plenty of water, protect yourself from sun, stay out of mines, and be sure someone back home has your itinerary. The BLM recommends that you contact a local resource area office before venturing into the wilderness.

The California Desert Information Center in Barstow and the California Desert District office of the BLM in Riverside can provide general information about desert wilderness. A desert access guide with maps (at a scale of 1:100,000) showing routes but not wilderness boundaries can be purchased from the BLM. Individual topographic maps of the 70 new wilderness areas established by the California Desert Protection Act are not yet available.

You can reach the desert information center at 831 Barstow Road, Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6060 and the Riverside office of the BLM at 6221 Box Springs Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92507; (909) 697-5200.

AGUA TIBIA

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 8 stock Fires: no Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no overnight stock use; no target shooting or plinking Contact: Palomar RD, Cleveland NF, 1634 Black Canyon Road, Ramona, CA 92065; (760) 788-0250.

ANSEL ADAMS

Quota: overnight Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: depends on location Pets: yes Closures: some lakes closed to camping Note: no target shooting Contact: Mono Lake RD, Inyo NF, P.O. Box 429, Lee Vining, CA 93541; (760) 647-3000 or Mammoth RD, Inyo NF, P.O. Box 148, Mammoth Lakes, CA 93546; (760) 924-5500. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, P.O. Box 430, Big Pine, CA 93513; (760) 938-1136.

ANZA-BORREGO

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 25 people Fires: no Pets: leashed, off trails Closures: Coyote Canyon 6/1 to 10/1 Note: parking fee; carry water; no stock off roads Contact: Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004; (760) 767-5311.

ARGUS RANGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

BIG MARIA MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 6901 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

BIGELOW CHOLLA GARDEN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

BIGHORN MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed (NF only) Closures: no Note: Adventure Pass fee; carry water; regs may change in 1996 Contact: Big Bear RD, San Bernardino NF, P.O. Box 290, Fawnskin, CA 92333; (909) 866-3437 or BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

BLACK MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water; regs may change in 1996 Contact: BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (619) 252-6000.

BONEY MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: no Pets: no Closures: no Note: no stock or camping, carry water. Contact: Point Mugu State Park, 9000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265; (805) 488-1827; 0 for fire closure information call (805) 488-8147.

BRIGHT STAR

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.



East of Argus Peak, Argus Range Wilderness. Photo by Pete Yamagata.

BRISTOL MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

BUCKS LAKE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: yes Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water; Contact: Mt. Hough RD, Plumas NF, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971; (530) 283-0555.

CADIZ DUNES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

CARIBOU

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: no shooting Contact: Almanor RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020; (530) 258-2141.

CARRIZO GORGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

CARSON-ICEBERG

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: depends on location Pets: yes Closures: no Note: no target shooting or plinking (Stanislaus NF). Contact: Calaveras RD, Stanislaus NF, P. O. Box 500, Hathaway Pines, CA 95233; (209) 795-1381 or Summit RD, Stanislaus NF, #1 Pinecrest Lake Rd., Pinecrest, CA 95364; (209) 965-3434 or Carson RD, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, 1536 South Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; (702) 882-2766.

CASTLE CRAGS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: yes, but not recommended Pets: yes Closures: no Note: climbers prohibited from placing new bolts; pets not allowed on trails in Castle Crags State Park; no target shooting. Contact: Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, 204 West Alma St., Mount Shasta, CA 96067; (530) 926-4511.

CHANCELULLA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: few trails; scarce water Contact: Yolla Bolla RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, HC01 Box 400, Platina, CA 96076; (530) 352-4211.

CHEMEHUEVI MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: no Pets: leashed Closures: no camping Note: carry water, no shooting Contact: Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 3009, Needles, CA 92363, (760) 326-3853 or BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

CHIMNEY PEAK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (805) 391-6000.

CHUCKWALLA MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

CHUMASH

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: Adventure Pass fee; trailheads may be inaccessible in winter Contact: Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, 34580 Lockwood Valley Rd., Frazier Park, CA 93225; (805) 245-3731.

CLEGHORN LAKES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water; regs may change in 1996 Contact: BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

CLIPPER MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

COSO RANGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

COYOTE MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

CUCAMONGA

Quota: depends on location Permit: day and overnight Party size: 12 people, 25 stock, some sites lower Fires: no Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no shooting, prospecting, or gold panning; Contact: Lytle Creek RD, San Bernardino NF, 1209 Lytle Creek Rd., Lytle Creek, CA 92358; (909) 887-2576.

