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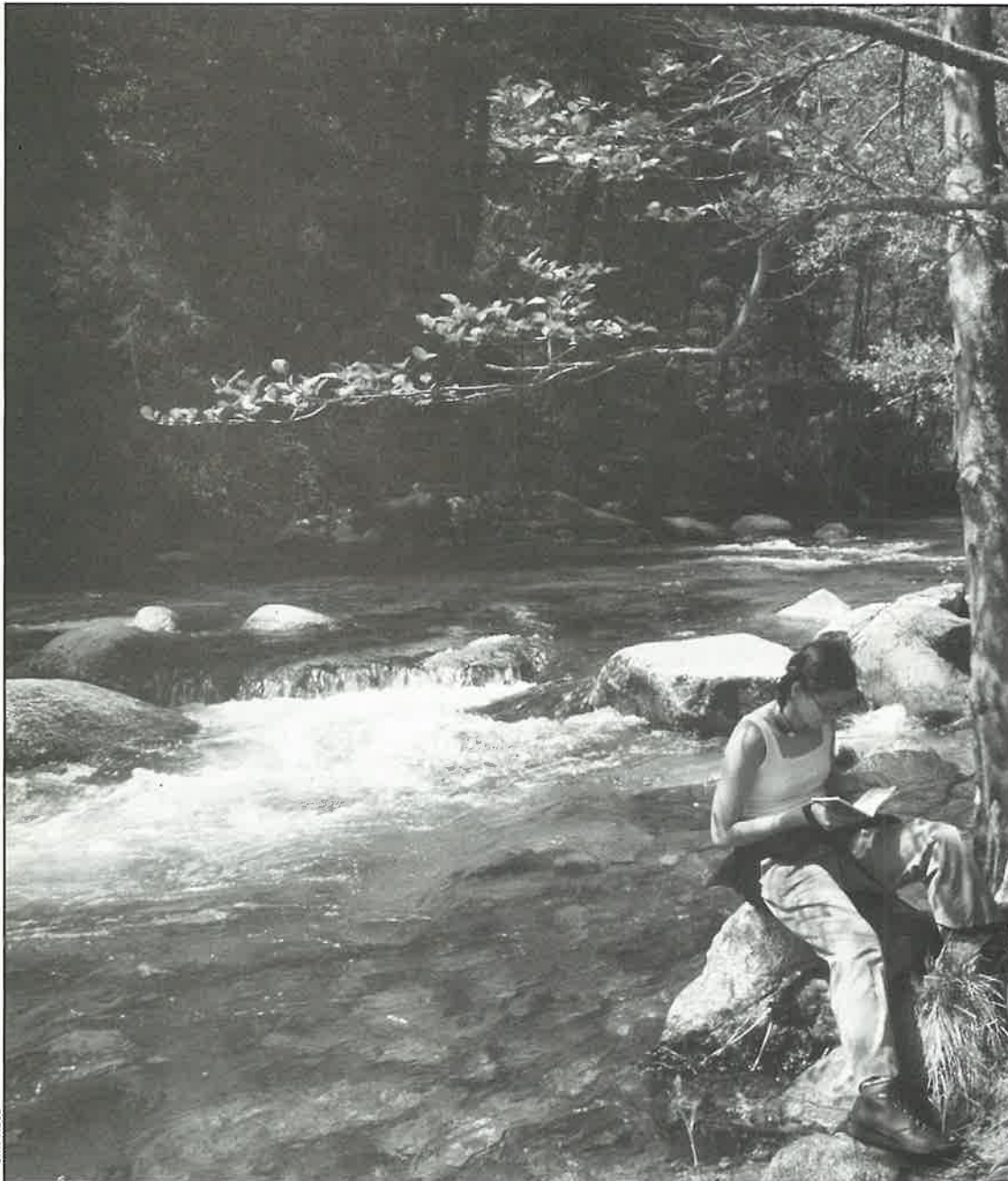
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After thousands of hours of field work by hundreds of volunteers and staff, and two years of building local support, the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002 is finally here. The wilderness legislation would protect some of California's most diverse and accessible wild places, including the Feather Falls proposed wilderness, pictured here. For a map, see page 7.

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Our Mission

CWC's mission is to protect and restore California's wild places. CWC works toward a healthy future for California citizens and wild landscapes. That future is one where wilderness, wildlands, and biodiversity are core values for all Californians. These values generate a profound respect and appreciation for the state's mountains and rivers, coasts and deserts, allowing each person to develop deep relationships with wild nature. A commitment to conserve all roadless lands and native plants and animals in a functional network of protected areas becomes the basis of California law, policy, citizen ethics, and action. For people who believe that wilderness holds a special place in the human spirit and has intrinsic value, the California Wilderness Coalition is the only statewide organization that brings together individuals and organizations in the vigorous defense of California's remaining wildlands.

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Onward for wilderness. . .



After five wonderful and challenging years, I am moving on from my position as Executive Director of the California Wilderness Coalition to pursue new challenges and take my wilderness advocacy to new venues.



For the past five years, with your help, CWC has built on its long history of wilderness advocacy. I am very proud of what CWC has achieved during this time as well as what we continue to accomplish. Some highlights include:

- Coordinating California's largest citizen wilderness inventory, a massive effort involving hundreds of volunteers who documented over 7.4 million acres of unprotected California wilderness.
- Completing a conservation vision for the Sierra Nevada ecoregion, as well as a landmark study on wildlife corridors across the state.
- Reforming the State of California off-road vehicle program, and improving off-road vehicle management on federal lands across the state.
- Distributing numerous public education reports on issues such as off-road vehicles, threatened wild areas, private land stewardship, and the status of California's remaining unprotected wilderness.
- Developing new wilderness supporters across the state, as well as recruiting and training new citizen wildlands guardians from every region of California.

I am especially proud to have been afforded the opportunity to be a part of an organization with such a tremendous legacy of preserving California wilderness. It has been a wonderful journey.

As with much of the past five years, this is a very exciting time for California wilderness. Senator Boxer recently announced the introduction of comprehensive statewide wilderness and wild rivers legislation—the first of its kind in nearly a decade in California.

The bill includes many special places including the White Mountains, King Range, regions of the Mojave Desert, and additions to the Trinity Alps. This legislation will soon become the centerpiece of the California conservation movement, and its passage will secure permanent protection for millions of acres of treasured wildlands.

Defensive battles are also heating up across the state as more and more wild areas are facing threats. The Coalition is taking a very active role in addressing these threats, even as we push for permanent protection. Aided by our citizen wilderness inventory, we are working to secure short-term protection for over seven million acres of wildlands across the state.

The Coalition's capable staff are taking active, leadership roles in every one of these campaigns, and will help make the transition to a new leader a painless one for the organization. With our professional and skilled staff, and experienced Board of Directors—not to mention our committed membership—CWC is in an excellent position for a smooth transition.

As with you, wilderness is, and always will be, close to my heart, and I look forward to continuing to help the California Wilderness Coalition fulfill its mission of wilderness protection in the years to come. I appreciate your continued support for our important work.

Onward for wilderness.

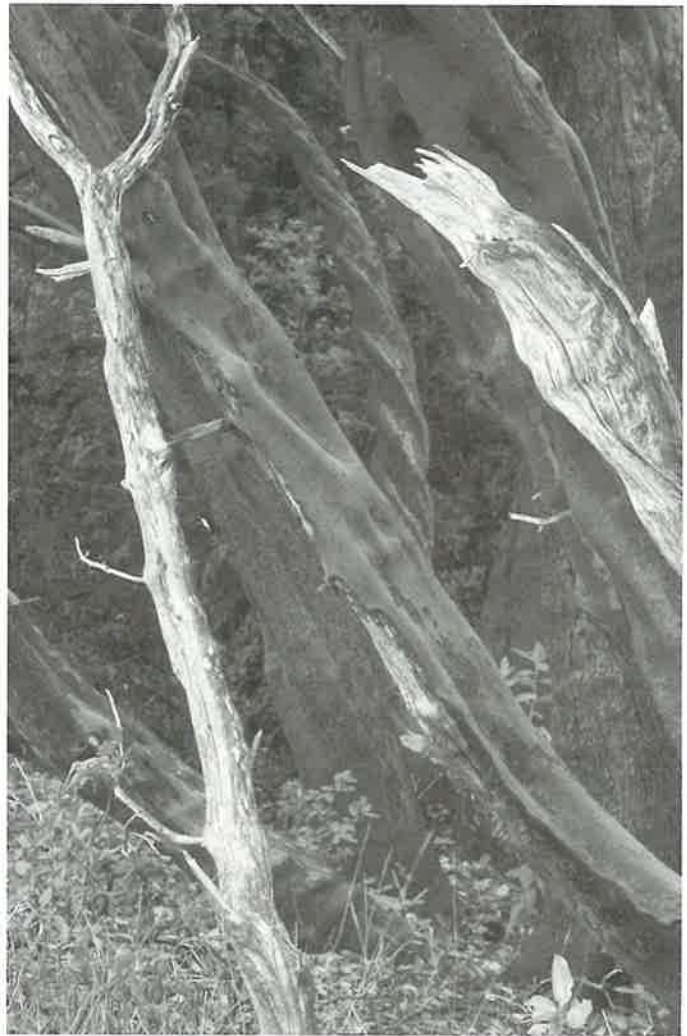
Congressman Sam Farr introduces central coast wilderness bill

by **Gordon Johnson**

Congressman Sam Farr, representing the central coast's 17th Congressional district, recently introduced wilderness legislation, H.R. 4750, the Big Sur Wilderness and Conservation Act of 2002. The bill would designate 56,880 acres of wilderness additions to the existing Ventana, Silver Peak and Pinnacles Wilderness Areas. With the exception of the Pinnacles, which is part of a National Monument, most of the additions are Los Padres National Forest lands with 2,895 acres of Bureau of Land Management land also included in the bill. All of these areas are also represented in Senator Barbara Boxer's wilderness legislation (see pages 4 through 7).

With the proposed additions, the Silver Peak Wilderness would more than double in size, increasing from the current 14,500 acres to 31,555 acres. The San Carpoforo addition features extensive oak woodlands and some of the southernmost stands of the rare Santa Lucia fir. The Willow Creek addition includes ancient redwood and Douglas fir forest rising above an important steelhead-spawning stream. This watershed is a haven for the largest Douglas fir forest in central California.

Additions to the Ventana Wilderness total 37,110 acres, enlarging the area to 239,613 acres. Ten areas are proposed as additions to this wilderness with the largest, the 14,550-acre Bear Canyon unit, encompassing the western slope of the region's tallest mountain, Junipero Serra Peak. Additions such as the Coast Ridge and Little Sur feature old-growth redwood



Jim Rose



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Above and top: the Coast Ridge proposed addition to the Ventana Wilderness

forests. Rivers, meadows, picturesque rock formations and forested slopes and valleys characterize others. The re-introduced California condor may be observed gliding above the proposed wilderness areas.

The Pinnacles National Monument Wilderness would expand by 2,715 acres, protecting the watershed of Chalone Creek, which winds through the Monument.

The legislation also contains provisions and funding for a pilot program to combat invasive plant and animal species within the Monterey Ranger District of the Los Padres National Forest.

Gordon Johnson lives in Redding. He has worked tirelessly to help protect wild places along California's central coast.

Senator Barbara Boxer announces the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002

by **Tina Andolina**
and **Ryan Henson**

On May 11, wilderness and wild river supporters joined Senator Boxer in San Francisco to celebrate the announcement of California's next statewide wilderness bill, the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002. Roughly 200 supporters converged on Crissy Field at the Presidio to cheer Senator Boxer on as she declared her intention to permanently protect more than 2.5 million acres of new wilderness in California. Joining her were Representative Hilda Solis from Los Angeles and Representative Lois Capps from San Luis Obispo. Representatives Hilda Solis and Mike Thompson of Napa introduced the California Wild Heritage Act in the House of Representatives in June. Representative Sam Farr of Monterey has introduced a wilderness bill for his district as well (see page 3).

The California Wild Heritage Act is the culmination of the work of hundreds of volunteers and the support of thousands of Californians. For the past four years, the California Wilderness Coalition, along with its partners who form the California Wild Heritage Campaign, has been working with local activists to secure support for scores of areas and rivers throughout California. All of that hard work, including countless meetings with stakeholders and local elected officials, has produced this landmark legislation.

This new bill includes a remarkably diverse and accessible array of wild places. New wilderness areas proposed in the bill range from low elevation oak woodlands to high alpine areas, and include some of the most remote areas in the state, as well as many areas near urban areas and major roads.



Lewis T. Ames

Senator Barbara Boxer (at microphone) announced on May 11 that she would introduce wilderness legislation. On May 21, she introduced the bill.

Your help needed to pass a wilderness bill for the new millennium!

The moment we have all been waiting for and working toward for a very long time has finally arrived: On May 21, 2002, Senator Barbara Boxer introduced the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002, S. 2535, in the U.S. Congress. After three years of mapping and two years of building support and resolving the concerns of stakeholders, the focus of the campaign can now shift to Washington D.C. and the national stage.

Now more than ever, we will need the support of everyone who wants to see our last remaining wild places permanently protected. Having a champion introduce legislation is a very big step, for which we have all worked very hard. In moving to the national level, we will have new obstacles to overcome. However, with our rejuvenated energy and heightened excitement, we can take on these new challenges and see this bill to the finish line.

To do this will require your help. Over the past two years, local groups and committees have formed to build support for nearby potential wilderness areas and potential wild and scenic rivers. These committees have been at the core of the effort to create another wilderness bill for California and they will continue to be the heart of this movement.

There are several ways you can get involved and help move this momentous effort forward.

1. Join the local organizing group in your area and work with your neighbors to further build community support and heighten awareness of your unprotected wilderness areas. To find out if there is an active wilderness or wild rivers group near you, contact Ilysia Shattuck at 510-622-0290 x 220. She can direct you to other local people actively engaged in your community.

2. Write a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein expressing your support for the California Wild Heritage Wilderness Act and the wilderness and wild

The legislation includes 77 different areas and 22 rivers; several of these areas are currently threatened with logging or oil and gas leasing. Here are just a few of the incredible wilderness areas that will be protected by the California Wild Heritage Act (see pages 6 and 7 for a list and map of areas):

The King Range in Mendocino and Humboldt counties is the longest stretch of undeveloped coastline in the United States outside of Alaska. This area contains rare coastal ancient forests and unique sand dunes, and offers incredible opportunities for whale watching, tidepooling, or just lazing around the beach in a wilderness setting.

The South Fork Merced River proposed wilderness in Mariposa County is a lush oak canyonland whose

heart is the National Wild & Scenic South Fork Merced River. The watershed also contains the Bishop Creek Research Natural Area, and the Devil's Peak Botanical Area. The river is a California Wild Trout Stream and provides habitat for the rare limestone salamander.

