



# 2003 & 2004 Accomplishment Report

# Cleveland National Forest

Dear Cleveland National Forest Visitors, Friends, and Neighbors:

We did not do an annual report in 2003 due to the fire related events, heavy workload, and rehabilitation activities that took place on the Forest.

It has been a long and difficult year for people living in southern California. This area suffered heavy losses due to the catastrophic fire events in 2003. These wildfires impacted the way people do things, not only in the Forest but also in the surrounding communities. We are continuing our efforts to remove dead and dying trees and shrubs from the forest and are working with our partners who are coordinating similar efforts on adjacent lands.

In 2005, we will review and adjust the existing Recreation Fee Program (Adventure Pass) to ensure that it fits within the new legislation; continue fuels reduction work on Palomar and Laguna Mountain areas; and continue coordinating with our local state, federal, and international partners.

I would like to express my appreciation for the participation and comments received on our Draft Forest Plan released in 2004. We anticipate that the final Forest Plan will be completed in the summer of 2005 and look forward to sharing it with you.

Southern California has grown into one of the nations largest metropolitan areas in the country. As the population increases, Forest lands will become even more important to the surrounding communities for future generations. For over 100 years, Forest Service employees have been caring for this land as a special place for the citizens of the United States. We are proud of our accomplishments over the last two years and have outlined some of them in this annual report.

We welcome your comments and suggestions in the year ahead and I invite you to visit and enjoy the Cleveland National Forest.

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Forest Supervisor

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## Wildland Fire Management

### **\$7.8 Million in USDA State Fire Assistance Funds Awarded To San Diego County**

The Forest Service was pleased to fund the County of San Diego Land Use and Planning Department, Federal Assistance grant request in the amount of \$7.8 million. These funds are provided through the State Fire Assistance program identified in the Appropriations bills. The funding is

being used by the county to clear hazardous trees from evacuation routes on Palomar Mountain, Lost Valley, Julian, Laguna Mountain, Cuyamaca Rancho State Park, and Los Coyotes Indian Reservation areas.

### **Cleveland National Forest & Fire Safe Council Awards \$1.1 million in San Diego County**

On August 24, 2004, eight community groups were awarded the first installment of funds for fire prevention projects in San Diego County, hardest hit during the 2003 firestorms. The primary work accomplished with these grant funds will be fuel reduction projects, a critical need in a dangerous fire season. The projects are part of the Forest Service's 2004 grants cycle, and cover work that will be completed between March 31, 2004 and August 31, 2006. These projects will impact 3,844 acres, comprising 7,827 homes and 28,354 community members. Rural communities in the wildland/urban interface of San Diego County have special and urgent fire prevention needs. In these isolated areas, there are large amounts of unburned fuel loads, complicated by difficult access due to narrow roads, single ingress/egress, steep slopes, ravines, and more. Many of these communities were either impacted by or narrowly escaped the fire conflagration in October of 2003.



**Fire Safe Council Check Presen-**

### **Fuels Reduction Program**

The Forest is continuing with on-going fuels reduction program. Prescribe burns were conducted near the following Forest areas: Cottonwood Fuel Break near Oak Grove; fuel break maintenance adjacent to Sunrise Highway on Laguna Mountain, Kitchen Creek Road, and Pine Valley; and a fuel break along the Tenaja Creek and

Los Alamos Creek. These prescribed burns were conducted to reduce heavy brush build up in national forest areas. In addition to the prescribed burning, the Forest conducted fuels reduction activities through mechanical treatment in many areas of the Forest.

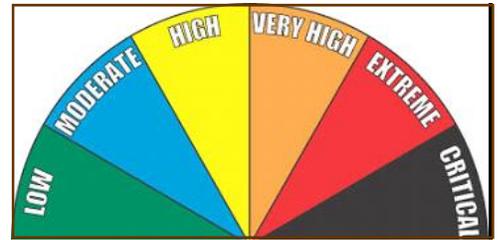
### **Forest Releases Fire Siege Safety Report**

In 2004, the Cleveland National Forest and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection released the Fire Siege Safety Report. The report focused on firefighters and public safety while fighting the 2003 fires. The report included findings, recommendations, and related background information. The report was completed by an interagency fire safety review team composed of wildland fire ground and aviation experts. The report can be viewed on the Forest web site at [www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland).