CUYAMACA RANCHO

Quota: overnight Permit: overnight Party size: depends on campsite Fires: no Pets: no Closures: no Note: camping restricted to designated sites; carry water in dry season; mountain lions inhabit area. Contact: Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 12551 Highway 79, Descanso, CA 91530; (760) 765-0755 or Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004; (760) 767-5311.

DARWIN FALLS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

DEAD MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

DEATH VALLEY

Quota: overnight Permit: optional overnight Party size: 15 people, 15 stock Fires: no Pets: no Closures: some mines, caves, and archaeological and historic sites. Note: carry water; avoid low desert in hot weather. Contact: Death Valley National Park, Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328; (760) 786-2331.

DESOLATION

Quota: overnight, June 15-Labor Day Permit: day and overnight Party size: 15 people, 15 stock Fires: no Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: Reservation and overnight camping fees, parking fee at Eagle Falls trailhead. Contact: Eldorado Visitor Center, Eldorado NF, 3070 Camino Heights Dr., Camino, CA 95709; (530) 644-6048 or Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit, 870 Emerald Bay Road, Suite 1, South Lake Tahoe, CA 96150; (530) 573-2600.

DICK SMITH

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: yes, in fire season Note: Adventure Pass fee; Contact: Santa Barbara RD, Los Padres NF, Los Prietos Station, Star Route Paradise Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105; (805) 967-3481 or Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, 34580 Lockwood Valley Rd., Frazier Park, CA 93225; (805) 245-3731.

DINKEY LAKES

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: yes Pets: yes Closures: no Note: no target shooting; no bear boxes available, camp 100 ft. from water. Contact: (summer only) Dinkey Ranger Station, 53800 Dinkey Creek Rd., Dinkey Creek, CA 93664; (209) 841-3404 Pineridge RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (209) 855-5360 or Kings River RD, Sierra NF, 34849 Maxon Road, Sanger, CA 93657; (209) 855-8321.

DOMELAND

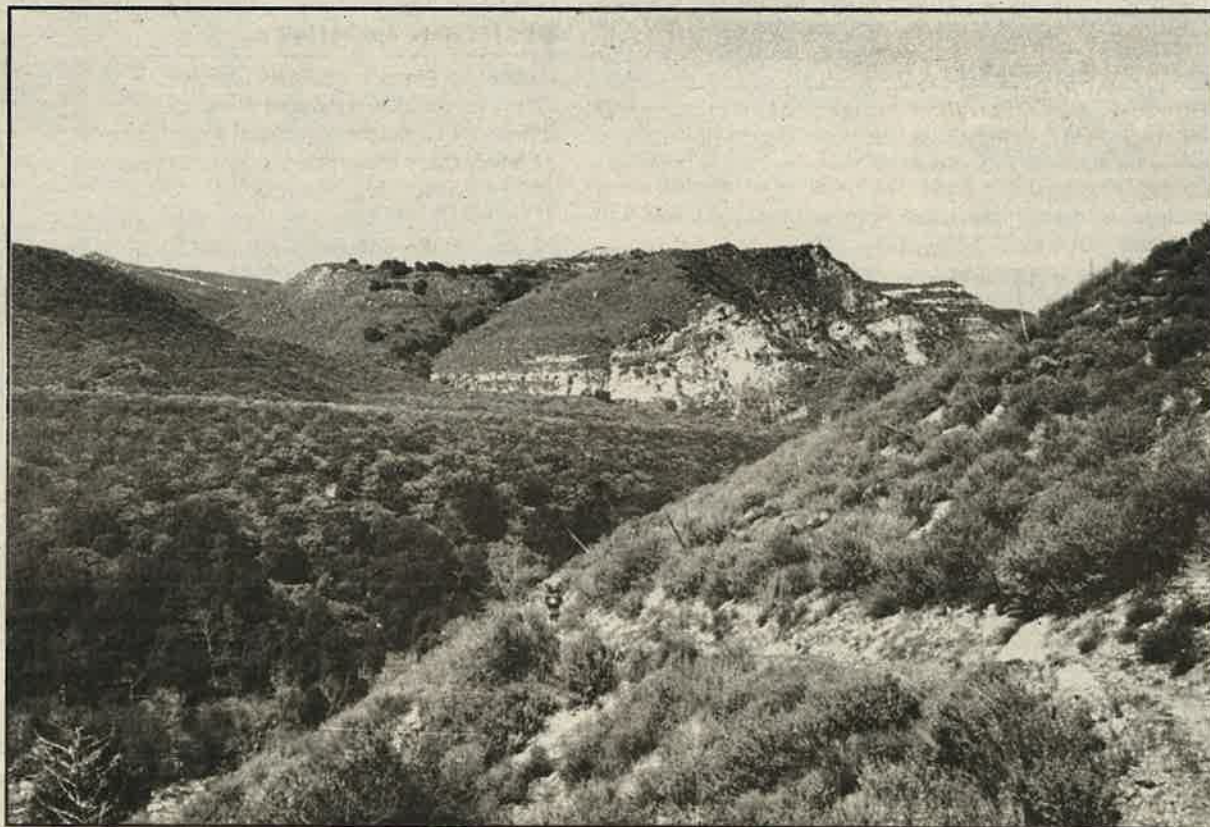
Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed (NF only) Closures: no Note: carry water; watch for snakes Contact: Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, P. O. Box 6, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781 or BLM, 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (805) 391-6000.