The Willow Creek proposed addition to the Silver Peak Wilderness in Monterey County contains some of the central coast's best and biggest stands of ancient trees.

The Condor Peak proposed wilderness in the Angeles National Forest is home to Trail Canyon Falls,



which empties into a lush pool surrounded by alder trees and ferns. The proposed wilderness is part of the historic range of the California condor, and encompasses the key watersheds of Big Tujunga Creek and the Los Angeles River.

The Eagle Peak proposed wilderness complex just outside of San Diego is remarkably remote. Undisturbed and seldom visited, this region provides a breathtaking variety of geologic substrates, as well as plant and animal life, at the eastern edge of San Diego's growing communities. The Cedar Creek area is so remote that visitors have the feeling they are truly the first ones there, reporting "no trails, no trash, no footprints, not even the signs of broken branches from previous passersby."

The Avawatz Mountains proposed wilderness in the Mojave Desert varies, extraordinarily, from 680 feet of elevation near Silurian Dry Lake, to a 6,162-foot summit in the Avawatz Mountains. This area is home to bighorn sheep, coyote, bobcat, and roadrunner, as well as creosote shrubs that clone and sustain themselves for thousands of years. Views from the Avawatz Mountains are outstanding in all directions, especially north into Death Valley National Park.

The Department of the Interior nominated the White Mountains of eastern California as a National Natural Landmark. High peaks and rolling ridges constitute a rare alpine island rising above a sea of sagebrush desert. The area contains the highest peak in the Great Basin, the 14,246-foot White Mountain peak, and the longest-living trees in the world, the bristlecone pines.

Tina Andolina and Ryan Henson are Conservation Associates for the California Wilderness Coalition.

and scenic rivers it will protect. These letters, especially when handwritten and personal, have a huge impact, and are critically important at this stage of the campaign. Be sure to tell why your local proposed wilderness is important to you and if you have visited the area, tell about your experience. For help in drafting a letter, visit www.calwild.org/action/write.php. Also, ask friends and family to send in letters.

Send letters to:
The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510
Fax: (202) 228-3954
Email: See form available at <http://www.senate.gov/~feinstein/email.html>

3. Write letters to your other-elected officials, including your county supervisors, your representative in the U.S. House of Representatives, and Senator Barbara Boxer. To find your representative, just type in your zip code at www.house.gov/writerep/.

4. Send in letters to your local newspaper. The opinion section of the paper is one the most widely read sections, especially by decision-makers. The letters to the editor page also offers a great opportunity for us to get our message out and express support for protecting our wild places.

5. Lead a hike out to your nearby potential wilderness or wild river. Getting people out to these magnificent wild places is the best way to convince them of the urgent need to protect the area.

These are just some of the ways you can be a part of this effort as we work to get this landmark bill through Congress and signed into law. This task has never been easy, but we have been successful when local wilderness lovers get involved and become active. At no time was this needed more than now, as we face hostile members of Congress and others who oppose protecting our wild lands. We can prevail with your help.

Wilderness and other areas proposed in the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002

Wilderness Areas

Awawatz Mountains Wilderness (Desert)
Bighorn Mountain Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Black Mountain Wilderness Area (Central Coast)
Black Oak Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Bright Star Wilderness Area Additions (Southern Sierra)
Cache Creek Wilderness Area (Northwest)
Cady Mountains Wilderness (Desert)
Cahuilla Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Caliente Mountain Wilderness Area (Central Coast)
Caples Creek Wilderness Area (Central Sierra)
Caribou Wilderness Additions (Northeast)
Carrizo Gorge Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Carson-Iceberg Wilderness: Bald Peak Addition (Central Sierra)
Carson-Iceberg Wilderness: Noble Canyon Addition (Central Sierra)
Castaic Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Castle Peak Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Chumash Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Condor Peak Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Cucamonga Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Death Valley National Park Wilderness Area Additions (Desert)
Dick Smith Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Dome Land Wilderness Area Additions (Southern Sierra)
Duncan Canyon Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Eagle Peak Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Emigrant Wilderness: Bell Addition (Central Sierra)
Emigrant Wilderness: Eagle Addition (Central Sierra)
Emigrant Wilderness: Waterhouse Addition (Central Sierra)
Feather Falls Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Garcia Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Golden Trout Wilderness Area Additions (Southern Sierra)
Granite Chief Wilderness Area Additions (Northern Sierra)
Granite Mountain Wilderness Area (Eastern Sierra)
Grouse Lakes Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Hauser Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Heart Lake Wilderness Area (Northeast)
Hoover Wilderness Area Additions (Eastern Sierra)
John Muir Wilderness Area Additions (Eastern Sierra)
Joshua Tree National Park Wilderness Area Additions (Desert)
King Range Wilderness Area (Northwest)
Kingston Range Wilderness (Desert)
Lassen National Park Wilderness Area Additions (Northeast)
Machesna Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Mad River Buttes Wilderness Area (Northwest)
Magic Mountain Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Marble Mountain Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Matilija Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Meiss Meadows Wilderness Area (Central Sierra)
Mineral King Wilderness Area (Southern Sierra)
Mount Lassic Wilderness Area (Northwest)
North Fork American Wilderness Area (Northern Sierra)
Owens River Headwaters Addition to the Ansel Adams Wilderness (Eastern Sierra)
Pinnacles National Monument Wilderness Additions (Central Coast)
Pit River Wilderness Area (Northeast)
Pleasant View Wilderness Area (Southwest)

Red Buttes Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Russian Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
San Geronio Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
San Rafael Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Sanhedrin Wilderness Area (Northwest)
Santa Clarita Canyons Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Sawtooth Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Sespe Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
Sheep Mountain Wilderness Area Additions (Southwest)
Silver Mountain Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Silver Peak Wilderness: San Carpofo Addition (Central Coast)
Silver Peak Wilderness: Willow Creek Addition (Central Coast)
Siskiyou Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Snow Mountain Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Soda Mountains Wilderness (Desert)
South Fork Merced Wilderness Area (Southern Sierra)
South Fork Eel Wilderness Area (Northwest)
South Fork San Jacinto Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Sugarloaf Wilderness Area (Southwest)
Trinity Alps Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Underwood Wilderness Area (Northwest)
Ventana Wilderness Area Additions (Central Coast)
West Fork Wilderness Area (Southwest)
White Mountains Wilderness Area (Eastern Sierra)
Wild Cattle Mountain Wilderness Area (Northeast)
Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Wilderness Area Additions (Northwest)
Yuki Wilderness Area (Northwest)

Salmon Restoration Areas

Chinquapin
Pattison
South Fork Trinity

Wilderness Study Areas

Ishi
Girard Ridge

Potential Wilderness Areas

Elkhorn Ridge
Payne Ranch

National Conservation Area






Sacramento River National Conservation Area

Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest



For more information on these areas, go to www.calwild.org. In addition, the bill also includes proposed wild and scenic rivers. For more information on these rivers, contact Friends of the River at (916) 442-3155 or go to www.friendsoftheriver.org.

CALIFORNIA WILD HERITAGE ACT (MAY 11, 2002)

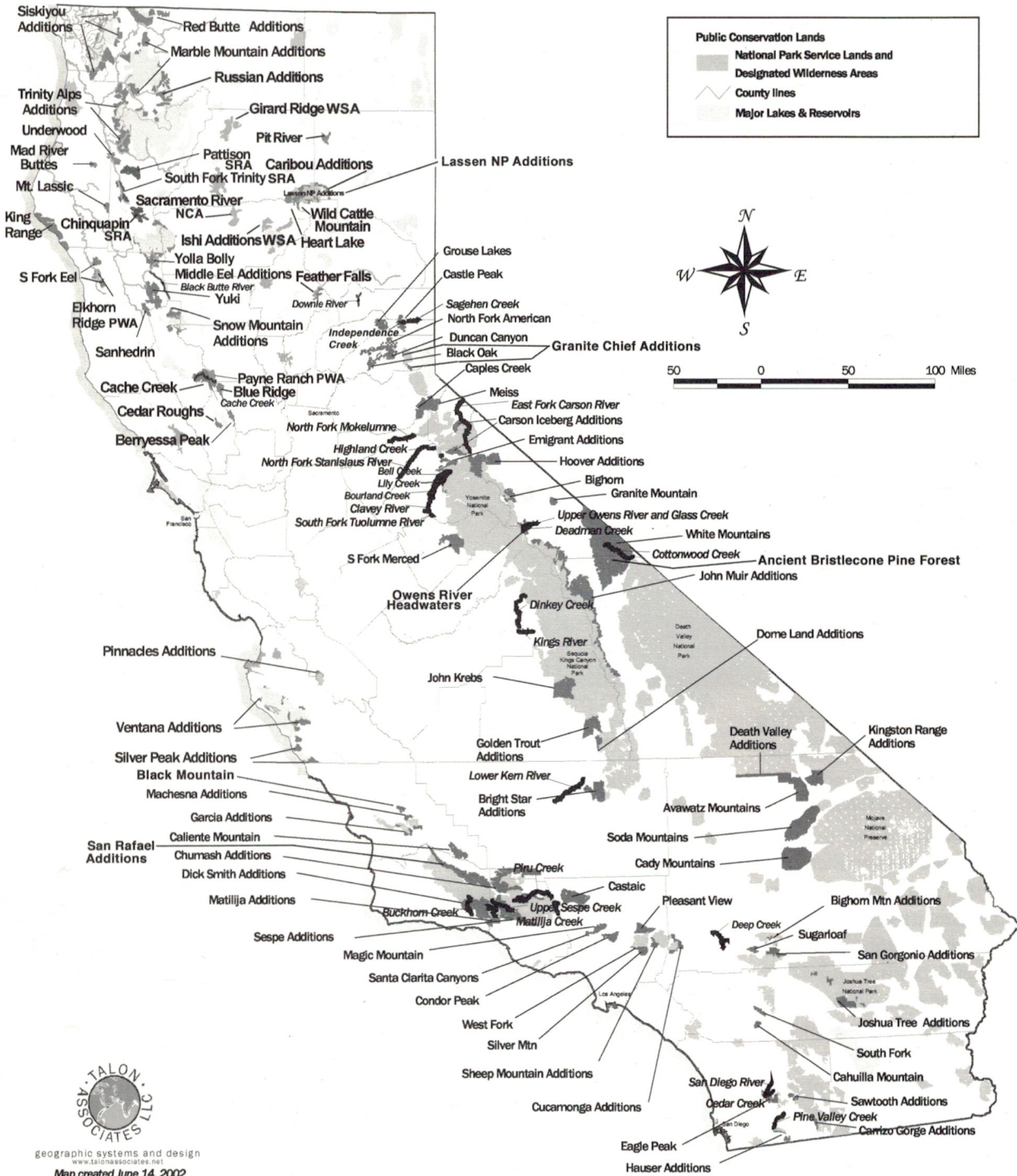
BILL DESIGNATIONS

-  Wilderness Area - Proposed
-  Wilderness Area Additions - Proposed
-  Salmon Restoration Area - Proposed (SRA)
-  Wilderness Study Area - Proposed (WSA)
-  Potential Wilderness Area - Proposed (PWA)



-  Wild & Scenic Rivers - Proposed
-  National Conservation Area - Proposed (NCA)

This map is for presentation purposes. Boundaries are approximate.




 geographic systems and design
 www.talonassociates.net
 Map created June 14, 2002

Northwest wild area study yields interesting comparisons

by **Ryan Henson**

The World Wildlife Fund and Legacy—The Landscape Connection of Arcata have collaborated on a study of large roadless areas in northwestern California, a region known to many as the “Klamath-Siskiyou Bioregion.” The purpose of the study was to determine how many acres of rare or unique habitat these areas provide. The results were released in April of this year.

There are 95 roadless areas in northwestern California’s Klamath, Mendocino, Six Rivers and Shasta-Trinity National Forests that are either over 5,000 acres in size or are smaller areas that border existing designated wilderness. The following lists reflect the top ten areas in each category. Many of these areas are proposed as wilderness in Senator Barbara Boxer’s California Wild Heritage Act. These lists provide just a glimpse of the immense ecological importance of these remaining wild places. The lists also demonstrate their enormous diversity. For example, only one area (the Mendocino National Forest’s Middle Fork Unit of the Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions) appears in all of the lists, so that no particular area dominates all of the categories.

More information on these areas can be obtained at www.calwild.org.

Largest unprotected areas

1. Yuki Proposed Wilderness
2. Nomlaki Potential Wilderness, Grindstone Unit
3. Girard Ridge Potential Wilderness
4. Red Buttes Proposed Wilderness Additions, Kangaroo Unit
5. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, Orleans Mountain Unit
6. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Dillon Creek Unit
7. Pattison Potential Wilderness
8. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, New River Unit

9. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Blue Creek Unit
10. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions, Middle Fork Unit

Most acres of unprotected ancient forest

1. Girard Ridge Potential Wilderness
2. Chinquapin Potential Wilderness
3. Pattison Potential Wilderness
4. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Dillon Unit
5. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, Orleans Mountain Unit
6. Yuki Proposed Wilderness
7. Marble Mountain Proposed Wilderness Additions, Grider Unit
8. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Blue Creek Unit
9. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions, Middle Fork Unit
10. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, Horse Linto Unit

Most unprotected oak forest

1. Nomlaki Potential Wilderness, Grindstone Unit
2. Yuki Proposed Wilderness (also has greatest diversity of oak species)
3. Snow Mountain Proposed Wilderness Additions, Skeleton Glade Unit
4. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Additions, Middle Fork Unit
5. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, New River Unit
6. Girard Ridge Potential Wilderness
7. Devil’s Rock Potential Wilderness
8. Nomlaki Potential Wilderness, Thomes Creek Unit
9. Yuki Proposed Wilderness, Black Butte Unit
10. Underwood Proposed Wilderness

Most miles of unprotected salmon and steelhead habitat

1. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, New River Unit
2. Pattison Potential Wilderness
3. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness

- Additions, Dillon Unit
4. Chinquapin Potential Wilderness
5. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions, Middle Fork Unit
6. Marble Mountain Proposed Wilderness Additions, Grider Unit
7. Red Buttes Proposed Wilderness Additions, Condrey Unit
8. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, Horse Linto Unit
9. Underwood Proposed Wilderness
10. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Poker Flat Unit

Most sensitive animal species

1. Trinity Alps Proposed Wilderness Additions, New River Unit
2. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Dillon Unit
3. Marble Mountain Proposed Wilderness Additions, Ukonom Unit
4. Marble Mountain Proposed Wilderness Additions, Grider Unit
5. Underwood Proposed Wilderness
6. Chinquapin Potential Wilderness
7. Girard Ridge Potential Wilderness
8. Panther Potential Wilderness
9. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions, Middle Fork Unit
10. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Blue Creek Unit

Most sensitive plant species

1. North Fork Smith Potential Wilderness
2. Mount Eddy Potential Wilderness
3. China Mountain Potential Wilderness
4. Red Buttes Proposed Wilderness Additions, Condrey Mountain Unit
5. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Poker Flat Unit
6. Yolla Bolly-Middle Eel Proposed Wilderness Additions, Middle Fork Unit
7. Castle Crags Potential Wilderness Additions
8. Siskiyou Proposed Wilderness Additions, Five and Ten Unit
9. Shelly Creek Potential Wilderness
10. Sanhedrin Mountain Proposed Wilderness

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Salvage logging in Duncan Canyon?