# Wildland Fire Management

## Fire Danger Awareness System Starts On The Cleveland

In 2004, the Cleveland National Forest implemented a new Fire Danger Awareness System for residents and visitors. Forest visitors should use care and caution when visiting the Forest. They should also check before they visit the Forest to see what the allowable activities are and what restrictions are in place. Visitors can visit local Forest Service Offices Monday through Friday (8:00 am to 4:30 pm); phone for a recorded message at (619) 593-2183; or for online information log on to [www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland).



## Fire Siege 2003 – Recognition and Thanks

In recognition of the one year anniversary of the Cedar & Paradise Fires, the Cleveland National Forest held 4 recognition ceremonies to thank employees for their hard work and dedication during the 2003 fires. Approximately 70,000 acres of the Cleveland National Forest burned in the Cedar and Paradise fires, resulting in one of the largest rehabilitation efforts in the history of the Forest. During the fires, employees pulled together in spite of personal hardship and sacrifice to overcome the difficult challenges and obstacles. Over 300 employees received recognition for their efforts associated with the suppression of the 2003 wildfires or the subsequent effort to rehabilitate the land.

## Forest Service Employees Assist With National Emergencies

Forest employees are frequently called upon to help with emergencies around the world, such as hurricanes, floods, earthquakes, and human-caused disasters.

**In 2003** - Two twenty-person crews and additional support personnel from the Cleveland National Forest were dispatched to Texas, to help locate debris from the Space Shuttle Columbia; twenty-one Forest employees provided support to the Newcastle disease (poultry quarantine) activities in the southwestern United States; and one Forest Employee assisted the USAID in developing recovery plans for post-military activities for Iraq.

**In 2004** - fifteen local firefighters, members of one of the national Incident Management Teams, were sent to provide assistance with hurricanes Francis, Ivan, and Charlie. The southern California firefighters were from county fire departments, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Forest Service. They provided logistical support, and helped to ensure that residents had food, water, and shelter. The team also helped with mapping and debris removal.

## Wildland Fire Management



**Fire Engine Parade**

### **Burn Run**

The Burn Run is an annual “parade” of fire apparatus, which travels throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. Firefighters representing fire departments from throughout San Diego and Imperial counties make check presentations to the Burn Institute from each fire station stop along the “Burn Run” route. Many of the departments have held special events and sponsored projects throughout the year to make this special donation. Proceeds benefit the important work of the Burn Institute including Camp Beyond the Scars for burn-injured children. Cleveland National Forest Fire Fighters committed their personal time to raise \$7,887 from T-shirt sales.

### **Wildland Fire 3D SIMS Goes Down Under**

The Forest Service displayed the new 3D Simulated Information Management System (SIMS) Wildland Fire Simulation training program to the international community during the Third International Wildland Fire Conference and exhibition held in Sydney, Australia during the fall of 2004. Since that time, the beta testing has been completed and the final product will be available for distribution to fire service agencies nation wide in the spring of 2005. The program was developed in partnership with the National Fire Administration and the USDA Forest Service. The program presents the user with simulated fire situations (based on actual events) and tests the fire manager’s strategy and decision making for deploying equipment and personnel to efficiently and safely control a fire suppression event.



**Sydney Australia**

## Fire Recovery Activities

Approximately 70,000 acres of the Cleveland National Forest burned in the Cedar and Paradise fires. In the aftermath of the southern California firestorms, a team of rehabilitation specialists conducted site surveys and identified emergency rehabilitation land treatments on National Forest System land in the fire areas. Rehabilitation activities were coordinated with other federal agencies (including the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service, National Park Service, Bureau of Land Management, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Bureau of Indian Affairs, U.S. Geological Survey, and others), along with state, tribal, and local forestry, public works, and emergency agencies.

### Rehabilitation Treatments Completed

- Fiber rolls (rice wattles) installed
- Heritage site protection
- Sediment traps installed
- Channel clearing
- Roads stabilized
- Trails stabilized
- Hazard trees removed (roads and trails)
- Sediment deflectors installed
- Sediment basins
- Road closures and gates replaced
- Water diversion construction (water bars)
- Hydro mulching
- Fire line rehabilitation



**Fiber Rolls (rice straw wattles) were placed above San Diego Country Estates and other areas of the Forest to provide erosion protection for downstream communities.**



**Hazard Tree removal and mechanical mastication was completed in areas of the forest to provide for visitor protection and public safety**

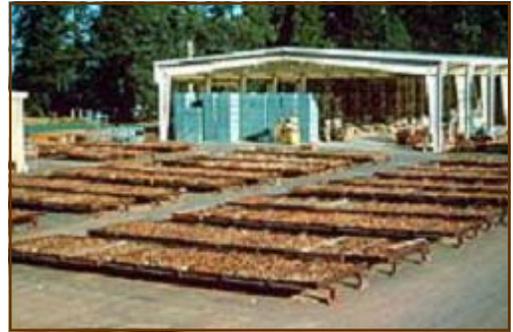
### Field Tours and Research

The Forest along with the surrounding communities, hosted dozens of field tours, made presentations to watershed specialists, engineers, foresters, biologists, and other technical specialists and researchers. Field tours were also conducted for local and national elected officials.