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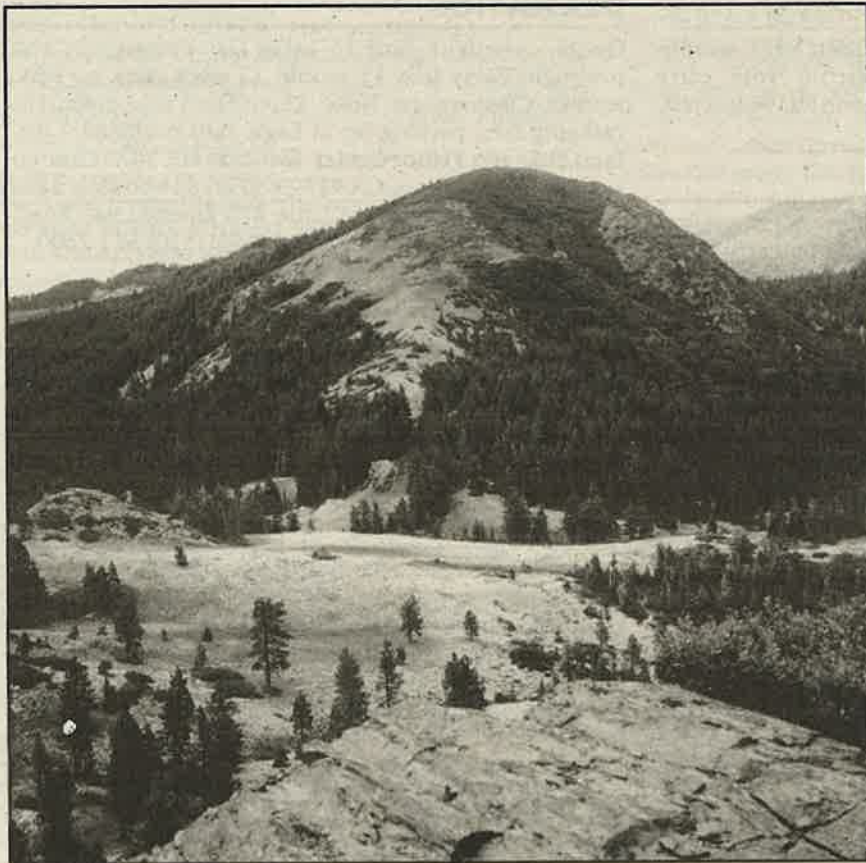
Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

EMIGRANT

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 25 stock Fires: prohibited above 9000' and within half mile of Emigrant Lake; Pets: under control Closures: several lakes closed to camping with stock; Note: no target shooting; bears frequent trailheads; some lakes have lower party-size limits Contact: Summit RD, Stanislaus NF, #1 Pinecrest Lake Road, Pinecrest, CA 95364; (209) 965-3434.



San Rafael Wilderness, above Sisquoc River Canyon. Photo by Archie Douglas.