What are they thinking???

by **Matei Tarail**

The Tahoe National Forest intends to implement a salvage logging operation that could destroy the wilderness character of a very special place in the Sierra Nevada. The logging operation is being planned for Duncan Canyon, one of the few remaining old-growth mixed conifer forests in the region.

Duncan Canyon is proposed for wilderness designation in the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002. It is a truly beautiful place, and important among unprotected wilderness areas because of its lower elevation. Lower elevation wilderness areas are currently underrepresented in our National Wilderness Preservation System.

Massive and ancient trees, including ponderosa and sugar pine, still stand in Duncan Canyon, although large trees of these species are rare in other parts of the Sierra Nevada due to their commercial value. Other tree species include incense cedar, red fir, and white fir. Additionally, Duncan Canyon provides habitat for endangered and threatened species, including the spotted owl, wolverine, and Pacific fisher (a rare relative of the mink).

The Forest Service's justification for the logging is the Star fire, which occurred in the area last year. Officials claim that last year's fire has increased the chances of catastrophic wildfire in Duncan Canyon, and propose a logging operation to "reduce fuels." Their approach—quite literally—is one of "cutting down the forest to save the trees."

The California Wilderness Coalition strongly opposes this plan and we are working with local activists and decision-makers in the region to prevent the plan from proceeding.

There are some major flaws within the current Forest Service plan. The proposed operation would:



Left and below: Duncan Canyon's healthy forests after the Star wildfire. The Forest Service, paradoxically, argues that these must be logged in order to prevent catastrophic wildfire.



- Remove the largest, most fire-resistant old trees, which are the most unique aspect of this rare ecosystem, thereby *increasing* the very risk of catastrophic wildfire that the project claims to be addressing

- Log within 50 feet of streams, even though the Sierra Nevada Framework requires a 300-foot buffer area around streams to minimize erosion and sedimentation

- Disregard the Framework's recommendation that prescribed burns, not logging, be used to restore areas to their natural fire regimen.

Duncan Canyon is a place that the Roadless Area Conservation Rule was adopted to protect. We are asking the

Forest Service to respect this overwhelmingly popular rule by not conducting any logging activities in the area.

Only two percent of the Tahoe National Forest is designated wilderness. This is less than any National Forest in the entire state except for the Plumas National Forest. We are urging officials at the Tahoe National Forest to cherish and protect the few places left in their region that qualify for wilderness.

Matei Tarail has been the Membership Associate of the California Wilderness Coalition for the past three years. He will be leaving CWC in July to attend the University of Arizona Law School, and we will sorely miss him.

A wildlands vision for California's central coast

by **Pete Nichols**

Biodiversity: *The variety of life and its processes, it includes the variety of living organisms, the genetic differences among them, the communities and ecosystems in which they occur, and the ecological and evolutionary processes that keep them functioning, yet ever changing and adapting.*

— Noss and Cooperrider, 1994

The challenge of biodiversity protection in a state with accelerating habitat modification and population growth is daunting. However, the California Wilderness Coalition's vision for furthering the protection of biodiversity in California has come one step closer to reality with the release of a wildlands conservation vision for the central coast of California.

The *Guide to Wildlands Conservation Planning in the Central Coast Region of California* outlines a conservation strategy for the central coast region that considers the habitat needs of wildlife and plant species. The strategy will assist local conservation groups, land managers, and planners in building a vision for California's central coast. The magnitude of habitat loss, rate of species decline, and adverse impacts to ecosystems in the central coast region from development, industrial agriculture, and resource extraction mandates that we must initiate the immediate protection and restoration of these areas.

The California Wildlands Project staff worked closely with scientists and GIS experts to develop a Wildlands Conservation Plan that would identify the wildlands in the region that most effectively represent the overall biodiversity of the central coast.

Wildlands are generally characterized as large, ideally roadless, areas. In the central coast region, which extends roughly from Sonoma to Santa Barbara, they are distributed throughout the mountainous portions of the ecoregion. Many of these wildlands are located



C.S. Watson, Jr.

The central coast wildlands planning guide includes recommendations for protection of habitat for the endangered San Joaquin kit fox.

within state parks, wilderness areas, and public lands that are managed by the U.S. Forest Service and the Bureau of Land Management.

The Wildlands Conservation Plan is based upon the principles of conservation biology. It asserts that a system of large, protected, core habitat areas, which are joined by habitat linkages to allow wildlife movement, is the most biologically sustainable approach to habitat protection. In contrast, our present arrangement of land management and unconnected protected places does not ensure the maintenance of ecological processes and survival of all species, thus does not protect biodiversity.

Jim Thorne from UC Davis Information Center for the Environment, Dick Cameron from GreenInfo Network, and Verna Jigour from Jigour

Associates developed the methodology. They conducted detailed analyses of the region based on the habitat requirements of four species that are widespread throughout the region and whose habitat is considered imperiled in the central coast: San Joaquin kit fox, pronghorn antelope, mountain lion, and steelhead. The analyses identified a potential network of large, core habitat areas scattered throughout the region, which are connected by eight primary habitat linkages. They also clarified priorities for the immediate protection of remaining habitat and habitat linkages for San Joaquin kit fox, pronghorn antelope, and mountain lion, and presented strategies for long-term restoration of steelhead populations.

The next step for California Wildlands Project staff is to distribute the information in the *Guide* to the groups active in conservation in the region. It is our hope that by collaborating with the many existing efforts in the region, we can all work together to ensure local strategies will maintain the level of biodiversity within the central coast region over time.

The *Guide* is the third regional conservation planning effort coordinated by the CWC. The first was the *South Coast Regional Report*, and the second, *A Guide to Wildlands Conservation Planning in the Greater Sierra Nevada Bioregion*, was released earlier this year.

For more information on the *Guide to Wildlands Conservation Planning in the Central Coast Region of California*, contact the CWP staff at pnichols@calwild.org.

Pete Nichols is the Science Coordinator for the California Wildlands Project.

CWC launches new desert outreach

by Keith Hammond

California's last wild deserts need more defenders, and the CWC is setting out to find them.

Despite the great success of the California Desert Protection Act in 1994, the act's protections only apply to 40 percent of the region's public lands—leaving many wild places still threatened by development or by degradation from off-road vehicle abuse. And while desert residents have made great contributions to conservation, most of the advocates and organizations fighting for desert protection historically have been based outside the region.

Today nearly one million acres of

From there our new field organizer Pat Flanagan will tour the region with a new slide show of California's spectacular unprotected wilderness in the Mojave, Great Basin, and Colorado/Sonoran deserts. We'll stay on top of the BLM's planning efforts in the region to ensure that imperiled species and wild public lands get the protection they deserve, and we'll work to defend wild places from ill-advised development such as the Cadiz water-mining project. We'll reach out to desert residents and groups of every kind, to build a new coalition of desert wilderness supporters who will advocate for permanent protection for their local wild places.

If you live in the desert or just love



Heene Anderson

CWC's desert program will help protect special places like the Algodones Dunes.

unprotected wilderness remain in California's desert, along with many of our state's most endangered plants and animals. Since 1990, the population of the desert region has grown faster than any other in California, especially in communities near Victorville, Barstow, Lancaster, and Palm Springs. CWC believes that thousands of nature-loving Californians living in the desert region strongly support the conservation of our state's wilderness and wildlife. We have set out to find these good folks and bring them together to help protect the wild places we all love.

In May 2002, CWC opened our first desert field office in Twentynine Palms, just north of Joshua Tree National Park.

it, we hope you'll help protect places like the Avawatz Mountains, Algodones Dunes, Iron Mountains, Slate Range, Cady Mountains, and many more that are still home to bighorn sheep, desert tortoise, and the rest of California's amazing desert flora and fauna. To volunteer yourself—or your friends—please contact Pat Flanagan at the California Wilderness Coalition, 6427-F Mesquite Ave., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277, paflanagan@earthlink.net, (760) 361-5430. Together we can ensure a wilderness-forever future for California's rich and beautiful desert region.

Keith Hammond is the Communications Director for the California Wilderness Coalition.

BLM to re-open fragile areas to ORVs?

by Matei Tarail

The Bureau of Land Management recently released a potentially devastating plan to re-open 49,000 acres to off-road vehicle usage in the fragile Algodones Dunes of southern California.

The Algodones region provides critical habitat for endangered and threatened plants and animals, including the Peirson's milkvetch plant and the desert tortoise. Since November 2000, ORV activity in these areas has been prohibited as part of a lawsuit settlement with the Center for Biological Diversity, in an effort to protect this vulnerable sand dune ecosystem.

"After 50 years of intense off-road vehicle abuse, many of the plant and animal species that have historically inhabited the dunes have declined or been eliminated," according to Terry Weiner, of the Desert Protection Council.

The BLM plan would re-open the closed areas and permit 525 riders per day to ride in 34,000 acres of this delicate habitat, and an unlimited number of riders in a nearby area of 15,000 acres. Overall, the plan would restrict riding in only 32,000 acres (in the North Algodones Dunes Wilderness, where ORV use is already prohibited by law), while leaving the rest of the 150,000-acre ecosystem open to off-road vehicles.

Matei Tarail is the Membership and Development Associate for the California Wilderness Coalition.

As Los Padres condors struggle to recover, Forest Service barrels ahead with oil drilling

by Keith Hammond

Just days before the Los Padres National Forest quit taking public comments on its plan to open wild roadless areas to new oil drilling, something amazing happened. On April 11, a 4-inch-long egg cracked open in a California condor nest in a wild corner of Ventura County, and the first wild condor chick since 1987 successfully hatched and looked out at its future home on the Los Padres. Newspapers excitedly reported the chick's hatching as a sign that the endangered condor was taking its first real step, after 18 years of captive breeding, toward recovery in the wild.

Two weeks later, that first wild condor chick made headlines again when it was smeared with crude oil by its father, who had stuck his head in an open puddle of petroleum at a newly drilled oil well.

On April 19, the Forest Service closed the comment period on its Draft Environmental Impact Statement proposing new oil and gas leasing in the Los Padres. This plan would open more than 100,000 acres of proposed wilderness areas to drill rigs, potentially damaging and disqualifying Fox Mountain, Moon Canyon, Cuyama, Badlands North/Quatal Canyon, Badlands/Apache, and other proposed wilderness areas including additions to the San Rafael, Dick Smith, and Sespe Wilderness Areas. It also would violate Inventoried Roadless Areas that are supposed to be protected under the Roadless Area Conservation Rule, would degrade scenic and recreational values enjoyed by thousands of Californians, and would impact habitat for 20 threatened or endangered species, including the endangered California condor. All for an insignificant amount of oil and gas, at best a 5- to 10-day supply for the nation. Inexplicably, the DEIS uses outdated information on

endangered species rather than using the most current data available, and it's being fast-tracked before the general Forest Plan revision is completed.

The good news is, the public clearly thinks more oil drilling in the wild Los Padres is a terrible idea. Local residents demonstrated loudly against the plan, and the Forest Service received thousands of comments opposing it—thanks to all of you who wrote! Local newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*, *Ventura County Star*, and *Santa Barbara News-Press* wrote strong editorials against the plan. Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer and Representatives Lois Capps and Sam Farr wrote a letter to the Forest Service demanding that they drop the plan.

In May, two more wild condor chicks hatched on the Los Padres. With several wild condors just reaching sexual maturity, opening more of the Los Padres to oil and gas leasing could undermine the \$40 million California Condor Recovery Program—the nation's most intensive endangered species recovery program ever. With just 67 California condors surviving in the wild—20 on the Los Padres—it seems extremely unwise to put more roads, drill rigs, oil wells, power lines, and waste pits smack in the middle of condor habitat just as North America's largest bird is scratching its way back from the brink of extinction.

But that's what the Forest Service plans to do. In meetings with conservationists and in newspaper editorials, Forest Supervisor Jeanine Derby defended her proposal for new leasing in condor habitat and wilderness. Drill sites are envisioned within the Fox Mountain Roadless Area—a proposed wilderness where two of the five wild condor eggs have been laid so far—and in areas within just a couple miles of condor release sites such as Lion Canyon.

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Condors in the captive breeding program

The Forest Service will issue its Final Environmental Impact Statement later this summer, clearing the way for drill rigs in proposed wilderness. The California Wild Heritage Act sponsored by Sen. Barbara Boxer would protect these wild areas permanently, but its passage will take time. So right now, CWC and other groups are asking California's Congressional delegation to stop the drilling plan from going forward until the Los Padres completes its full Forest Management Plan using updated species data and considering all the important values of our wild forests, weighing them against the pitiful amount of oil that could be recovered.

What you can do

Please, write a letter to Senator Dianne Feinstein. Ask her to fully support the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002, which would protect roadless areas on the Los Padres National Forest and other wild places across the state as wilderness—forever.

Write to:

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
U.S. Senate

Washington, D. C. 20510

Fax: (202) 228-3954

Email: See form available at <http://www.senate.gov/~feinstein/email.html>

Or please write to info@calwild.org, or check www.calwild.org to find out how you can help this summer!

Keith Hammond is CWC's Communications Director.

The genus *Clarkia* – full of treasures and rarities

Andrew C. McCall

Have you heard of “red ribbons,” “fairy fans,” or “farewell to spring?” If you spend time on California’s public lands, chances are that you recognize at least one of these names. They all describe wildflowers in the annual genus *Clarkia*, which is mainly spread throughout the American West and Canada, from British Columbia to southern California. The plants are usually under one meter tall and extremely varied in floral features, which range from large, showy frills to inconspicuous white petals. As you might expect from such a diverse group, there are *Clarkia* species that are federally listed as endangered, others that are found on many roadcuts in California, and still others that are neither spectacularly rare nor abundant, but are considered sensitive because of their limited habitat requirements.