## Fire Recovery Activities

### Cone Collection in Southern California

Through cooperative efforts of Forest Service (USFS) and California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), native conifer seedlings and seed will be available to reforest state, private, tribal and federal lands for the next decade. This multi-agency, cooperative cone collection effort across a huge and diverse geographic area is unprecedented and broad reaching. The Forest Service is leading the efforts to collect conifer cones and seed from forested lands across southern California to help restore lands devastated by wildfires, a record-breaking drought, and a bark beetle epidemic that has killed millions of trees. Millions of seedlings from local sources in southern California that are well adapted to the harsh conditions will be needed to reforest thousands of acres of National Forest and private lands. This project was funded through the Cooperative Forestry Stewardship Program and national forest vegetation management funds.



**Cones Collected in Southern California**



**Forest Warehouse & Radio Shop  
destroyed in the Cedar Fire**

### Fire Replacement Activities

- Forest Facilities previously located at Miramar Air station (warehouse, radio shop)
- Forest Service vehicles and tools
- Kiosk display on Sunrise Highway
- Signs for trails and campgrounds
- Survey for reposting boundary lines
- Replacing fences on Laguna Mountain
- Repair and replace picnic tables at Pioneer Mail
- Remove dead trees from burned areas
- Interpretive displays at Inaja Memorial Picnic Area
- Wildlife survey to determine fire effects

## Habitat Improvement

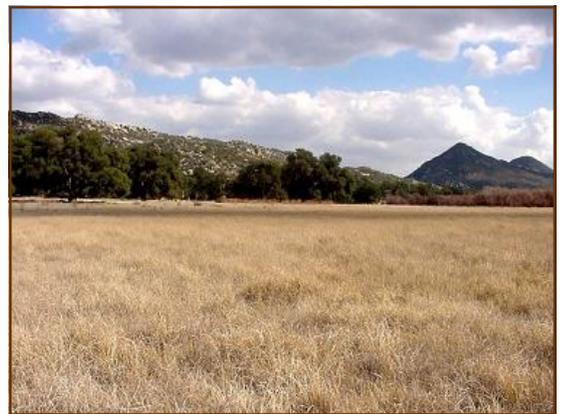
Forest removed non-native aquatic species from 2 miles of San Mateo Creek to improve habitat for native fish and wildlife. ■ Cowbirds were removed from approximately 150 acres to enhance nest success of native birds. ■ The Forest continues to collect data to study the effect of wildfire on bird species in the burned area from the 2002 Pines fire. The Forest initiated a study of the Golden Eagle populations on the Forest in partnership with Wildlife Research Institute. ■ In addition to ongoing monitoring activities, the Forest initiated a study of the effect of the 2003 Cedar Fire on mammal populations within the forest, through partnership with San Diego Natural History Museum. ■ The Cleveland National Forest was one of several San Diego organizations and agencies that received the 2003 Taking Wings Award for the development of the San Diego Bird Atlas and Checklists. The San Diego Bird Atlas and Cleveland National Forest checklists were established to update field data to assess changes in the environment, and monitor bird distribution.

## Forest Planning

The four southern California national forests continue to work on the revision of their forest plans. In 2004, the Forest released its Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Draft Forest Plan. The Forest held public meetings to introduce the public to the proposed plan and collected comments. Comments were accepted through August 11, 2004. In Summer 2005 the southern California National Forests will host public meetings to release the final environmental impact analysis and the four Forest plans. The Forests will meet with interested user groups and individuals to discuss the final plans.

## Land Adjustment and Special Uses

The Forest acquired 236 acres of riparian lands in the Cottonwood Valley just north of the Lake Morena Village. The most notable public benefits from the property, formerly known as the "Hook Ranch", include the addition of rights-of-way for the Pacific Crest Trail, valuable habitat for plant and wildlife species including the endangered Arroyo toad, retention of valuable scenery & a wildlife corridor, and the elimination of several miles of National Forest property boundary lines. The Forest completed its third year of a five year emphasis on improving special use administration. The 2004 program involved approximately 700 special use authorizations occupying nearly 5000 acres of National Forest System land.