Siskiyou Wilderness. Photo by Jim Eaton

FISH CREEK MOUNTAINS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

FUNERAL MOUNTAINS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996; see also Death Valley Wilderness listing **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

GARCIA

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538.

GOLDEN TROUT

Quota: some areas (contact Inyo NF) **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting (Inyo NF) **Contact:** Mount Whitney RD, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 8, Lone Pine, CA 93545; (760) 876-6200 or Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, P. O. Box 6, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, P. O. Box 430, Big Pine, CA 93513; (760) 938-1136.

GOLDEN VALLEY

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

GRANITE CHIEF

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 12 people, 8 stock (overnight) or 12 stock (day use) **Fires:** yes **Pets:** yes, but restricted from fawning habitat May 15-July 15 **Closures:** Five Lakes Basin closed to camping, fires, and stock; Little Needle and Mildred lakes closed to stock, no camping near Whiskey Creek cabins. **Contact:** Truckee RD, Tahoe NF, 10342 Highway 89 North, Truckee, CA 96161; (530) 587-3558 or Foresthill RD, Tahoe NF, 22830 Auburn Foresthill Rd., Foresthill, CA 95631; (530) 367-2224.

GRASS VALLEY

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

HENRY W. COE

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 8 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** fee for parking and overnight use; carry water in summer, no guns. **Contact:** Henry W. Coe State Park, P. O. Box 846, Morgan Hill, CA 95038; (408) 779-2728.

HAUSER

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no target shooting or plinking; Hauser Canyon currently is a smuggling route and may be unsafe. Water level at Hauser Creek varies due to dam releases. **Contact:** Descanso RD, Cleveland NF, 3348 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901; (619) 445-6235.

HOLLOW HILLS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

HOOVER

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes, except in Twenty Lakes Basin, Sawtooth zone, and some Toiyabe NF lakes **Pets:** yes **Closures:** Hall Research Natural Area closed to camping and fires. **Note:** reservation fee; no target shooting or plinking (Inyo NF) **Contact:** Bridgeport RD, Toiyabe NF, P. O. Box 595, Bridgeport, CA 93517; (619) 932-7070 or Lee Vining Ranger Station, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 429, Lee Vining, CA 93541; (619) 647-3000. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, P. O. Box 430, Big Pine, CA 93513; (760) 938-1136.

IBEX

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

IMPERIAL REFUGE

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** no **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no camping **Contact:** Imperial National Wildlife Refuge, Martinez Lake, P. O. Box 72217, Yuma, AZ 85365; (520) 783-3371.

INDIAN PASS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

INYO MOUNTAINS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** yes, except in bristlecone pine communities. **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; proper food storage required in all areas; bear canisters req'd in Onion Valley; see also Death Valley Wilderness listing **Contact:** Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 8, Lone Pine, CA 93545; (760) 876-6200 or BLM, 785 North Main, Suite E, Bishop, CA 93514; (760) 872-4881 or BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (619) 384-5400.

ISHI

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Contact:** Almanor RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020; (530) 258-2141.

JACUMBA

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; due to smuggling, Border Patrol operates in wilderness **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

JENNIE LAKES

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** pilot fee program with Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP. **Contact:** Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, 35860 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Dunlap, CA 93621; (209) 338-2251.

JOHN MUIR

Quota: day (Whitney zone) and overnight **Permit:** day (Whitney zone) and overnight **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** depends on location **Pets:** yes, except in bighorn habitat **Closures:** stock excluded from Mt. Whitney drainage; no camping at Trailside Meadow, Golden Trout Lake, or Mirror Lake; no stock camping east of Shepherd Pass. **Note:** no target shooting; bear boxes not available; special permit needed for Whitney zone; reservation fee for quota trails. **Contact:** Pineridge RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (209) 855-5360 or Mount Whitney RD, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 8, Lone Pine, CA 93545; (760) 876-6200. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, P. O. Box 430, Big Pine, CA 93513; (760) 938-1136.

JOSHUA TREE

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** some areas closed to camping. **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1998; no climbing bolts. **Contact:** Visitor Center, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277; (619) 367-7511.

KAISER

Quota: overnight on certain trails **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting or plinking; bear boxes not available, camp away from water. **Contact:** Pineridge RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (209) 855-5360.