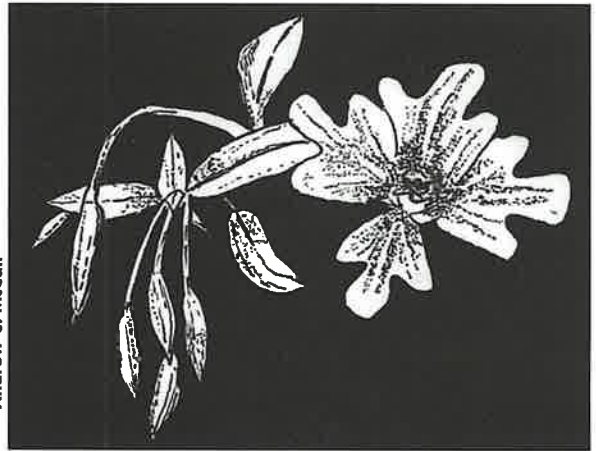
Clarkia franciscana is one of the most celebrated of rare plants in the United States. Commonly called the “Presidio *Clarkia*,” this species is only found in serpentine areas at the Presidio of San Francisco and in Alameda County. The Presidio populations are currently being monitored every year, where one population has been increas-

ing and another population is decreasing, probably due to competition pressure from exotic plants. Fortunately, there are efforts underway at the Presidio to provide greater *Clarkia* habitat by removing exotic shrubs and over 100 species of non-native trees. The *Clarkia franciscana* populations in Alameda County are also under pressure from exotic species such as pampas grass (*Cortaderia selloana*) and French broom (*Genista monspessulanus*).

Clarkia concinna, or “red ribbons,” is found throughout much of northern California and is recognized by the unusually delicate structure of its petals. Although one subspecies, *C. concinna concinna*, can be found on many roadcuts and steep steambanks, another subspecies, *C. concinna raichei*, is extremely rare and has only been reported from a single location in Marin County.

Clarkia gracilis is another fairly common species in the northern portion of the state, but one of its subspecies, *C. gracilis tracyi*, is largely restricted to serpentine habitats and is listed as a species of concern by the California Native Plant Society. Man-made disturbances are the main causes of habitat destruction of this narrowly distributed wildflower. Still another subspecies, *C. gracilis albicaulis*, is rare and known only from a few populations in Butte County.

What causes the rarity of some subspecies and the relative commonness of others in *Clarkia*? Other than particular characteristics of their habitats, such as soil type, key factors may include the flowers’ interactions with each other and with other species such as pollinators. For example, Martha Groom, of the University of



Andrew C. McCall

The extremely rare wildflower, *Clarkia concinna raichei*, has only been found in one location.

Washington-Bothell, has shown that small, isolated patches of *Clarkia concinna* tend to receive fewer pollinator visits and are thus more prone to extinction than larger patches. So, if a *Clarkia* population is already small to begin with, its chances of persisting may be quite low, leading to an inescapable downward spiral.

The next time you are wandering California’s public lands, take a closer look at the plants around you. You may stumble upon a delicate treasure of petals, or a *Clarkia* found nowhere else on Earth that is persisting in the face of habitat degradation. All *Clarkias*, regardless of their status, are distinctive reminders that summer is on its way.

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Harlan Lewis, California Native Plant Society

***Clarkia franciscana* is one of the most celebrated of rare plants in the U.S.**

Routes of Travel in the Western Colorado Desert: Antiquated RS 2477 law threatens wilderness

by Pat Flanagan

This is a tale that goes back to 1866, when the U.S. Government, just out of the devastating Civil War, needed to encourage economic expansion through settlement of the West. Road-building was essential, so Congress, adding to an 1866 mining law, implemented RS 2477, which then read as follows:

“The right-of-way for the construction of highways over public lands, not reserved for public uses, is hereby granted.”

—Revised Statute (RS) 2477

This simply stated, 20-word statute has now become a tool in the anti-environmental movement’s arsenal to thwart sound management of public lands. Now that economic expansion has progressed to urban sprawl, proponents of RS 2477 have found support in the White House, giving impetus to their plans to convert a system of foot paths and trails into an off-road vehicle highway system across the vast and scenic western states.

Congress repealed this dinosaur in 1976, but grandfathered legitimate claims pre-dating the repeal. Claimants must prove the route was “constructed” before 1976, and that it’s actually a “highway” to somewhere.

Rewriting the rules for these RS 2477 claims is a favored tactic of vehicular access groups such as the Blue Ribbon Coalition and county supremacy groups in Utah, Alaska, and now California. Not happy with the network of over 400,000 miles of roads across



Jim Rose

If changes to RS 2477 are approved by the Bureau of Land Management, counties could claim ownership of BLM public land by bulldozing roads over two-track trails like this one (located near the Skedaddle potential wilderness).

National Forest and Bureau of Land Management land, anti-environmental groups want to misapply this ancient provision in the mining law to create thousands more miles of roads across wild lands in the West.



Quietly, out of an office in Springfield, Virginia, the Bureau of Land Management, protector of our public lands, attempted to sneak through a regulatory change, published in the Federal Register on February 22, 2002*, that would

further assist in the incremental privatization of public lands. Janine Blaeloch, Director of Western Land Exchange Project in Seattle, voiced concern over this proposed new rule, which did not allow adequate opportunity for public

input and participation (comments were due by April 23). She wrote in her letter to the BLM office in Virginia, “The most reprehensible aspect of this action is that BLM is attempting to make an enormously significant policy change while appearing merely to tweak an arcane rule.” And, “No thanks to the BLM, we now understand that the proposal is largely intended to circumvent the current moratorium on RS 2477 claims and create a backdoor route to these disputed actions. Its true purpose is to ease the way for local governments in Utah and elsewhere to file claims for public lands, with no time limitation, and minimal processing of claims.”

An orderly process for considering the legitimacy of RS 2477 claims already exists. The new rule would allow the BLM to give away the land to non-owners, outside of judicial proceedings, with minimal public involvement.

The Mojave National Preserve and Death Valley National Park recently

received a letter from local counties alleging that the counties are entitled to over 2,300 miles of RS 2477 routes in the Preserve and Park.

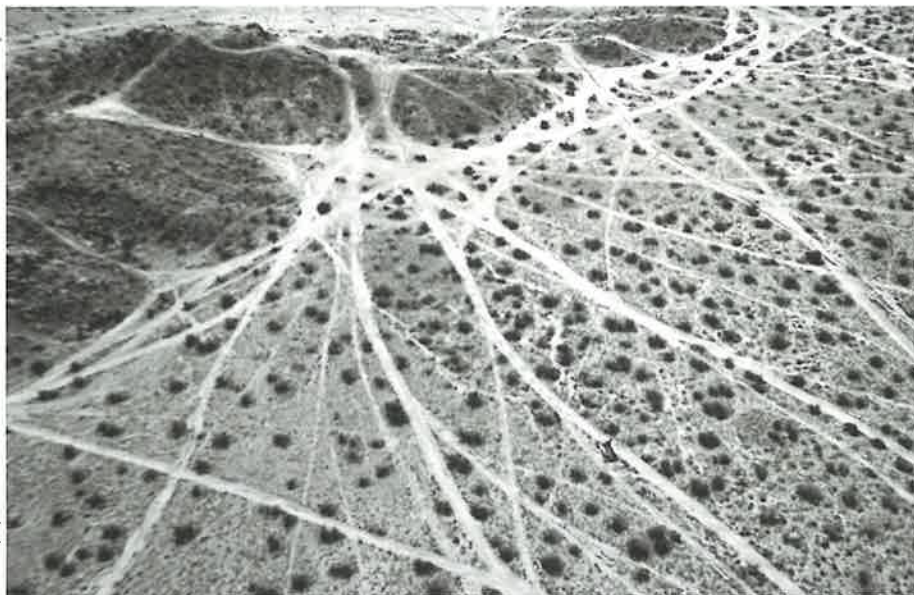
The BLM faces this issue as it prepares an Environmental Assessment (EA) for designating routes of travel on 475,000 acres of public lands within the Western Colorado Desert Planning Area. Approximately 1,900 miles of "designated" and "existing" vehicle routes of travel are within the project area.

The Imperial County Board of Supervisors unanimously voted in March to claim rights of way, under RS 2477, to these 1,900 miles of off-road trails. County Intergovernmental Relations Director Bob Ham has asked the BLM to consider the county's RS 2477 assertion. Ham said that he was unaware if similar claims by San Bernardino and Riverside were successful.

In May, Inyo County adopted a resolution supporting the use of RS 2477 in the county. Apparently, the county may attempt to annex a washed-out dirt route that bisects the Surprise Canyon Wilderness by using RS 2477.

Other important issues relating to these "existing" routes are how long these routes have been in existence; when and how they were "designated," and whether or not they are legal according to the stipulations on the California Desert Conservation Area Plan, created in 1980. According to long-time desert activists Nick Ervin and Harriet Allen, all routes in the Western Colorado Desert created after 1982 are not legal routes, and should be eliminated and rehabilitated. However, BLM representative Arnold Schoeck said that the CDCA Plan is a "living document," and that there have been many changes since 1980. Schoeck said that BLM will discard the stipulation that routes created after 1982 are illegal, "because of changing circumstances."

The BLM must finalize their Routes of Travel Designations by January 3, 2003, because of the CDCA lawsuit and have therefore chosen to do an Environmental Assessment (a very brief



Howard Wilshire

If a county were to claim all of these trails as "roads," it could seize a sizable chunk of federal public land and then sell it to a developer for profitable gain.



George Barnes

A "road" in the California desert. Imperial County is attempting to claim 1,900 miles of vehicle routes within the Western Colorado Desert Planning Area.

document that assumes no detrimental effects are found to damage sensitive natural resources) instead of a more complete Environmental Impact Statement. They released their Notice of Intent on April 25, 2002.

The BLM asked those participating at the scoping meetings, based on inadequate maps and no clarification of existing regulations, to respond with our concerns by May 17, later extended to May 31, 2002.

What you can do

Even though the deadline for response on RS 2477 is past, it does no harm to write a letter against this proposed rule

change and the cynical and deceiving manner in which it has been presented to the public—just to let them know you are concerned and aware of this sneaky attempt.

Write to:
Mr. Jeff Holdren
Bureau of Land Management
Eastern States Office
7450 Boston Boulevard
Springfield, VA 22153

*Reference: Proposed rule pertaining to conveyances, disclaimers, and correction documents (67 FR 8216).

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Report and working group explore stewardship agreements

by Ben Wallace

New report promotes farming for wildlife and profitability

All across the state, agricultural producers and conservationists are working together to develop agricultural practices that restore the local landscape. For example, farm managers Mary and Jim Rickert and the Shasta Land Trust put together a conservation easement to preserve upland wildlife corridors on working land along the Sacramento River. The easement also provides habitat for imperiled river swallows.

Steve Dorrance practices holistic management and planned grazing on his ranch in Monterey County in an effort to increase stability and diversity of grasses on his land. By approaching agricultural lands from a perspective of ecological as well as economic opportunity, these individuals are seeking to restore natural functions on working land in a way that is compatible with the practical and economic necessities of farming and ranching.

Opportunities like these will be highlighted in a forthcoming report by the California Wilderness Coalition entitled *Wild Harvest: Farming for Wildlife and Profitability*. This report looks beyond the obstacles and barriers that have encumbered habitat stewardship in the past, and highlights innovative programs and policies that will enhance habitat conservation in California, while increasing the financial security of agricultural producers.

The report focuses on six categories of policy reform:

- * Improving the delivery of conservation incentives
- * Overcoming disincentives to habitat restoration and species conservation
- * Maximizing environmental performance of working lands



Community Alliance with Family Farmers

CWC has partnered with groups including the Community Alliance with Family Farmers in releasing a report. Here, farmers learn environmentally friendly orchard management.

- * Creating tax incentives that maintain the local tax base
- * Promoting easements to preserve natural and agricultural land
- * Developing market initiatives and voluntary rewards.

For example, we propose new stewardship agreements that have the potential to deliver powerful incentives to preserve intact habitat. We also encourage “permit coordination” and “safe harbor” programs that can provide farmers and ranchers with the assurance that efforts they take to restore habitat today will not cause regulatory problems in the future. We are proud to be releasing this report with the endorsement of the Community Alliance with Family Farmers, the Wild Farm Alliance, and the California Sustainable Agriculture Working Group.

Working group investigates stewardship agreements

CWC’s Private Land Stewardship Working Group is contributing to the policy debate on private land stewardship. The Sacramento group consists of organizations representing production agriculture, conservation, and sustainable agriculture. The purpose of the group is to seek consensus on legislation and policy affecting habitat

stewardship on private lands.

On April 30, the working group discussed the Working Landscapes Stewardship Act (AB 1398). This bill would enable farmers and ranchers to enter stewardship agreements with local non-profits to promote wildlife-friendly management. The group also brainstormed about a new concept for private land stewardship known as “Farmland Stewardship Agreements.” Glenda Humiston, USDA Deputy Undersecretary for Natural Resources and the Environment during the Clinton Administration, shared her experience of working with the designers of this program in Florida. Developed to create voluntary incentives to preserve habitat for species such as the endangered Florida panther, the pilot program has enjoyed an enthusiastic response from Florida landowners. As it is designed to overcome problems associated with preservation in areas with high land values and rapid urban development, members of the group will be working collaboratively to explore potential applications for the concept in California.

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Farm bill passes with 18% funding for conservation

by Ben Wallace

The U.S. Congress and President Bush passed up a great opportunity to create a conservation-centered farm policy in the 2002 farm bill. Voluntary conservation incentives provide the greatest returns for the taxpayer, greatest benefit for the environment, and needed support for the greatest number of California's agricultural producers. Unfortunately, the 2002 farm bill directs only 18 percent of total funding toward conservation, much less than conservationists had hoped.

Still, our efforts resulted in a much greater amount and percentage allocated to conservation than in previous farm bills—an average of \$3.5 billion annually nationwide.

The California Wilderness Coalition and 35 other grassroots organizations in California helped give a huge boost to private land conservation programs in particular. For example, the bill authorizes an average of \$60 million annually to encourage farmers, ranchers, and timberland owners to use wildlife-friendly practices. Although this is less than a third of the needed funding, it is a far greater investment than in any previous farm bill. This is an important first step toward improving habitat on private land for California's imperiled species.

Community Alliance with Family Farmers



This cover crop of crimson clover, oats, and other species provides habitat for beneficial insects and other wildlife, while promoting healthier orchard crops. The 2002 farm bill includes funding to promote similar wildlife-friendly farming practices.

The 2002 farm bill authorizes \$60 million annually to encourage farmers, ranchers, and timberland owners to use wildlife-friendly practices. Although this is less than a third of the needed funding, it is a far greater investment than in any previous farm bill. The bill also creates a green payments program.

Moreover, innovative new conservation programs that we championed will now become available. The new farm bill establishes a green payments program that will reward agricultural producers with \$20,000, \$35,000 or \$45,000 incentive payments according to the level of environmental stewardship they achieve. It also creates opportunities for local communities to craft federal-state partnerships that will help California's communities

pursue environmental goals such as creating wildlife corridors and preserving pristine habitat. These programs will only make a difference if we demonstrate the unique resource needs on private land in California and attract USDA funding to this region of the country. The California Wilderness Coalition will continue building partnerships with agricultural producers and local organizations to ensure California can make the most of our conservation gains in the farm bill. Using these tools, we can work toward a coherent private land stewardship policy that will preserve the livelihood of agricultural producers while preserving and restoring our rich natural heritage. **Ben Wallace coordinates the Private Land Stewardship Initiative. Contact him at (530) 758-0380 ext. 110, or ben@calwild.org.**

Congress introduces bill to protect forest roadless areas

A bi-partisan group in Congress is proposing a bill to enact the Roadless Area Conservation Rule into law. The legislation, titled "The National Forest Roadless Area Conservation Act of 2002," was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives on June 5 by a bipartisan group of 173 co-sponsors. A majority of California's House members—31 of 52—are cosponsoring the bill already. Leaders of the bipartisan effort include Rep. George Miller (D-Martinez), a leading Congressional defender of wilderness, and Rep. Stephen Horn (R-Long Beach), who was involved in the original Wilderness Act of 1964.