**Hook Ranch**

# Improvements Roads, Trails, Campground, and Construction Projects

## *Palomar Ranger District*

### Road Improvements

Approximately 8 miles of roads within the burned area were stabilized during Fire rehabilitation activities.



**Oak Grove Fire Engine Station**

### New Fire Fighter Facilities

The Forest remodeled an old warehouse building turning it into offices and a day use facility for the new 20 person Palomar Hand Crew hired under the National Fire Plan. A new office for the Ramona Helitack crew was constructed at the Ramona Airport replacing two old facilities. New fire engine garages were constructed at San Vicente, Palomar Mountain, and Oak Grove, which won a notable design award. The new fire engine station was highlighted in the November 2004 issue of the *Fire Chief International Fire-Rescue publication*. The Oak Grove Fire Station was a national prototype for the Forest Service designed by the Hilliard Architects Inc. and built by Erickson-Hall construction working with Forest Service firefighters and engineers. This is the first of its kind and takes into consideration the local climate and was constructed using fire resistant materials with an emphasis on energy efficiency. The new building houses two engines for captains and crews, and a water tender.



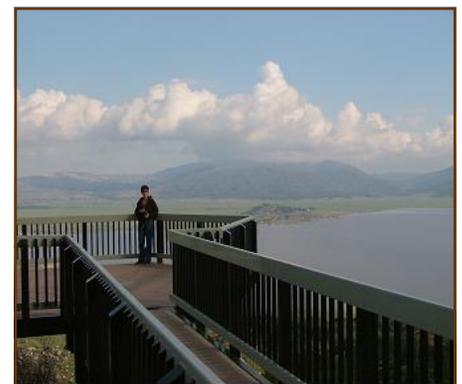
**San Luis Rey River Crossing**

### San Luis Rey River Crossing

The new crossing was constructed along the San Luis Rey River for the protection of the endangered Arroyo Toad. The new crossing provides safe access for visitors to cross the creek while protecting habitat for the Toad and other species.

### Henshaw Overlook

Construction of the Scenic Vista and Wildlife Viewing Platform was completed on east grade (S-7) leading to the top of Palomar Mountain. This was constructed using Capital Investment funding and Recreation Fee (Adventure Pass) funds.



**Henshaw Overlook**

# Improvements Roads, Trails, Campground, and Construction Projects

## *Descanso Ranger District*

### **Road Improvements**

On the Descanso Ranger District a total of 19 miles of paved road repairs were completed on the Pine Creek, Kitchen Creek, and Corral Canyon roads. Recycled asphalt was used as base material for the repairs on two of these roads. In addition, approximately 26 miles of roads within the burned area were stabilized during fire rehabilitation activities.



**Pine Creek Road Repairs**

### **Fire Station Improvements**

The Cameron Fire Station was constructed to fit the new Model-62 fire engines.

### **Burnt Ranch Campground Improvements**

Phase one of the Burnt Ranch Campground rehabilitation and construction project has been completed. This includes pathways, restrooms with flush toilets and showers, and accessibility improvements. Road parking spurs and barriers will be refurbished during phase two to begin in 2005.



### **Water System Improvements**

Several water system improvements were completed on the Los Huecos Reservoir on Laguna Mountain. The roof on the 100,000 gallon reservoir was replaced and the reservoir was brought to current water standards.

## *Trabuco Ranger District*

### **Mine Safety Closures**

Bat gates were constructed in the openings of several abandoned mines eliminating access to the public. These gates are installed for habitat protection and to provide for public safety. An abandoned vertical mine shaft was filled with foam to prevent public entry. Additional abandoned mine closures are scheduled for 2005.