KELSO DUNES

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

KIAVAH

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (619) 384-5400 or Lake Isabella Visitor Center, Sequoia NF, 4875 Ponderosa Dr., Lake Isabella, CA 93240; (760) 379-5646.

KINGSTON RANGE

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM at 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000 or 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

LASSEN VOLCANIC

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight and stock use **Party size:** 20 people, 15 stock (day use only) **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** some areas closed to camping, fishing or stock; **Note:** no overnight stock use **Contact:** Lassen Volcanic National Park, P. O. Box 100, Mineral, CA 96063; (530) 595-4444.

LAVA BEDS

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** caves closed to camping **Note:** carry water; no stoves during high fire danger; no camping in or near caves; entry fee **Contact:** Lava Beds National Monument, P. O. Box 867, Tulelake, CA 96134; (530) 667-2282; lave_administration@nps.gov

LITTLE CHUCKWALLA MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800 or 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

LITTLE PICACHO

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

MACHESNA MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** condor release site **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538.

MALPAIS MESA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

MANLY PEAK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

MARBLE MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** filter water; no shooting near campsites; before July 1 bring food for stock. **Contact:** Scott River RD, Klamath NF, 11263 Hwy 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032; (530) 468-5351 or Happy Camp RD, Klamath NF, P. O. Box 377, Happy Camp, CA 96039; (530) 493-2243.

MATILJA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water in summer **Contact:** Ojai RD, Los Padres NF, 1190 East Ojai Ave., Ojai, CA 93023; (805) 646-4348.

MECCA HILLS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

MESQUITE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

MOJAVE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** only in fire pans or existing rings **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no target shooting; regs may change in 1998 **Contact:** Mojave National Preserve, 222 East Main, Suite 202, Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 255-8801 or Mojave National Preserve Information Center, P. O. Box 241, Baker, CA 92309; (760) 733-4040.

MOKELUMNE

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes, except in Carson Pass Restricted Area **Pets:** leashed in Carson Pass area **Closures:** lower Mokelumne Canyon **Note:** no target shooting or plinking (Stanislaus NF); regs may change in 1997 **Contact:** Amador

RD, Eldorado NF, 26820 Silver Drive & Hwy. 88, Pioneer, CA 95666; (209) 295-4251 or Carson RD, Humboldt-Toiyabe NF, 1536 South Carson St., Carson City, NV 89701; (702) 882-2766 or Calaveras RD, Stanislaus NF, P. O. Box 500, Hathaway Pines, CA 95233; (209) 795-1381.

MONARCH

Quota: no Permit: overnight (Sierra NF only) Party size: 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water, some trails may be blocked due to a fire last summer, pilot fee program with Sequoia-Kings Canyon NP. **Contact:** Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, 35860 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Dunlap, CA 93621; (209) 338-2251 or Kings River RD, Sierra NF, 34849 Maxon Rd., Sanger, CA 93657; (209) 855-8321.

MOUNT SAN JACINTO

Quota: overnight Permit: day and overnight Party size: 15 people, 15 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no stock off trail; weather changes rapidly **Contact:** Mt. San Jacinto State Park, P. O. Box 308, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2607.

MOUNT SHASTA

Quota: no Permit: day and overnight Party size: 10 people, 10 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** no overnight stock use; no target shooting; visitors must pack-out human waste (bags provided); climbing and parking fees, call for details; avalanche hazard due to deep snow pack. **Contact:** Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, 204 West Alma Street, Mount Shasta, CA 96067; (530) 926-4511.

NEWBERRY MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

NOPAH RANGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

NORTH MESQUITE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

OLD WOMAN MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

OROCOPIA MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

OWENS PEAK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM at 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (805) 391-6000 or 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

PAHRUMP VALLEY

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

PALEN/MCCOY

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

PALO VERDE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

PHILLIP BURTON

Quota: overnight Permit: overnight Party size: depends on campsite, 8 stock (none at Glen Camp) **Fires:** only with driftwood below high-tide line **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** camping fees; camping allowed only in designated sites, no guns, reservations suggested. **Contact:** Point Reyes National Seashore, Point Reyes Station, CA 94956; (415) 663-1092; for backcountry reservations call (415) 663-8054.

PICACHO PEAK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

PINE CREEK

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no

Note: Adventure Pass fee; no target shooting or plinking; wilderness currently is used by smugglers and may be unsafe. **Contact:** Descanso RD, Cleveland NF, 3348 Alpine Blvd., Alpine, CA 91901; (619) 445-6235.