The Forest Service adopted the Roadless Area Conservation Rule more than a year ago. The rule protects over 58 million acres of federal land nationwide from road-building and conventional logging, including 4.4 million acres in California. The American public voiced their overwhelming support for the rule.

A coalition of companies and groups, including the Boise Cascade Timber Company, the American Forest and Paper Association, and various off-road vehicle groups have filed suits to block the implementation of the rule. The Bush Administration has done nothing to defend or implement the rule, despite Forest Service officials' promise that they would uphold it.

Scientists urge end to National Forest commercial logging

More than 200 highly respected scientists, including a Pulitzer Prize winner and the recipient of the 2000 President's National Medal of Science, recently sent a letter to President Bush urging him to end commercial logging in National Forests.

The scientists asserted that the American taxpayer subsidizes logging not only directly, but also indirectly,

because logging reduces the economic value of the forest for other uses.

"It is now widely recognized that commercial logging has damaged ecosystem health, clean water, and recreational opportunities," the letter reads. "Annually, timber produces roughly \$4 billion per year (from national forests), while recreation, fish and wildlife, clean water and unroaded areas provide a combined total of \$224 billion" to the economy each year.

Dr. David R. Foster, an ecology professor at Harvard University, said that a ban on public-lands logging would not affect the nation's supply of timber. Just 4 percent of the nation's timber comes from federal forest land, according to the letter, an amount Dr. Foster said could be made up via more intensive cutting on tree farms, recycling, and other measures. *Courtesy of the National Forest Protection Alliance.*

Sierra Framework review may ignore ecological merits of plan

The Forest Service's "review" of the Sierra Nevada Framework is in full swing. Sierra-lovers will remember that just days after Bush Administration officials in Washington approved the Framework and its strong protections for Sierra old-growth forests, the Bush-appointed Regional Supervisor Jack Blackwell announced he would "review" the policy, presumably to weaken it to allow more logging.

In April, Forest Service officials met with the Quincy Library Group, county supervisors, and staff for Congressmen Wally Herger and John Doolittle to hear their concerns. In May the Review Team visited Alpine Meadows Ski Area, and grazing allotments and recreation areas on the Sierra National Forest, then had a powwow with Blackwell. The Forest Service plans to wrap up its review in December and issue recommendations for changing the Framework.

Representatives from The Wilderness Society and the Sierra Nevada Forest Protection Campaign have attended some of these meetings. They

note that the "review" so far has been biased against the Framework, talking only about its problems but omitting any discussion of the ecological need for it in protecting the imperiled California spotted owl, Pacific fisher, and other old-growth dependent wildlife—or the fact that it was legally upheld on appeal. In general, conservationists are worried that the Forest Service will try to revert to a weaker alternative—any weakening of Framework protections will harm spotted owl habitat, further endangering the bird and triggering a federal endangered species listing.

Stanislaus foresters schemed to defraud state OHV program

Leaked notes from an internal strategy meeting revealed this month that federal officials schemed to mislead or even defraud the state Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) Commission in retaliation for perceived mistreatment.

The Stanislaus National Forest has become notorious for poor management of off-road vehicles, outraging homeowners and off-road groups alike by its failure to control vehicle travel and publish a map of designated off-road vehicle trails, as required by law. When the State OHV Commission granted the Stanislaus only \$215,000 in state taxpayers' money, rather than the \$520,000 requested, Stanislaus foresters called an angry strategy session to retaliate. Their internal memo included such strategies as "Take the money and run" and "Fake it! Apply for grant funds...then pull out before the next hearing." The memo also revealed that Stanislaus officials still are not working on completing the required trail map—and they don't even know what violations they can issue citations for.

Forest Supervisor Ben Villar apologized for the unprofessional tone of the memo but was unrepentant about the Stanislaus's poor ORV management. The *Stockton Record* in a Thursday April 11 editorial judged that Stanislaus officials need a "change of

heart and lessons in better communication," they have "preconceived notions that fail to serve what's important to the public," and "there's going to be a long road back to restore trust." We agree!

Park Bond includes funds for saving farmland

The 2002 Park Bond, which California voters approved March 5 by a margin of 56-44 percent, will direct \$1.275 billion to preserve land and improve air and water quality in California. This includes \$75 million for the preservation of private agricultural lands.

The loss of agricultural lands hastens the decline of wildlife, increases flooding, and replaces our open spaces with sprawl. Moreover, when agricultural producers are uncertain whether their land may be converted to development, they are less able to invest in practices like re-vegetating streambanks, restoring wetlands on field edges, and managing livestock to promote native grasses. The Park Bond will give California's farmers the security they need to promote wildlife-friendly land stewardship.

Moreover, it allocates \$300 million to the Wildlife Conservation Board (a division of California's Dept. of Fish and Game) for the restoration and preservation of lands that protect threatened species. This funding can also be used to purchase easements on working farmland that provides extraordinary habitat value.

Bush rolls back Siskiyou protection

The White House is proposing to allow the resumption of mining on nearly 1 million acres of Oregon's Siskiyou region. The decision potentially impacts 15 wild rivers and more than 280 plants unknown anywhere else on Earth. A local conservation group, the Siskiyou Project, says this is an "attack on some of the best wild salmon and steelhead habitat in the lower 48 and one of the most botanically diverse coniferous forests in North America." *Courtesy of the Endangered Species Coalition.*

State off-road vehicle reform bill passes in Assembly

Assembly Bill 2274, an off-road vehicle reform bill that has been approved by both environmentalists and off-road vehicle riders, passed the State Assembly 70-0 on May 30. The bill now heads for the State Senate, but may not be taken up for a vote before the Senate's July recess.

Anti-wilderness bills introduced in House

U.S. Rep. John Doolittle (R-CA) introduced an anti-wilderness bill, the Wilderness Study Area Release Act (HR 4589) into the House of Representatives on April 26. The bill would release all existing Wilderness Study Areas (WSAs) 15 years old or older, and would automatically end all new WSA designations after 5 years, then release them if not designated. The bill has been referred to the Resources and Agriculture Committee.

On April 30, Rep. Butch Otter (R-ID) introduced a similar bill (HR 4620, the "American Wilderness Protection Act") that would also cancel Wilderness Study Area designations. Otter's bill has been co-sponsored by Reps. Pombo (R-CA), Hunter (R-CA), Radanovich (R-CA), and Hansen (R-UT), and had its first hearing on June 6.

"This cynically named bill will do more to prevent wilderness protection than any legislation in the last 30 years," testified Don Barry, Executive Vice President of The Wilderness Society and former Assistant Secretary of the Department of Interior for Fish, Wildlife, and Parks. "Many of these areas have wilderness recommendations dating back to Presidents Ford and Nixon and include popular areas in our most beloved National Parks and Wildlife Refuges."

Sespe rivers receive protection from grazing, oil & gas leases

Over 80 miles of the Big Sur River, Sisquoc River and Sespe Creek will receive protection under the Wild &

Scenic Rivers Act due to a legal settlement struck between the Center for Biological Diversity, Keep Sespe Wild, the Environmental Defense Center, and the Los Padres National Forest on April 4. The agreement requires the Forest Service to complete a comprehensive management plan for the rivers, and in the interim, to prohibit grazing, and oil and gas leasing in the river corridors.

The Forest Service failed to comply with the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act, which required formulating management plans for these rivers by 1995. Ending a six-year delay, the settlement will ensure that wildlife will be enhanced, riparian habitats will be preserved, and heavily used recreation areas will be restored. *Courtesy of the Center for Biological Diversity.*

Sixth great extinction ravages species

A new United Nations report finds that almost a quarter of the world's mammals face extinction within 30 years. Some 11,000 plants and animals are identified as endangered, including more than 1,000 mammals, nearly a quarter of the world's total, over 5,000 different plants, and one in eight bird species. According to the report, all the factors which have led to the extinction of species in recent decades continue to operate with ever increasing intensity. Loss of habitat and invasive species are cited as the primary threats. The report is online at www.unep.org/GEO/geo3/index.htm. *Courtesy of the Endangered Species Coalition.*

Drought jeopardizes southern steelhead

Southern California's most severe drought on record is beginning to exact a toll on habitat and wildlife. Among the most imperiled species is the southern steelhead, the rarest sea-going trout in the United States. State biologists are drafting a plan to rescue the remaining several hundred fish if the worst-case scenario happens. *Courtesy of the Endangered Species Coalition.*

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This bristlecone pine forest in the White Mountains potential wilderness area has existed for over 4000 years. With care and stewardship, our children and their children will continue to enjoy their company. Photograph courtesy of Galen Rowell, Mountain Light Photography.

A Humble Act

Protecting wilderness for future generations is a truly unselfish act. We do it for the planet and the wonderful variety of plants and animals that make it their home.

We also do it for ourselves. It is comforting to know as we deal with traffic, dirty beaches and polluted lands, that some of our most treasured lands remain pristine.

Stocks

One effective way to help protect wilderness is through a donation of appreciated stock to the California Wilderness Coalition. You receive a tax deduction for the entire value of the stocks, though you may have purchased them for a small part of that value. (Please check with your tax advisor to clarify your exact tax benefits.) Let us know and we will work with you to do an electronic transfer of securities.

Planned Giving

Remember wilderness in your will. Many of us cannot make day-to-day contributions to the causes we love; yet in our will, we can make a bequest to leave a wilderness legacy. Here's an example of language you might use in making a bequest:

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Make this commitment and join the over 160 members of our major donor program. We are entering the 21st century with a re-energized effort to protect California wilderness! This committed group empowers the staff and volunteers at CWC to be effective in our efforts to protect these lands. Our staff works hard with passion and modest pay, and appreciates knowing you care. You can give through our fund appeals, or sign up for a monthly credit charge. Your help is greatly appreciated. Giving levels for Wildland Advocates start at \$250 per year.

Please contact Bob Schneider at (530) 304-6215 if you have questions or suggestions about giving to protect our wilderness heritage.



Pit River

Managing agency: BLM, Alturas Field Office.

Size: Approximately 6,600 acres.

Location: Nine miles southeast of McArthur in Lassen County.

The Pit River proposed wilderness is dominated by ten miles of dramatic river canyon reaching depths of 750 feet. Around the main canyon, the region is composed of volcanic plateaus cut by small side-canyons. These plateaus are covered with grasslands and forests of ponderosa and Jeffrey pine, juniper, Oregon white oak, and mountain mahogany.

Along the Pit River and its tributaries, hardwood forests of willow, ash, and other species grow. The Pit River canyon is noted for its unusually high density of birds of prey, including prairie falcon, golden eagle, bald eagle, kestrel, the endangered Swainson's hawk, red-tailed hawk, and other species. Rare peregrine falcons that have been fighting their way back from near-extinction for decades may have already reclaimed the river's steep canyon walls for nesting.



The proposed wilderness also serves as an important birthing area for local pronghorn antelope herds, and as critical winter habitat for mule deer driven out of higher country by snow. Evidence of Native American uses of the land abound. The Bureau of Land Management was so impressed with the area that it too proposed a large portion of it for wilderness designation in 1990, one of only a handful of areas endorsed by the agency for wilderness protection statewide.

C O A L I T I O N N E W S

Please welcome Amanda!

CWC is glad to welcome Amanda Dranginis as our new Executive Assistant. Amanda has just graduated at UC Davis at the top of her class with a degree in Environmental Planning and Policy Analysis. She is interested in advanced policy analysis and law. She is experienced in managing staff, public relations, and communications. A past CWC intern, she has also worked for the California Resources Agency. We are very lucky to have her join CWC's efforts!



Amanda Dranginis

CWC opens new California desert office

In May, CWC hired Pat Flanagan as our new desert outreach coordinator, and opened our first desert office in 29 Palms. Pat will be working throughout local communities to build support for desert wilderness. Prior to coming to work for CWC, Pat worked as the Conservation Outreach Director for the San Diego Natural History Museum. For over 20 years, she has led naturalist tours, trained teachers and docents, and made presentations to civic groups. She is a board member for the Desert Protective Council. CWC is proud to welcome Pat!



Pat Flanagan

Farewell, but not goodbye

After five years of hard work for and unwavering devotion to California wilderness, CWC Executive Director Paul Spitler has decided to pursue a career in Washington, D.C. He will continue to serve out his term on the state off-road vehicle commission. We are all very sad to see him leave, and wish him the best in his future endeavors in D.C.

CWC Membership and Development Associate Matei Tarail has been accepted to discerning law schools throughout the country, and has chosen the University of Arizona. He will be moving to Tucson this summer and beginning law school in the fall. We will miss him, and are very proud of his acceptance to this prestigious program.

CWC Executive Assistant Kim Welborn is also leaving us, to start a family. We have greatly enjoyed her patience, amazing organizational abilities, and sense of humor. We wish her the best of luck in her new role of mom.

CWC gets a new web site

On May 10, CWC launched its brand-new web site, featuring greatly improved functionality and ease of use, clickable maps, a site-wide search engine, online donation capabilities, a forum, and much more. We are incredibly grateful to Lise LaTorre and Liz Goh of InMotionMedia for their outstanding job in planning, designing, and building out the new site, and to Laura Kindsvater for successfully managing the project while studying for her Ph.D. oral exams! Check out the new site at: www.calwild.org.



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Congresswoman Lois Capps proclaims her support for wilderness in her district, which includes the beleaguered wildlands of the southern Los Padres National Forest. Senator Barbara Boxer (right edge of photo) and Representative Hilda Solis (between Capps and Boxer) also spoke strongly in favor of wilderness legislation. For more about the California Wild Heritage Act of 2002, see pages 4 through 7. For an update on oil and gas drilling proposals in unprotected wilderness, see page 12.

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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 where to go and what is and isn't allowed. To get you started, we surveyed the managers of the 141 state and federal wilderness, national park, and national monument areas you can visit in California.