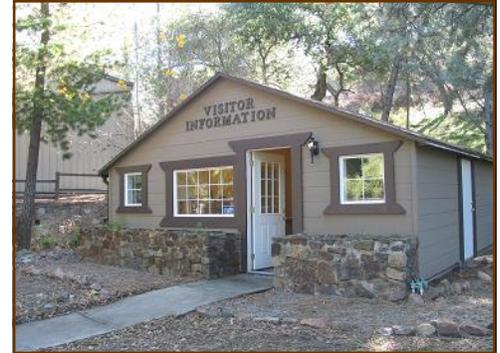


**Bat Gate**

## Improvements Roads, Trails, Campground, and Construction Projects

### *Trabuco Ranger District*

**El Cariso Visitor Center Open to Public**—The newly renovated El Cariso Visitor Center was opened to the public on October 8, 2004. The visitor center will provide information to forest visitors on campgrounds, recreational opportunities, and forest use restrictions. In addition, the public will be able to purchase forest products such as Adventure Passes, Forest Visitor Maps, and Golden Eagle passports. The visitor center is located on the Ortega Highway 74 at the El Cariso Fire Station and is open Friday, Saturday, and Sunday from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm. The center was renovated by Forest personnel using a combination of Adventure Pass revenue and recreation funds.



El Cariso Visitor Center



Wildomar OHV Area

### **Off Highway Vehicle Areas**

The Cleveland National Forest met quarterly with local Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) users about grant proposals, management issues, and volunteer support. Grants are submitted annually under State regulations for maintaining, improving, and patrolling OHV areas. An open house was held to discuss the Forest's OHV grant applications for operation and maintenance of the two established Off-Road Vehicle areas, and provide opportunity for public comment. The Forest received \$200,000 in 2004 from State Green Sticker grant funds to provide for maintenance and conservation work in these areas. Work in both the Corral Canyon on the Descanso Ranger District and Trabuco's Wildomar areas have been completed. Some of the work included erosion control, trail stabilization, tread maintenance, new trail signs, and maintenance on barriers and restrooms.

### **Firefighter Memorial Picnic Area**

Visitors to the Trabuco Ranger District will have a new opportunity to picnic, rest, and relax. Accessible parking, pathways and restrooms were constructed at the Firefighter Memorial Picnic Area. Construction of the Memorial Wall is underway and is being completed in conjunction with the California Retired Firefighters Association.

## **Improvements Recreation Fee (Adventure Pass Program)**



Adventure Pass funds were used on many projects within the Cleveland National Forest, including protecting the environment, maintaining campgrounds and picnic areas, and cleaning the Forest.



**Trail Work**

## Improvements Recreation Fee (Adventure Pass Program)



### Visitor Safety Improved

**Reduced Crime in the Forest** – The Pass funded an increase in ranger patrols. The greater presence of rangers in the forest has resulted in faster responses to problems such as graffiti and vandalism and has discouraged criminal activity in the forest. Each ranger acted on over **300** violations in **2003**, and **226** violations in **2004**, such as dumping trash, dangerous campfires during fire closures, and other serious crimes. Families have told us they are returning to the forest because they feel safer with increased ranger patrols and fewer problems.



Snow Play

**Laguna Snow Play Area** – Provided additional staffing during snow events for public assistance, resource protection and trash removal.

### Trash and Graffiti Removed

**Increased Trash Removal** – The Pass funded increased frequency of trash removal and litter collection in recreation facilities. In addition, rangers have collected more than **562** cubic yards of trash in **2003**, and **1,750** in **2004** from along roadsides and at dispersed recreation areas. Removed **5** abandoned vehicles in **2003**, and removed **13** abandoned vehicles in **2004**. **Increased Graffiti Removal** – The Pass funded removal of graffiti at **12** locations in **2003**, and **38** locations in **2004**, along forest roads, streamside and recreation areas.

### Protecting the Environment

**Increased Resource Protection Provided** - The Pass funds rangers to provide information to visitors on how to avoid harming forest animals and plants, including many that are listed as threatened or endangered under the Endangered Species Act. Rangers also complete maintenance, rehabilitation and resource protection projects. These additional efforts allow for continued public use of areas that might otherwise be closed to protect sensitive animals and plants.

**Increased Fire Prevention in the Forest** – The Pass funded increased ranger patrols. Each Field Ranger, on average, extinguished **85** illegal or abandoned campfires in **2003**, and **80** illegal or abandoned campfires in **2004**, this year alone!

### Visitor Information

**Increased Visitor Information Provided** - The Pass provided weekend staffing at offices and visitor centers. The three Field Rangers on each district plus other fee funded employees provided nearly **28,600** visitor contacts in **2003**, and **34,000** visitor contacts in **2004**. The Forest developed a bilingual brochure regarding snow activity on national forest and employees distributed these brochures to over 1200 vehicles during each of our busy snow weekends in **2003**.