PINNACLES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: May be limits during raptor advisory, call ahead. **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** no camping or stock use; carry water; regs may change in 1998. **Contact:** Pinnacles National Monument, 5000 Highway 146, Paicines, CA 95043; (408) 389-4485.



South Warner Wilderness. Photographer unknown.

NORTH ALGODONES DUNES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

NORTH FORK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Contact:** Mad River RD, Six Rivers NF, Star Route, Box 300, Bridgeville, CA 95526; (707) 574-6233.

PIPER MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

PIUTE MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

RED BUTTES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 8 people, 12 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water in summer; no shooting over lakes. **Contact:** Applegate RD, 6941 Upper Applegate Rd., Jacksonville, OR 97530; (541) 899-1812 or Rogue River NF, P.O. Box 520, Medford, OR 97501; (503) 858-2200.

RESTING SPRING RANGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

RICE VALLEY

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

RIVERSIDE MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

RODMAN MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

RUSSIAN

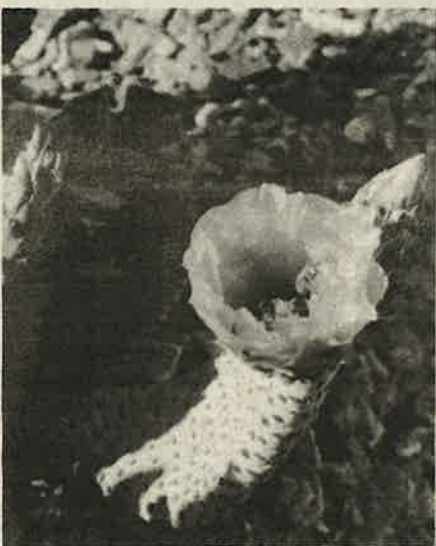
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SACATAR TRAIL

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM at 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400 or 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (805) 391-6000.

SADDLE PEAK HILLS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.



Beavertail cactus, Death Valley National Park. Photo by Jim Eaton

SAN GABRIEL

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** no shooting, prospecting, or gold panning **Contact:** San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, 110 North Wabash Ave., Glendora, CA 91741; (626) 335-1251.

SAN GORGONIO

Quota: day and overnight (NF only) Permit: day and overnight (NF only) Party size: 15 people, 15 stock (NF only) **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed (NF only) **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; regs may change in 1998; shooting restricted in South Fork area; carry water **Contact:** Mill Creek RD, San Bernardino NF, 34701 Mill Creek Rd., Mentone, CA 92359; (909) 794-1123 or BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

SAN JACINTO

Quota: day (Devil's Slide Trail) and overnight Permit: day and overnight Party size: 12 people, 8 stock **Fires:** only in designated sites **Pets:** leashed and only in NF portion. **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge. **Note:** no grazing of stock; regs may change in 1998; see also Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness listing. **Contact:** San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, P. O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117.

SAN MATEO CANYON

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; no target shooting or plinking; no alcohol at Tenaja Falls trailhead. **Contact:** Trabuco RD, Cleveland NF, 1147 E. Sixth St., Corona, CA 91719; (909) 736-1811.

SAN RAFAEL

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** condor sanctuary and Pool Rock archaeological site **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; campers encouraged to use designated campsites **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538.

SANTA LUCIA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; campers encouraged to use designated campsites; smoking restricted during fire season. **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538.

SANTA ROSA

Quota: no Permit: day and overnight Party size: 12 people, 8 stock (NF only) **Fires:** only in designated sites (NF); seasonally restricted (BLM) **Pets:** leashed (NF only) **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; regs may change in 1998 **Contact:** San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, P. O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117 or BLM, 690 Garnet Ave., North Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800.

SAWTOOTH MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400.

SEQUOIA-KINGS CANYON

Quota: day (Whitney zone only) and overnight Permit: day (Whitney zone only) and overnight Party size: 15 people, 20 stock **Fires:** depends on location **Pets:** no **Closures:** seasonal closures to protect bighorn sheep. **Note:** \$10 permit reservation fee; park publishes Backcountry Basics, a free trip-planning guide. **Contact:** Wilderness Office, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, Three Rivers, CA 93271; (209) 565-3341.