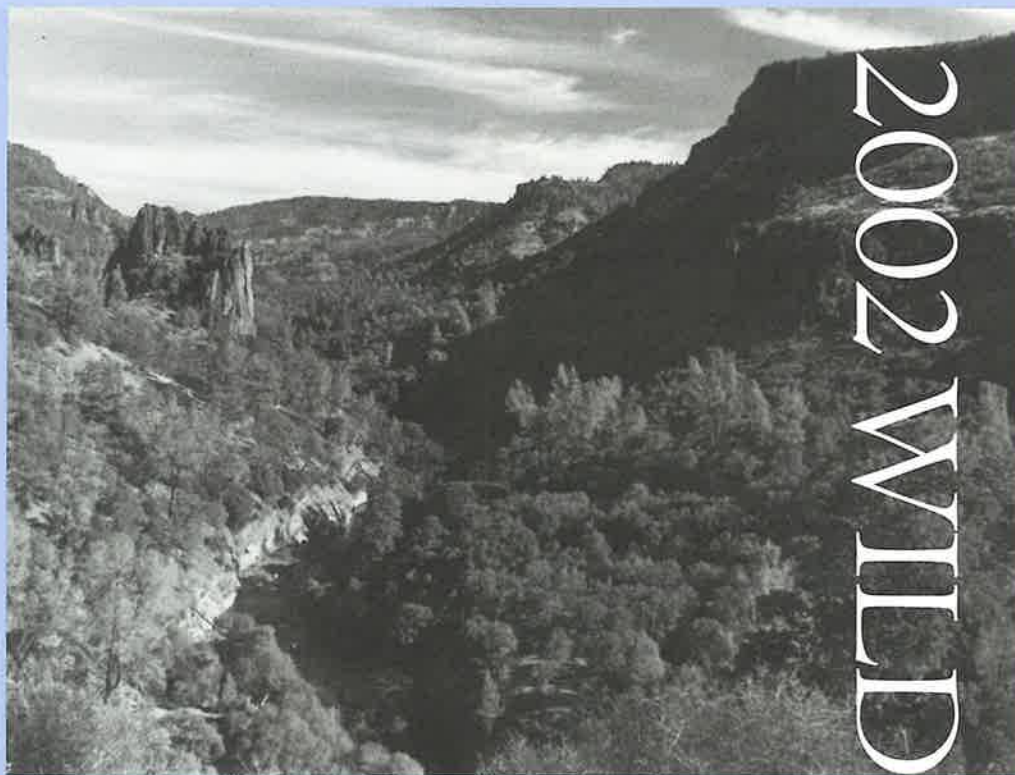
Some regulations are universal and well-known. Bicycles and off-road vehicles (except wheelchairs) are prohibited from all wilderness areas, so you won't find that information listed for each entry. What you will find is:

- 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 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



Brod Richards

Deer Creek in the Ishi Wilderness, Lassen National Forest

where fires are restricted. Southern California is experiencing a drought this year, so campfire permits may be suspended on short notice. Where the risk of wildfire is high, you may be required to have a campfire permit to use a camp stove.

- 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 **closures** are in effect for any portion of the wilderness. Closures may be needed to protect sensitive species or fragile ecosystems.

- Who 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 downed 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.

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.

Enjoy...and leave no trace!

Agua Tibia

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** leashed; leash must be no longer than 8' **Closures:** closed to horseback riding **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. **Web site:** www.wilderness.net/nwps/wild_view.cfm?wname=Agua%20Tibia and www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland/wild.html

Ansel Adams

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** no wood fires above 10,000' or in specially designated areas where camping restrictions are in effect **Pets:** under control **Closures:** camp at least 100' from lakes; camping restrictions on Rainbow Lake, Lillian Lake, Cora Lake and Sadler Lake **Note:** Proper food storage required beginning 2002; wilderness permit is free, but reservations have a fee; shooting is only allowed for taking of game **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 or Bass Lake RD, Sierra National Forest, 57003 Road 225, North Fork, CA 93643; (559) 877-2218 ext. 3136 for general info or ext. 0 for permits. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo NF, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA 93513. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/vvc/wild_permits/permits.htm

Anza-Borrego

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, unless special permit granted **Fires:** only in metal container that you bring **Pets:** no **Closures:** Coyote Canyon 6/1 to 10/1 **Note:** parking fee; carry water; no stock off roads/designated trails; no guns or shooting **Contact:** Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004; (760) 767-5311. **Web site:** www.anzaborrego.statepark.org

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/argus.html

Big Maria Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/big_maria_mtns_wilderness.html

Bigelow Cholla Garden

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or



Tim Palmer

Banner and Ritter peaks, Ansel Adams Wilderness

organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/bigelow.html

Bighorn Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed (NF only); no packs of dogs for hunting allowed (BLM) **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no stock grazing; no shooting on National Forest land except during hunting season and in designated areas; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness **Contact:** Mountain Top 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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/bighorn.html

Black Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/blackmtn.html

Boney Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** recommend no more than 15 people **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** possible during high fire danger **Note:** no stock overnight; no camping; carry water. **Contact:** Point Mugu State Park, 9000 West Pacific Coast Highway, Malibu, CA 90265; (805) 488-1827; for fire closure information call (805) 488-8147. **Web site:** http://www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=630

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/brghtstr.html

Bristol Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/bristol.html



Pete Yamagata

Looking into the Rice Valley Wilderness from the Big Maria Mountains Wilderness

Bucks Lake

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** yes **Closures:** closed to commercial outfitting and guiding **Note:** carry water **Contact:** Mt. Hough RD, Plumas NF, 39696 Highway 70, Quincy, CA 95971; (530) 283-0555. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/plumas/visitor/trails.htm#trailsmhrd

Bull Creek

NEW!

Quota: no **Permit:** yes **Party size:** no **Fires:** designated areas only **Pets:** leashed in use areas only **Closures:** no **Note:** park entrance and camping fees apply; trail camp stays limited to 3 nights; no guns, bows, or slingshots **Contact:** Humboldt Redwoods State

Park, P.O. Box 276, Weott, CA 95571; (707) 946-2263 or (707) 946-2409. **Web site:** www.humboldtredwoods.org/

Cadiz Dunes

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/cadiz.html

Caribou

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** call and check if there are restrictions due to fire because this year will be a high fire season **Note:** no target shooting; no shooting across trails or in campgrounds **Contact:** Almanor RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020; (530) 258-2141. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lassen/caribou_wilderness.htm

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. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/carriz.html

Carrizo Plain National Monument

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** Parties of more than 15 people or more than 5 vehicles require a permit to conduct activities off county roads. **Fires:** campfire permit required; stoves preferred **Pets:** leashed; no dogs allowed at Painted Rock **Closures:** 1/4 mile of Sulphur Springs; Painted Rock is closed except by guided tour only from March 1 to July 15; additional seasonal closures may apply **Note:** carry water and a full gas tank (no services in vicinity); camping limited to 14 days per 30-day period and 28 days per year; camp and park overnight at least 200 yards from water; no target shooting; no shooting within 1/4 mile of any campground or developed site. **Contact:** BLM, 3801 Pegasus Drive, Bakersfield, CA 93308; (661) 391-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/carrizoplain.html

Carson-Iceberg

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock, voluntary reduction for less traveled zones **Fires:** depends on location; don't build new fire rings **Pets:** leashed or under voice command **Closures:** No overnight stock holding at Sword and Lost Lakes **Note:** no target shooting or plinking (Stanislaus NF); voluntary group size reduction for trailless portions of the wilderness is requested; camp at least 100' from lakes, streams and trails; weed-free feed for stock **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. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus/visitor/carson.htm and www.fs.fed.us/htnf/iceberg.htm

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 state park; no shooting; camp/wash/cook 100' from water **Contact:** Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, 204 West Alma St., Mount Shasta, CA 96067; (530) 926-4511. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/

Chanchelulla

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 10 people, 10 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; campfires may be prohibited above 6000' in 2003 **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** all areas are closed during snow season **Note:** all trails renovated; scarce water **Contact:** Yolla Bolla RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, 2555 State Highway 36, Platina, CA 96076; (530) 352-4211 or Hayfork RD, P.O. Box 159, Trinity Street, Hayfork, CA 96041; (530) 628-5227; call (530) 926-9613 for current route, snow and weather conditions. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/

Channel Islands National Park

Quota: no **Permit:** required for beach camping on Santa Rosa Island **Fires:** permitted on beach on Santa Cruz Island only **Pets:** no (except for seeing-eye dogs) **Party size:** limited by number of campsites available **Closures:** may apply; check with park staff **Note:** camping reservation required; reservation fee **Contact:** Channel Islands National Park, 1901 Spinnaker Dr., Ventura, CA 93001; 805-658-5711 or email: chis_interpretation@nps.gov **Web site:** www.nps.gov/chis/

Chemehuevi Mountains

Quota: yes **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 6 **Fires:** no **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no camping **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps), no shooting **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000 or Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 3009, 317 Mesquite Ave., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-3853 or BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Ave., Lake Havasu, AZ 86406; (928) 505-1200. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/cheme.html

Chimney Peak

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** 14-day limit; carry water **Contact:** BLM, 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (661) 391-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html

Chuckwalla Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/chuckwalla_mtns_wilderness.html

Chumash

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required **Pets:** under control **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; (661) 245-3731. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Cleghorn Lakes

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but packs of dogs for hunting not allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding allowed **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/cleghorn.html

Clipper Mountains

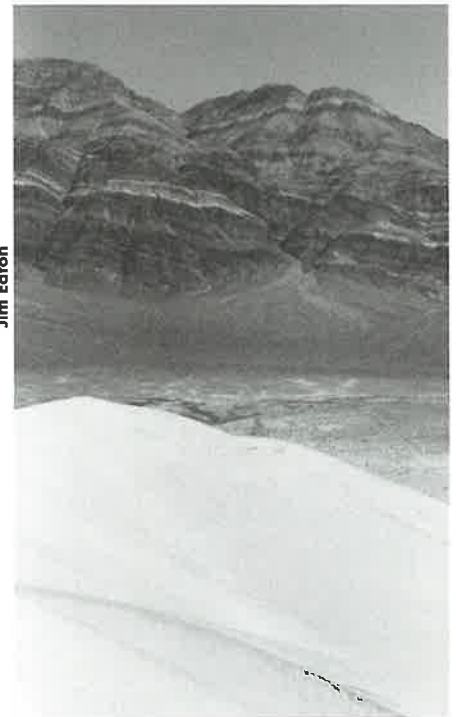
Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/clipper.htm

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/coso.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/el_centropoi.html



Jim Eaton

Last Chance Range from Eureka
Dunes, Death Valley National Park

Cucamonga

Quota: day and overnight **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 12 people, 8 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no shooting **Contact:** Lytle Creek RD, San Bernardino NF, 1209 Lytle Creek Rd., Lytle Creek, CA 92358; (909) 887-2576. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sanbernardino/

Cuyamaca Rancho

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 8 people per campsite; 1 animal per corral (3 corrals provided) **Fires:** no **Pets:** no dogs in backcountry **Closures:** no **Note:** camping restricted to designated sites; fees are \$1 per night per person; the wilderness is closed to mountain bikes, but the camp areas are not in the wilderness (camp areas are on the edge); carry water (water is not available or is not treated all year); mountain lions inhabit area; no weapons allowed **Contact:** Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, 12551 Highway 79, Descanso, CA 91916; (760) 765-0755 or Anza-Borrego Desert State Park, 200 Palm Canyon Dr., Borrego Springs, CA 92004; (760) 767-5311. **Web site:** www.cuyamaca.statepark.org/

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/darwin.html

Dead Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000 or BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Ave., Lake Havasu, AZ 86406; (928) 505-1200. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/dead.html

Death Valley National Park

Quota: no **Permit:** optional overnight, may become required in 2003 **Party size:** 15 people (overnight), 15 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** some mines, caves, and archaeological and historic sites; horses restricted on some trails. **Note:** carry water; avoid low desert in hot weather; no weed feed for stock; no guns or shooting; no collecting of rocks or artifacts allowed; few maintained trails, numerous cross-country opportunities **Contact:** Death Valley National Park, Box 579, Death Valley, CA 92328; (760) 786-3200. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/deva

Desolation

Quota: overnight (from Friday before Memorial Day weekend to Sept. 30) **Permit:** day and

overnight **Party size:** 12 people, 2 stock per person, max 12 stock per group **Fires:** no; campstoves ok **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Reservation and overnight camping fees, parking fee at Eagle Falls and Pyramid Creek trailheads; quota system change: based on first-night stay in zones rather than by trailhead entry point. **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. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu/visitor/wilderness/desowild.htm

Dick Smith

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required **Pets:** under control; dogs must be on leash **Closures:** yes, in fire season **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; no shooting near roads, in campgrounds, or within 1/2 mile of river along Paradise Rd. **Contact:** Santa Barbara RD, Los Padres NF, 3505 Paradise Rd., Santa Barbara, CA 93105; (805) 967-3481 or Mount Pinos RD, Los Padres NF, 34580 Lockwood Valley Rd., Frazier Park, CA 93225; (661) 245-3731. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Dinkey Lakes

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes, except above 10,400' **Pets:** under control; leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting; permits are \$5 for reservation or free for first come/first served; bear boxes not available, so use canisters; camp 100 ft. from water; stoves recommended **Contact:** (summer only) Dinkey Ranger Station, 53800 Dinkey Creek Rd., Dinkey Creek, CA 93664; (559) 841-3404 or High Sierra RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (559) 855-5360 or Kings River RD, Sierra NF, 34849 Maxon Road, Sanger, CA 93657; (559) 855-8321. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sierra/ and www.sierrawilderness.com and www.thehighsierra.com

Cliff Lake in the Dinkey Lakes Wilderness



Pete Yamagata

Dome Land

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock
Fires: seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed (NF only) **Closures:** Dome Land Wilderness is closed due to a 74,000+ acre fire in 2000. Contact Cannell Meadow RD for closure areas **Note:** carry water; watch for snakes **Contact:** Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, P. O. Box 9, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781 or BLM, 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (661) 391-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html

El Paso Mountains

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/elpaso.html

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:** one night camping limit per trip at the following lakes: Bear, Camp, Grouse, Powell and Waterhouse; no stock overnight within 1/4 mile of Grouse, Camp, Bear, Powell, Deer, Wood and Waterhouse Lakes; no holding of more than 4 head of stock within 1/4 mile of the following lakes: Gem, Jewelry, Long, Maxwell, Pingree, Piute, and Rosasco **Note:**

no target shooting; bears frequent trailheads; some lakes have lower party-size limits; no discharging firearms for other than legal taking of game; no weed feed for stock; voluntary group size reduction for trailless portions of the wilderness is requested **Contact:** Summit RD, Stanislaus NF, #1 Pincrest Lake Road, Pincrest, CA 95364; (209) 965-3434. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus/visitor/emigrant.htm

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. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/fishcr.html

Funeral Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding in BLM wilderness; see also Death Valley Wilderness listing **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/funeralmtn.html

Garcia

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:**



Marrin Litton

Big Whitney Meadow from Cottonwood Pass, Golden Trout Wilderness

seasonally restricted; need permit for campfire or camp stove outside of designated campsites **Pets:** leashed in campground **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; no shooting within 150 feet of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites at least 3 feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable materials **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Giant Sequoia National Monument