## Partners

### Border Agency Fire Council

The Forest is an active member on the Border Agency Fire Council (BAFC). Unauthorized travel and camping in the forest have taken their toll on areas adjacent to the border. In 2003, Forest Service personnel removed more than 2,122 pounds of food and drink containers, and other trash. Since trash pick up started in 1997, more than 102,000 pounds of trash has been removed. Forest crews also removed trash from Bureau of Land Management areas in Otay Mountain. Crews continue to patrol the forest in the border areas and extinguish illegal campfires before they become wildfires. In 2004, a homepage for BAFC was established to provide annual report information and member agency links. For more information go to [www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/cleveland) under Border Agency Fire Council.

### Law Enforcement

Forest law enforcement officers worked cooperatively with Orange, Riverside, and San Diego County agencies with drug interdiction, *Cannabis* eradication, arson investigations, and cooperative agreements for uniformed patrols. During 2004, several large marijuana cultivation sites were successfully eradicated and resource protection measures enacted. During 2004 Law Enforcement staffing increased by three officers.

### Sister Forest

As part of the Sister Forest agreement between the Cleveland National Forest and sister agency Comisión Nacional Forestal (CONAFOR), the Forest continues to provide training to enhance the skills of the Mexican national fire crew, Bravo 10. In July of 2003, forest employees participated in a multi-agency forest celebration with tree planting at Sierra Juarez our counterpart forest in Mexico. The Forest and CONAFOR celebrated its first Bi-national multi-agency Children's Environmental Education day on October 11, 2003 in El Hongo, Mexico (near Tecate). The following year the celebration took place on May 8th, 2004 in the Laguna Mountain Recreation Area on the Descanso Ranger District and was a huge success. Approximately 165 children and adults from 15 different agencies on both sides of the border planted trees and participated in environmental education activities throughout the day. The day ended with certificates presented to the participating children. The event is sponsored under the Sister Forest Agreement with Comisión Nacional Forestal (CONAFOR) Mexico.



Tree Planting in Mexico

## Partners

### **Native American Environmental Protection Coalition**

The Forest continues to coordinate with the multi-tribal environmental specialists that make up the coalition. Coordination meetings were held in 2003 and 2004 to discuss Forest Planning, and natural resource topics of mutual interests. The meetings provided participants an opportunity to exchange information and network.

### **Passport In Time Project**

Fourteen volunteers from around the country participated in a Passport in Time (volunteer archaeology) project on the Cleveland National Forest. The goal of the project was to relocate cultural sites that had been previously recorded in the early 1980s, and to update existing information and assess any impacts to the sites over the past 20 years. As sites were located, volunteers created new maps, took digital photos, and recorded locations with a Geographical Positioning System (GPS). Volunteers came from all walks of life, including a former District Ranger on the Descanso Ranger District and some volunteers traveled from as far away as Montana and Seattle, and as close as San Diego. Over a two week period, almost 700 hours of volunteer work assisted the Forest with the relocation of these cultural resource sites.



**Passport In Time Crew**

### **Forest Area Safety Task Force**

The Forest is a member of the San Diego County Forest Area Safety Task Force (FAST), which is a collaborative effort between community organizations, local fire districts, California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (CDF), USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), San Diego Gas and Electric, Cleveland National Forest, San Diego County, and other stakeholders to address tree mortality and fuels build up issues in San Diego County. There are 72 communities-at-risk in San Diego County due to the proximity of homes to dead and dying chaparral and trees. Because of the different needs of the communities, FAST members have organized themselves into committees. FAST is also developing an Incident Command System organization, designed to respond to multi-agency fire emergency situations. The FAST Group is also committed to finding environmentally friendly and cost effective uses of the large amounts of biomass currently being generated thru the fuel reduction programs. Some grant funding for the removal of dead and dying trees in high risk areas was authorized in 2004.

## Volunteers

The Cleveland received hundreds of calls from concerned citizens who wanted to do something to help with Forest rehabilitation after the disastrous fires in 2003. The Forest, recognizing the challenges of coordinating a large scale volunteer mobilization, hired a volunteer Coordinator, who coordinates projects with other organizations and agencies. A unique collaboration with the San Diego River Park Foundation and the local San Diego Fire Recovery Network was formed. Through partnering with local organizations, the Cleveland has begun to grow a grassroots volunteer program that draws from our community's own organizational resources.