SESPE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** Sespe Condor Sanctuary; no shooting near sanctuary **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water in summer; trail damage from storms, call for current conditions. **Contact:** Ojai RD, Los Padres NF, 1190 East Ojai Ave., Ojai, CA 93023; (805) 646-4348 or Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, 34580 Lockwood Valley Rd., Frazier Park, CA 93225; (805) 245-3731.

SHEEP MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: only for East Fork trailhead Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no shooting, prospecting, or gold panning **Contact:** San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, 110 North Wabash Ave., Glendora, CA 91741; (626) 335-1251 or Valyermo RD, Angeles NF, 29835 Valyermo Rd., Valyermo, CA 93563; (805) 944-2187.

SHEEPHOLE VALLEY

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

SILVER PEAK

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee **Contact:** Monterey RD, Los Padres NF, 406 South Mildred Ave., King City, CA 93930; (408) 385-5434.

SISKIYOU

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** Bear Lake area may be closed due to logging; no steelhead fishing in Clear Creek. **Note:** terrain not amenable to stock use; watch for rattlesnakes; Native American cultural sites—please show respect; filter water **Contact:** Happy Camp RD, Klamath NF, P. O. Box 377, Happy Camp, CA 96039; (530) 493-2243 or Orleans RD, Six Rivers NF, Drawer B, Orleans, CA 95556; (530) 627-3291.

SNOW MOUNTAIN

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** no camping on private lands within wilderness; no shooting except in hunting season **Contact:** Stonyford RD, Mendocino NF, P. O. Box 160, Stonyford, CA 95979; (530) 963-3128.

SOUTH NOPAH RANGE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; regs may change in 1996 **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000.

SOUTH SIERRA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** depends on location **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting (Inyo NF) **Contact:** Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, P. O. Box 6, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781 or Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 8, Lone Pine, CA 93545; (760) 876-6200.

SOUTH WARNER

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge. **Contact:** Warner Mountain RD, Modoc NF, P. O. Box 220, Cedarville, CA 96104; (530) 279-6116.

STATELINE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

STEPLADDER MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.



View of Milk Ranch Meadow, Snow Mountain Wilderness. Photo by Philip Kay.

SURPRISE CANYON

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

SYLVANIA MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400.

THOUSAND LAKES

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: yes Pets: leashed Closures: no Contact: Hat Creek RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA 96028; (530) 336-5521.

TRILOBITE

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

TRINITY ALPS

Quota: no Permit: overnight Party size: 10 people Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: under control Closures: no Note: bears frequent trailhead parking lots; check on status of trails and roads. Contact: Weaverville RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, P. O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA 96093.

TURTLE MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

VENTANA

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 25 stock Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: leashed Note: Adventure Pass fee Closures: no Contact: Monterey RD, Los Padres NF, 406 South Mildred Ave., King City, CA 93930; (408) 385-5434.

WEST WADDELL

Quota: overnight Permit: overnight Party size: 6 people per campsite Fires: no Pets: no Closures: stock limited to some trails; Note: filter water, day use and camping fees, no shooting; Contact: Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 21600 Big Basin Highway, Boulder Creek, CA 95006; (408) 427-2288.

WHIPPLE MOUNTAINS

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: no limit Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Note: carry water Contact: BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000.

YOLLA BOLLY-MIDDLE EEL

Quota: no Permit: no Party size: 25 people, 15-25 stock (depends on location) Fires: seasonally restricted Pets: yes Closures: no Contact: Covelo RD, Mendocino NF, 78150 Covelo Rd., Covelo, CA 95428; (707) 983-6118 or Corning RD, Mendocino NF, P. O. Box 1019, Corning, CA 96021; (530) 824-5196 or Yolla Bolla RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, HC01 Box 400, Platina, CA 96076; (530) 352-4211 or Mad River RD, Six Rivers NF, Star Route Box 300, Bridgeville, CA 95526; (707) 574-6233.

YOSEMITE

Quota: overnight Permit: overnight Party size: 15 people (8 cross-country), 25 stock (on trails); Fires: only in established sites below 9,600 feet Pets: no Closures: May be trail and bridge repairs Note: bear-resistant food canisters *strongly* recommended (nothing else works); reservation fee for permits Contact: Wilderness Center, P. O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389; (209) 372-0740.



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