Quota: no **Permit:** required in Golden Trout Wilderness for overnight **Party size:** limited in wilderness areas to 15 people and 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted (campfire permit required if outside designated campground) **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** Campground and parking fees may apply in some locations; Hume Lake RD has entrance fee; can't cut vegetation or collect things without a permit; no ORV use off designated routes; no shooting near occupied dwellings, across water or roads, near campgrounds or administrative sites **Contact:** Giant Sequoia National Monument, Sequoia National Forest, 900 W. Grand Ave., Porterville, CA 93257; (559) 784-1500. For Golden Trout Wilderness: Tule River RD, Sequoia NF, 32588 Hwy 190, Springville, CA 93265; (559) 539-2607. For Monarch Wilderness: Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, 35860 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Dunlap, CA 93621; (559) 338-2251. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/giant_sequoia/recreation/wilderness.htm

Golden Trout

Quota: some areas (contact Inyo NF) **Permit:** 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 9, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, Inyo National Forest, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA 93514. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/vvc/wild_permits/permits.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia/

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/gldnvly.html

Granite Chief

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 12 people, 8 stock (overnight) or 12 stock (day use) **Fires:** yes **Pets:** leashed; no dogs May 15 to July 15 in game refuge **Closures:** No camping/fires within 600' of Five Lakes Basin; no stock within 600' of any lake, no camping/fires within 250' of Whiskey Creek cabins **Note:** no camping, campfires, or livestock within 600' of Five Lakes Basin or Little Needle Lake, no fires/camping within 250' of Whiskey Creek cabins; no guns in Picayune Valley or in Middle Fork American River area **Contact:** Truckee RD, Tahoe NF, 10342 Highway 89 North, Truckee, CA 96161; (530) 587-3558 or Foresthill RD, Tahoe NF, 22830 Foresthill Rd., Foresthill, CA 95631; (530) 367-2224. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/ltbmu/visitor/wilderness/

gchief.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/tahoe/viscenter/tfnsummer.html#granite

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/grassvly.html

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. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland/wild.html

Havasu

Quota: yes **Permit:** overnight and for stock use **Party size:** 6 **Fires:** self-contained butane stoves only; no open fires **Pets:** not permitted at night; must be leashed and tended during day **Closures:** no camping within 1 mile of river **Note:** no firearms except for authorized hunting **Contact:** Havasu National Wildlife Refuge, P.O. Box 3009, Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-3853. **Web site:** <http://southwest.fws.gov/refuges/arizona/havasu.html>

Henry W. Coe

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

Hollow Hills

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/hollowhills.html

Hoover

Quota: overnight (June 28 to Sept. 15) **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock (Sawtooth Ridge zone 8 people) **Fires:** yes, except in: Sawtooth Ridge zone, Barney, Peeler, and above 9000' **Pets:** leashed; prohibited in some areas **Closures:** no **Note:** reservation fee; no target shooting; food storage requirements in some areas **Contact:** Bridgeport RD, Toiyabe NF, HCR 1 Box 1000, Bridgeport, CA 93517; (760) 932-7070 or Mono Lake Visitor Center, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 429, Lee Vining, CA 93541; (760) 647-3044. For Inyo NF wilderness reservations, contact Wilderness Reservations, 873 North Main, Bishop, CA, 93514. **Web site:** www.fs.fed.us/htnf/hoover.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/vvc/wild_permits/permits.htm

Ibex

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/ibex.html

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. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/indian.html

Inyo Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** yes, except in bristlecone pine communities. **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; 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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/injomts.html

Isbi

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** call and check if there are restrictions due to fire year because this year will be a high fire season **Note:** no shooting across trails or in campgrounds **Contact:** Almanor RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 767, Chester, CA 96020; (530) 258-2141. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lassen/isbi_wilderness.htm

Jacumba

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** Valley of the Moon area is closed to target shooting **Note:** carry water; due to smuggling, Border Patrol operates in wilderness **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/jacumb.html

Jennie Lakes

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Note:** entrance fee to Kings Canyon National Park **Contact:** Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, 35860 E. Kings Canyon Rd. (Hwy 180), Dunlap, CA 93621; (559) 338-2251. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia/

John Muir

Quota: day (Whitney zone) and overnight May 1 to Nov. 1 except Cottonwood Pass trail **Permit:** day (Whitney zone) and overnight **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** prohibited in some locations **Pets:** yes, except in bighorn habitat **Closures:** stock excluded from Mt. Whitney drainage and Meysan Lakes trail; no

camping at Trailside Meadow, Golden Trout Lake, or Mirror Lake **Note:** no target shooting; bear boxes not available so use canisters; special permit needed for Whitney zone; reservation fee for quota trails; east of Sierra crest, site-specific, mandatory food storage requirements may apply **Contact:** Pineridge RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (559) 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, U.S. Forest Service Permit Office, 873 N. Main, Bishop, CA 93514. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/vvc/wild_permits/permits.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/sierra/ and www.sierrawilderness.com

Joshua Tree National Park

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 12 people for overnight use limit **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** some areas closed to camping; fixed climbing anchor placement by permit only; stock use restricted to designated trails and corridors; day use restrictions in some areas **Note:** Entrance fee; carry water; no climbing bolts; no guns or shooting allowed **Contact:** Visitor Center, Joshua Tree National Park, 74485 National Park Dr., Twentynine Palms, CA 92277; (760) 367-5529. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/jotr

Kaiser

Quota: overnight on certain trails **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes, except above 10,400' **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting or plinking; permits are \$5 for reservation or free for first come/first served; bear boxes not available, so use canisters; camp away from water, camp 200 feet from upper and lower Twin and Nellie Lakes. **Contact:** Pineridge RD, Sierra NF, P. O. Box 559, Prather, CA 93651; (559) 855-5360. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sierra/ and www.sierrawilderness.com

Kelso Dunes

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/kelso.html

Kiavab

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no mechanized vehicles; watch for snakes; respect private lands in this area **Contact:** BLM, 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400 or U.S.F.S., Cannell Meadow Ranger District, 105 Whitney Road, P.O. Box 9, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781 or U.S.F.S., Greenhorn Ranger District, 4875 Ponderosa Drive, P.O. Box 3810, Lake Isabella, CA 93240; (760) 379-5646. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html

Kingston Range

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or



Jim Eaton

Marble Mountain Wilderness (Marble Mountain is to the right of center)

organized use **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended; no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps); no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM at 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000 or 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/kingston.html and www.ca.blm.gov/needles/kingston.html

Lassen Volcanic

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight and stock use **Party size:** 10 people, 15 stock (day use only) **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** some areas closed to camping, fishing or stock; list is provided with permit **Note:** entrance fee; no overnight stock use; no weapons; camping limited to 14 days; hang food and garbage; purify park surface waters before drinking; dig latrine and bury human waste at least 6" deep, 100' from park waters; camp at least 300' from other groups, 100' from high water marks, and one mile from developed areas **Contact:** Lassen Volcanic National Park, P. O. Box 100, Mineral, CA 96063; (530) 595-4444; TDD phone for the deaf (530) 595-3480; (530) 335-7029 for corral information. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/lavo

Lava Beds

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** possible during high fire danger; specific caves may be closed to protect unique cave resources; no camping in caves or within 50 yards of a cave entrance or within 100 yards of a trail, or within one mile of any developed area or road **Note:** carry water (be prepared for no shade or available water); no stoves

during high fire danger; entry and camping fees; no shooting or hunting camps **Contact:** Lava Beds National Monument, 1 Indian Well Headquarters, Tulelake, CA 96134-8216; (530) 667-2282 ext. 232; labe_administration@nps.gov. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/labe/

Little Chuckwalla Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/little_chuckwalla_mtns_wildern.html

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. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/lpicac.html

Machesna Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; need permit for campfire or camp stove outside of designated campsites **Pets:** yes; leashed when at campground **Closures:** possible due to condor release site **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; no shooting within 150 feet of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites at least 3 feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable materials **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/malpais.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/recreation.html

Marble Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, no limit on stock **Fires:** permit required for both stoves and fires **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Note:** filter water; no shooting near campsites; before July 1 bring food for stock; bring certified weed-free feed 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 or Ukonom RD, Klamath NF, Hwy 96 & Ishi Pishi Road, P.O. Drawer Box 410, Orleans, CA 95556-0410; (530) 627-3291. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/klamath/vvc/wilderness/marbles/index.html

Matilija

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. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Mecca Hills

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/mecca_hills.html

Mesquite Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/mesquite.html

Mojave

Quota: no **Permit:** only for groups larger than 15 people or more than 7 stock **Party size:** see permit **Fires:** only in fire pans or existing rings; no wood collecting; bring your own firewood, carry out ashes **Pets:** must be on leash no longer than 6 feet **Closures:** hunting prohibited in some areas **Note:** backcountry water sources are limited and unreliable so always carry plenty of

water; no target shooting or plinking; area services are limited so bring everything you need with you; permit fees for non-educational large groups; trips limited to 14 days; respect private property; stay out of mine shafts and buildings; rock art is fully protected by law. **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. To apply for permit, call (760) 255-8863 or email kim_uhler@nps.gov. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/moja

Mokelumne

Quota: stock use is restricted in Mokelumne Canyon to 4 animals per group **Permit:** overnight (year-round) **Party size:** 12 people per day, 8 people overnight, 12 stock **Fires:** yes, except in Carson Pass Management and Blue Hole areas and above 8000'; seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed in Carson Pass Management Area; elsewhere leashed or under voice command **Closures:** camping not permitted within 300' of Emigrant Lake and within 1/4 mile of Frog Lake (except for snow camping) **Note:** Camping is limited in Carson Pass Management Area to designated sites; camping prohibited within 200' of streams, trails, and the high water mark of lakes; no target shooting or plinking (Stanislaus NF); parking fee at Kennedy Meadows trailhead (one night limit); see www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus/visitor/wildernessregs.htm; due to many restrictions, all visitors should obtain a copy of wilderness regulations; new wilderness map available **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; (775) 882-2766 or Calaveras RD, Stanislaus NF, P. O. Box 500, Hathaway Pines, CA 95233; (209) 795-1381 or Groveland RD, Stanislaus NF, 24545 Highway 120, Groveland, CA 95321; (209) 962-7825. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/eldorado/visitor/moke.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/stanislaus/visitor/mokelumne.htm and www.fs.fed.us/htnf/mokewild.htm

Monarch

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight (Sierra NF only) **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** Prohibited above 8000' and within 1/4 mile of high water line along Salt Springs reservoir **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting inside the wilderness, use stoves and bear canisters, carry water, entry fee **Contact:** Hume Lake RD, Sequoia NF, 35860 E. Kings Canyon Rd., Dunlap, CA 93621; (559) 338-2251 or Kings River RD, Sierra NF, 34849 Maxon Rd., Sanger, CA 93657; (559) 855-8321. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/giant_sequoia/recreation/monarch.htm

Mount San Jacinto

Quota: overnight **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 15 people on state land, 12 people on federal land; same for stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** not allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure pass fee; carry water; no stock off trail; no guns or shooting; no bulldozing or RVs; camp only in designated areas in state wilderness; weather changes rapidly **Contact:** Mt. San Jacinto State Park, P. O. Box 308, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2607, or USFS, San Jacinto Ranger District, P.O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117. **Web site:** www.sanjac.statepark.org



Mojave National Preserve

Mount Shasta

Quota: no **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 10 people, 10 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:** no **Closures:** stock limited to day use only; no camping/washing/cooking within 100' of streams or trails; spring-fed meadows are closed to entry, except on trails **Note:** no overnight stock use; no target shooting; visitors must pack out human waste (bags provided); climbing and parking fees; tethering stock more than two hours in one place is prohibited; regulations expected to change in 2003 **Contact:** Mount Shasta RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, 204 West Alma Street, Mount Shasta, CA 96067; (530) 926-4511. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/mtshasta

Murrelet

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** no **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** not allowed on trails; 6' leash **Closures:** possible due to high fire danger **Note:** entrance, permit, and/or parking fees; no guns; regulations may change **Contact:** Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park, Orick, CA 95555; (707) 464-6101 ext. 5002/5301. **Web site:** www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=415

Newberry Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/newberry.html

Nopah Range

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please

contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/nopah.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/elcentro/algodones.html

North Fork

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; campfire permit required **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Contact:** Mad River RD, Six Rivers NF, Star Route, Box 300, Bridgeville, CA 95526; (707) 574-6233. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sixrivers/

North Mesquite

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/nmesquite.html

Old Woman Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/owoman.html

Orocopia Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/orocopiamtnswilderness.html

Otay Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no **Fires:** no **Pets:** under control **Closures:** areas along border are closed due to illegal border activities **Note:** Hunting only, no target shooting; rugged area (no trails); camping not recommended; carry water **Contact:** BLM-San Diego Project Office, 13910 Lyons Valley Rd., Jamul, CA 91935; (619) 669-1268, or BLM-Palm Springs, South Coast Field Office, 690 W. Garnet, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/otay_mtns_wilderness.html

Owens Peak

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** 14-day limit; carry water **Contact:** BLM at 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (661) 391-6000 or 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html and www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/owens.html

Pahrump Valley

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/pahrump.html

Palen/McCoy

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/palen_mc.html

Palo Verde Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** No target shooting in Table Mountain area **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 1661 South Fourth St., El Centro, CA 92243; (760) 337-4400. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/palove.html

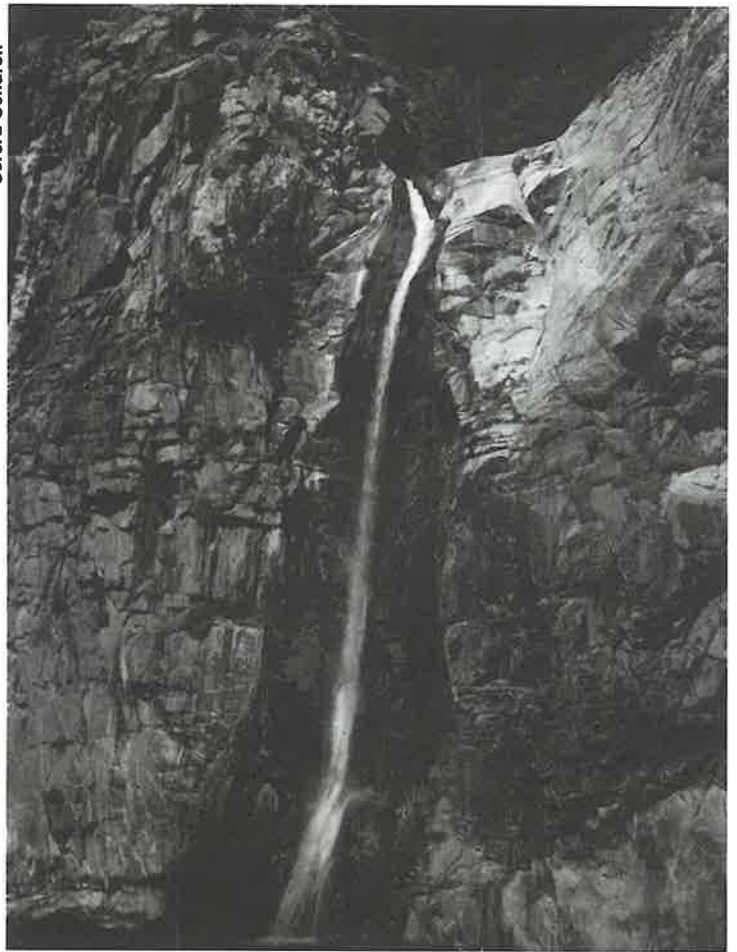
Phillip Burton

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** depends on campsite, 8 stock (none at Glen Camp) **Fires:** no wood fires allowed **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) 464-5100; for backcountry reservations call (415) 663-8054. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/pore

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.