**Volunteers completing Rehabilitation Work after the 2003 Fires**

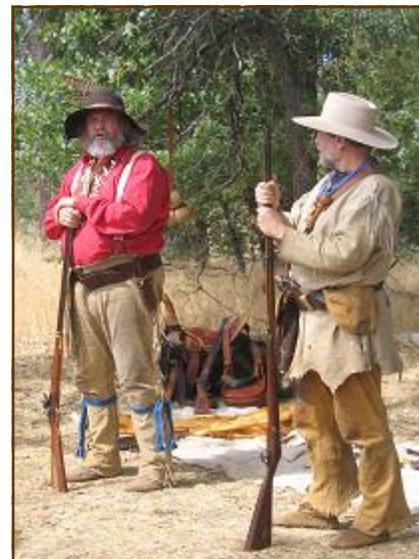


**Inaja Memorial Picnic Area Trail Work**

Several projects took place at Inaja Memorial Picnic Area, which was built to memorialize the 11 firefighters lost while fighting a 40,000 acre fire in San Diego River Gorge in 1956. Young scouts cleaned up a picnic area, while adults worked to repair erosion-damaged trail tread. An effort is currently underway to design a wildfire interpretive trail and exhibit at the park, using the resources of the Student Conservation Association and San Diego River Park Foundation planners and volunteers.



**In 2004, volunteer training was conducted on all three of the Forest's ranger districts**



**Living History Event Mountain Men**

## Volunteers

Seeking to give back to the Forest which has served their recreation needs, local climbing clubs gathered at El Monte Road on the San Diego River to collect over 25 cubic yards of debris which was laid bare in the river bed by the intense Cedar fire. Dumpsters were provided by the San Diego Water Department, with food was provided by local climbing gyms and equipment retailers.



El Monte Road



Information provided at Community Event

These are just a few of the many projects developed and carried out by the recreation and resources staff of the Cleveland. Through an ambitious outreach program that included information tabling at community events, and the educational 'On Fire!' theater production performed to over 1,000 school children and community members, word of the need for public lands volunteerism is spreading in the community.

National Public Lands Day saw a small group turn out to restore a riparian area on Palomar Mountain, which improved the habitat for an endangered bird species.

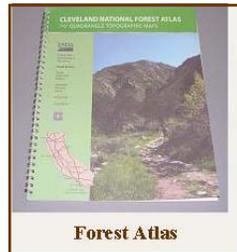
2005 looks to be a bright year for volunteering on the Cleveland!



On Fire—Play

## New Products Available In 2005

A Forest Map Atlas is now available for purchase. The Atlas holds Topographic maps that cover forest areas. The booklet sells at Cleveland National Forest Service Office locations for \$18.00.

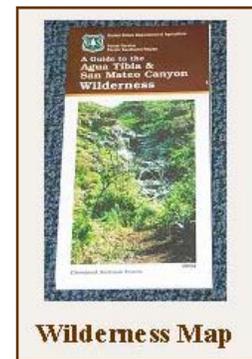


Forest Atlas

A new wilderness map for the San Mateo and Agua Tibia Wilderness Areas is now available at Forest Service locations for \$6.00.

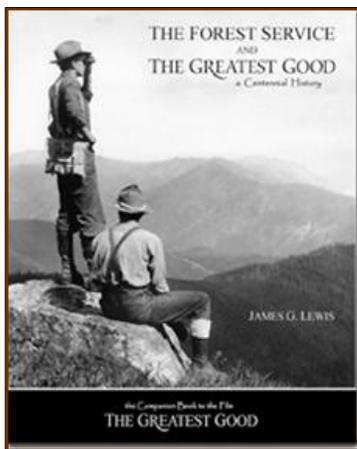


PCT Map



Wilderness Map

Maps are now being developed for the Pacific Crest Trail. This is the first of 10 maps for the Pacific Crest National Scenic Trail from Mexico to Canada. The southern California map can be obtained for \$8 (eight dollars) at selected Forest Service Offices, by calling the National Forest Store map sales at 928-443-8285, or through [www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore](http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore).



### Forest Service Centennial 1905-2005

Three histories of the Forest Service in California will be published in May-June 2005, to celebrate the Forest Service Centennial in the Pacific Southwest Region.

In addition, a documentary titled "The Greatest Good" will be shown around the county at different locations. For more information on Centennial activities, log on to the Forest web site at:  
[www.fs.fed.us/r5/Cleveland](http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/Cleveland).

## Forest Emphasis Areas for 2005

- Complete the Environmental Analysis for the revised Forest Plans for the four southern California National Forests. Hold public meetings in summer to release the completed Forest Plan.
- Implement the National Fire Plan, with focus on training and readiness, prescribed burning, and removal of dead and dying trees and shrubs on Palomar and Laguna Mountains.
- Work with Texas A&M University and Pacific Southwest Research Station to conduct a National Fire Plan survey regarding fire prevention.
- Continue to refine the Forest's Fire Danger Level Awareness system and coordinate fire danger levels with the other southern California National Forests and local agencies.
- Continue to work with the Border Agency Fire Council (BAFC) to manage environmental impacts associated with the U.S. /Mexican border.
- Cooperatively work with San Diego County Forest Area Safety Task Force (FAST) to assist county residents, cooperating agencies, and organizations to manage dead and dying fuel in San Diego County.
- Assist local Fire Safe Councils to develop fuels management strategies and support grant application efforts.
- Assign crews, support personnel, and Incident Command Teams when needed for national and local fire and disaster support.
- Focus on special uses program management, renewal of expired permits, and evaluation of proposed uses.
- Work with other Forests across the country to implement the new Recreation Fee Legislation. Review and adjust, if needed, the existing Recreation Fee program to ensure that it fits within the parameters of the new legislation.
- Recruit in local schools and communities for seasonal firefighter, recreation, and law enforcement positions that require proficiency in Spanish.
- Continue to plan and implement activities associated with the Sister Forest Agreement with Mexico.
- Continue to provide Habitat Management and protection to avoid extinction of species at risk.

# Cleveland National Forest Statistics

**Fiscal Year (FY): 10/01/03 thru 09/30/04**  
**Calendar Year (CY): 1/1/2004 thru 12/31/2004**  
**National Forest Acres: 566,866 (Gross Acres)**  
**Forest Budget: (2004) \$10.8 Million**  
**Grant Funds to San Diego County: \$7.8 Million**  
**Emergency Burn Rehab Funds: \$4.0 Million**

<u>Payments to Counties</u>	<u>CY03</u>	<u>CY04</u>
Orange	\$ 32,654	\$ 33,079
Riverside	\$ 88,042	\$ 89,186
San Diego	\$137,643	\$139,433

<u>Fire Management</u>	<u>CY04</u>
Prescribed Acres Burned	1,166
Mechanical Treatment (acres)	2,543
Illegal Campfires Extinguished	123
Number of Wildfires	86
Wildfire Acres Burned (approx.)	51

<u>Ecosystem Management</u>	<u>No.</u>
Sensitive Plant & Wildlife Species Threatened & Endangered (T&E) Species	61
Fish Habitat Enhancement (Miles)	2
Wildlife Habitat Enhancement (Acres)	129
Fish Habitat Improvements:	
Acres Improved	40
Acres Surveyed	5,000
Head Month Grazed	362
Allotments/Livestock Areas	23
Fuelwood Sold (MBF) (101 permits)	17.5

<u>Human Resources</u>	<u>Work Value</u>
Volunteers (2003/2004)	\$195,068 / \$206,003
Senior Community Enrollment Program (2003)	\$92,257 / N/A

**Annual recreation use estimate based on statistics gathered during 2002.**  
 Visits 850,000

<u>Employees-2004</u>	<u>No.</u>
Permanent	262
Firefighter Apprentices	74
Temporary Seasonal (approx.)	140

<u>Law Enforcement-2004 (estimated)</u>	<u>No.</u>
Cannabis Plants Eradicated	5,000
Pounds Marijuana Seized (lbs)	100
Drug Labs Discovered	2
Stolen Vehicles Recovered	21
Estimated Stolen Vehicle Recovery Value	\$210,000
Arson Arrests	2

<u>Land Use-2004</u>	<u>Permits</u>	<u>Collected</u>
Rec/Residences	311	\$337,700.00
Communications	87	\$794,000.00
Power lines	83	\$ 18,000.00

<u>Recreation-2004</u>	<u>No.</u>
Campgrounds (Family)	15
Campsites	632
Campgrounds (Group)	7
Campsites/Person Capacity	3115
Miles of Trail	356
Picnic Areas	7
Trailheads	10
Off-Highway Vehicle Areas (Acres)	2,160
Miles Motorcycle Trails	20
Miles of 4WD route	16
Miles of Roads	426

<u>Wilderness Areas</u>	<u>Acres</u>
Agua Tibia	15,933
Hauser	7,547
Pine Creek	13,480
San Mateo	38,484

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