Gerard Gendron



Rough Creek Falls, Monarch Wilderness

Web site: www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/picach.html

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. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland/wild.html

Pinnacles National Monument

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no stock allowed; no limit on hiking; limit for climbing in some locations **Fires:** only in established picnic area grills **Pets:** only in developed areas **Closures:** night; seasonal rock/cave closures, see Visitor Center Advisories **Note:** no camping or collecting; carry water; entrance fee; no guns or shooting **Contact:** Pinnacles National Monument, 5000 Highway 146, Paicines, CA 95043; (831) 389-4485. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/pinn

Piper Mountain

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/pipermtn.html

Piute Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/piute.html

Red Buttes

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 8 people, 12 stock **Fires:** California campfire permit required **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no camping within 100' of lakes **Note:** NW Forest Pass required for parking at designated trailheads; 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; (541) 858-2200. **Web site:** www.fs.fed.us/r6/rogue/wilderness_redbutte.html

Redwood Heritage

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 8 people, 20 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** designated areas only; 6' leash **Closures:** possible due to high fire danger **Note:** entrance, permit, and/or parking fees; no guns; regulations may change **Contact:** Jedediah Smith Redwoods State Park, 1375 Elk Valley Road, Crescent City, CA 95531; (707) 464-6101 ext. 5112/5101. **Web site:** www.parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=413

Resting Spring Range

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/restingsprings.html

Rice Valley

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/rice_valley_wilderness.html

Riverside Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water **Contact:** BLM, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/riverside_mtns_wilderness.html

Rodman Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please

contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/rodman.html

Russian

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, no limit on stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required for stove or fire **Pets:** under control **Note:** bring certified weed-free food for stock **Closures:** no **Contact:** Scott River RD, Klamath NF, 11263 South Highway 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032; (530) 468-5351. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/klamath/vvc/wilderness/russian/index.html

Sacatar Trail

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** 14-day limit; carry water **Contact:** BLM at 300 South Richmond Rd., Ridgecrest, CA 93555; (760) 384-5400 or 3801 Pegasus Dr., Bakersfield, CA 93308; (661) 391-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/sacatar.html and www.ca.blm.gov/bakersfield/wilderness.html

Saddle Peak Hills

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/saddlepeak.html

San Gabriel

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 10 people, 8 stock **Fires:** only campstoves with permit allowed (no open fires) **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no shooting, prospecting, or gold panning; 14-day camping limit **Contact:** San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, 110 North Wabash Ave., Glendora, CA 91741; (626) 335-1251 or Los Angeles River RD, Angeles NF, 4600 Oak Grove Dr., La Canada, CA 91011; (818) 790-1151. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/angeles/recreation/sangabrielwilderness.html

San Gorgonio

Quota: day and overnight (NF only) **Permit:** day and overnight (NF only) **Party size:** 12 people, 8 stock (NF only) **Fires:** no campfires; gas stoves only (in NF) **Pets:** leashed (NF only) **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; no target shooting or stock grazing; summit of Mt. San Gorgonio is highest in S. Calif. (11,502 ft.); carry water and be prepared for altitude sickness above 10,000 ft.; water sources expected to be low or nonexistent in 2002; carry bear canisters **Contact:** Front Country 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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/san_gorgonio_wilderness.html and www.sgwa.org

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 with permit **Pets:** leashed and only in NF portion. **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge. **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no grazing of stock; see also Mt. San Jacinto Wilderness listing **Contact:** San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, P. O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/sanbernardino/

San Mateo Canyon

Quota: no **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonal restrictions **Pets:** leashed; leash must be no longer than 6' **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; no target shooting or plinking; no alcohol at Tenaja Falls trailhead **Contact:** Trabuco RD, Cleveland NF, 1147 E. Sixth St., Corona, CA 92879; (909) 736-1811. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/cleveland/wild.html and www.wilderness.net/nwps/wild_view.cfm?wname=San%20Mateo%20Canyon

San Rafael

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; need permit for campfire or camp stove outside of designated campsites **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** condor sanctuary and Pool Rock archaeological site **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; campers encouraged to use designated campsites; no shooting within 150 feet of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites at least 3 feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable materials. **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Santa Lucia

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; need permit for campfire or camp stove outside of designated campsites **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; campers encouraged to use designated campsites; no shooting within 150 feet of trail; smoking restricted to designated recreation sites at least 3 feet in diameter and cleared of all flammable materials **Contact:** Santa Lucia RD, Los Padres NF, 1616 Carlotti Dr., Santa Maria, CA 93454; (805) 925-9538. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Santa Rosa

Quota: no **Permit:** day and overnight (NF) **Party size:** 12 people, 8 stock (NF only) **Fires:** none in NF; seasonally restricted (BLM) **Pets:** leashed (NF); no dogs in BLM portion except seeing-eye and search-and-rescue **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge, no stock grazing **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water; voluntary hiking closure on Boo Hoff, Guadalupe, and Bear Creek Oasis trails 1/1 to 6/30; dog and hiking closures are interim measures to protect the endangered Peninsular bighorn sheep **Contact:** San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, P. O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117 or BLM, 690 West Garnet

Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/santar.html and www.r5.fs.fed.us/sanbernardino/

Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains National Monument

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** none on national forest land; seasonally restricted on BLM land **Pets:** dogs prohibited on all public lands in the national monument east of Palm Canyon **Closures:** Carrizo Canyon Jan. 1 to Sept. 30; voluntary closure requested from Jan. 1 to June 30 (to protect Peninsular Ranges bighorn sheep during the lambing season) on the following trails: Art Smith, Cathedral Canyon, Clara Burgess, Dunn Road, North Lykken, Bear Creek Canyon, Bear Creek Oasis, Boo Hoff, Guadalupe, and Morrow; public land portions of Dunn Road are closed to motorized vehicles except as specifically authorized by the BLM **Note:** Adventure Pass fee applies on National Forest land; carry water; guidelines are interim only so call for updates **Contact:** BLM, South Coast Field Office, 690 West Garnet Ave., P.O. Box 581260, N. Palm Springs, CA 92258; (760) 251-4800 or San Jacinto RD, San Bernardino NF, P. O. Box 518, Idyllwild, CA 92549; (909) 659-2117. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/palmsprings/santa_rosa_national_monument.html

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. **Web site:** www.blm.gov/nhp/Preservation/wilderness/sawtoo.html

Sequoia—Kings Canyon National Parks

Quota: day (Whitney zone only) and overnight; no quotas 9/21 through 5/21 **Permit:** day (Whitney zone only) and overnight **Party size:** 15 people, 20 stock **Fires:** depends on location **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** guns and shooting not allowed; portable bear-proof canisters required in portions of Kings Canyon; fees for entrance and permit reservation **Contact:** Wilderness Office, Sequoia & Kings Canyon National Parks, 47050 Generals Hwy, Three Rivers, CA 93271; (559) 565-3766 or (559) 565-3137. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/seki

Sespe

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required **Pets:** under control **Closures:** Middle Lion, Piedra Blanca, Blue Point, Beaver Creek **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; carry water in summer. **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; (661) 245-3731. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html

Sheep Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** day and overnight (for entry from East Fork Trailhead only) **Party size:** 10 people, 10 stock **Fires:** no **Pets:**



Prairie Creek Redwoods State Park

leashed **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee; terrain not amenable to stock use; no target shooting, prospecting, or gold panning; 14-day limit **Contact:** San Gabriel River RD, Angeles NF, 110 North Wabash Ave., Glendora, CA 91741; (626) 335-1251 or Santa Clara and Mojave Rivers RD, Angeles NF, 29835 Valyermo Rd., Valyermo, CA 93563; (661) 944-2187. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/angeles/recreation/sheepmntn.html

Sheephole Valley

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/sheephole.html

Silver Peak

Quota: no **Permit:** required for groups larger than 15 people **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** Adventure Pass fee **Contact:** Monterey RD, Los Padres NF, 406 South Mildred Ave., King City, CA 93930; (831) 385-5434 or Big Sur Station, Big Sur Station #1, Big Sur, CA 93920; (831) 667-2423. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html and www.ventanawild.org

Siskiyou

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 12 people overnight, 9 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** NW Forest Pass fee may apply; terrain not amenable to stock use; hay or unprocessed grain (for stock) is prohibited; watch for rattlesnakes; Native American cultural sites—please show respect; filter water; no shooting within 150 yards of campsite or occupied area **Contact:** Happy Camp RD, Klamath NF, P. O. Box 377, Happy

Camp, CA 96039; (530) 493-2243 or Orleans RD, Six Rivers NF, P.O. Box 410, Orleans, CA 95556; (530) 627-3291. **Web site:** www.fs.fed.us/r6/siskiyou/siswild.htm

Snow Mountain

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** no camping on private lands within wilderness; no shooting except in hunting season **Contact:** Stonyford Work Center, Mendocino NF, P. O. Box 160, Stonyford, CA 95979-0160; (530) 963-3128. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/mendocino/snowmntn.htm

South Nopah Range

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** if unusually large party, please contact BLM **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** yes, but no packs of dogs for hunting allowed **Closures:** no **Note:** carry water; no hanggliding **Contact:** BLM, 2601 Barstow Rd., Barstow, CA 92311; (760) 252-6000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/barstow/southnopah.html

South Sierra

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 15 people, 25 stock **Fires:** depends on location **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** no target shooting (Inyo NF) **Contact:** Cannell Meadow RD, Sequoia NF, P. O. Box 9, Kernville, CA 93238; (760) 376-3781 or Mt. Whitney RD, Inyo NF, P. O. Box 8, Lone Pine, CA 93545; (760) 876-6200. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/inyo/vvc/wild_permits/permits.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/sequoia/

South Warner

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people, 25 stock **Fires:** yes **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no shooting in state game refuge **Note:** recent Blue Fire (Aug. 2001) burned 7,000 acres at the south end; East Creek and Patterson trailheads affected; use caution on East Creek Trail and in burned areas. **Contact:** Warner Mountain RD, Modoc NF, P. O. Box 220, Cedarville, CA 96104; (530) 279-6116. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/modoc/recreation/wilderness/wilderness.html

Stateline

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/stateline.html

Stepladder Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/stepladder.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/recreation.html

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. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/ridgecrest/sylvania.html

Thousand Lakes

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** 25 people **Fires:** seasonally restricted; permit required **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Note:** no shooting across trails or in campgrounds **Contact:** Hat Creek RD, Lassen NF, P.O. Box 220, Fall River Mills, CA 96028; (530) 336-5521; visitor center (530) 335-7517. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lassen/thousand_lakes_wilderness.htm

Trilobite

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/trilobite.htm

Trinity Alps

Quota: no **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 10 people **Fires:** seasonally restricted; no campfires in areas with sparse vegetation, as severe resource deterioration results; campfire restrictions at some high-use lakes expected in 2003 **Pets:** under control **Closures:** no **Note:** bears frequent trailhead parking lots; check on status of trails and roads; bring certified weed-free feed for stock **Contact:** Weaverville RD, Shasta-Trinity NF, P. O. Box 1190, Weaverville, CA 96093; (530) 623-2121 or Scott River RD, Klamath NF, 11263 Hwy 3, Fort Jones, CA 96032; (530) 468-5351 or Lower Trinity RD, Six Rivers NF, P.O. Box 68, Willow Creek, CA 95573; (530) 629-2118. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity/rec/pubs/weekly/taw_watershed.htm

Turtle Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/turtle.html

Ventana

Quota: no **Permit:** required for groups larger than 15 people **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; (831) 385-5434 or Big Sur Station, Big Sur Station #1, Big Sur, CA 93920; (831) 667-2423. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/lospadres/visitor/forest_wide/wildernessfw.html and www.ventanawild.org

West Waddell

Quota: large groups need special event permit **Permit:** day and overnight **Party size:** 6 people per campsite **Fires:** no **Pets:** prohibited in some areas; must be leashed **Closures:** stock restricted to specific trails **Note:** carry water and water filter; fees for parking, reservations, and camping; reservations required for camping; apply for permits at Big Basin office; no firearms; no bikes allowed on trails; camp at developed sites only; no hunting; fishing restricted; horses must bunk at horse camp **Contact:** Big Basin Redwoods State Park, 21600 Big Basin Way, Boulder Creek, CA 95006-9064; (831) 338-8860. **Web site:** <http://bigbasin.org> and http://cal-parks.ca.gov/default.asp?page_id=540

Whipple Mountains

Quota: no **Permit:** only required for commercial, competitive or organized use **Party size:** no limit **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** leash recommended **Closures:** no **Note:** recommend notifying others of where you're going, carry water (don't count on springs on maps) **Contact:** BLM, 101 West Spikes Rd., Needles, CA 92363; (760) 326-7000 or BLM, Lake Havasu Field Office, 2610 Sweetwater Ave., Lake Havasu, AZ 86406; (928) 505-1200. **Web site:** www.ca.blm.gov/needles/whipple.html

Yolla Bolly—Middle Eel

Quota: no **Permit:** no **Party size:** depends on location **Fires:** seasonally restricted; may be prohibited above 6000' in 2003 **Pets:** leashed **Closures:** some parts of streams have permanent fishing closures (read regulations) **Note:** keep food out of reach of bears; mountain lions also present; Shasta-Trinity areas are closed during snow season **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; call (530) 926-9613 for current route, snow, and weather conditions. **Web site:** www.r5.fs.fed.us/mendocino/yolla.htm and www.r5.fs.fed.us/shastatrinity

Yosemite

Quota: overnight **Permit:** overnight **Party size:** 15 people (8 cross-country), 25 stock (on trails) **Fires:** seasonally restricted **Pets:** no **Closures:** no **Note:** bear-resistant food canisters strongly recommended and required above tree line; reservation fee for permits; permit reservation procedure may change, call for latest; firearms prohibited except lead packer may carry an unloaded weapon **Contact:** Wilderness Center, P.O. Box 545, Yosemite, CA 95389; (209) 372-0200; (209) 372-0740 for reservations. **Web site:** www.nps.gov/yose/wilderness/index2.htm