

San Bernardino National Forest



Partners;

Past, Present, and Future!



Overview

- 671,689 acres of NFS land
 - ❖ 819,000 gross acres
- Recreation for 24 million residents in Southern California
- Provides habitat for numerous species of threatened plants and animals
- Restoration of the Forest is a top priority work for years to come.

History

Originally, the forest was home to Native Americans, since long before recorded history; Mexican and European settlements occurred sporadically for the first half of the 19th century, but the chain of events that led to the creation of the National Forest in 1893 (it had been part of Mexico since 1822).



Gold!

In 1855, gold was discovered in the San Bernardino mountains.



Over the second half of the 19th century, mining, timber, and grazing grew quickly, taking a heavy toll on the land.

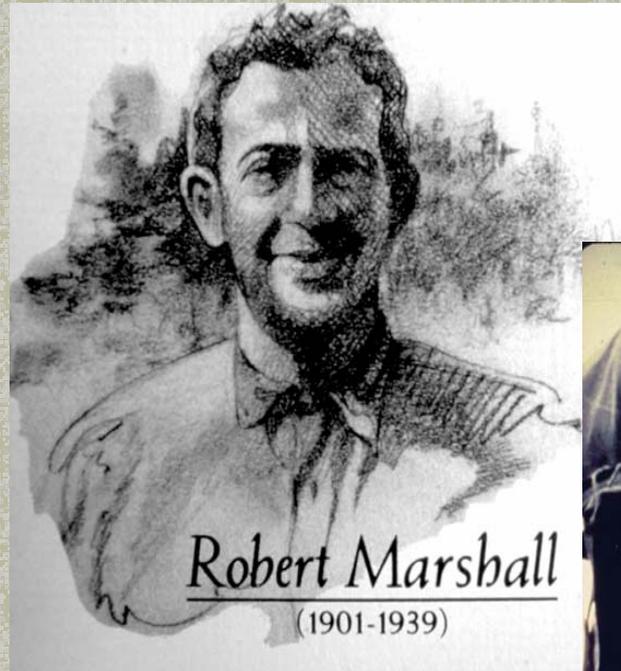
The Wilderness movement had many contributors and heroes and it did not begin overnight.



Aldo Leopold



Teddy Roosevelt



Arthur Carhart



NATIONAL STRATEGIC PLAN

- Ecosystem
- Multiple Benefits to People
- Scientific and Technical Assistance-develop
- Effective Public Service



Regional Forester's Cornerstones

- Healthy Workforce
- Healthy Landscapes
- Settings and Experiences
- Collaborative Partnerships



Forest Goals

- Customer Service, Communication, and Education
- Ecosystem Health
- Top Notch Well Trained Urban National Forest Employees
- Partnerships, Volunteering, and Community Advocacy
- Forest Infrastructure
- Resource and Community Protection
- Forest Lands and Urban Planning



Challenges

The San Bernardino National Forest consists of 3 Districts;

- Front Country
- Mountain top
- San Jacinto

Restoration will be our top priority for years to come.

- Dying trees due to 4 year drought



Working Together

- “We”
 - Forest Service Employees
 - Volunteers
 - Non-Profit Partners
 - Business Partners
 - Tribes
 - Local, State, National and International Communities.

Partnerships

- **The Forest has the strongest non-profit partnership program in the National Forest system.**

Volunteers act as forest liaisons to the greater community





Volunteer Accomplishments

Administered and Operated by Volunteer Organizations

- 3 Visitor Centers
- 5 minor interpretive sites
- 7 fire lookouts
- Children's Forest
- Off-Highway Volunteers
- Fire Education Program
- an arboretum



Drought-Related Vegetation Mortality

- ❖ **Vegetation Mortality**

- ❖ 474,000 acres

- ❖ **Threat to public safety and species habitat**

- ❖ 2003 Wildfires

- ❖ **Organized under Mountain Area Safety Taskforce (MAST).**

- ❖ State, Local and Federal fire agencies

- ❖ Law Enforcement

- ❖ Cal Trans and County Roads

- ❖ Utility Companies

- ❖ Community Fire Safe Councils





Getting Help

- ❖ Enterprise Teams
- ❖ Detailers
- ❖ Timber Contracts
- ❖ Service Contracts
 - ❖ IDIQ – Indefinite Quantity
- ❖ California Conservation Corps
- ❖ Los Angeles Conservation Corp
 - ❖ AmeriCorp
- ❖ Department of Labor Grants to County
- ❖ Interagency Efforts
- ❖ Riverside Fire Lab



Natural Features



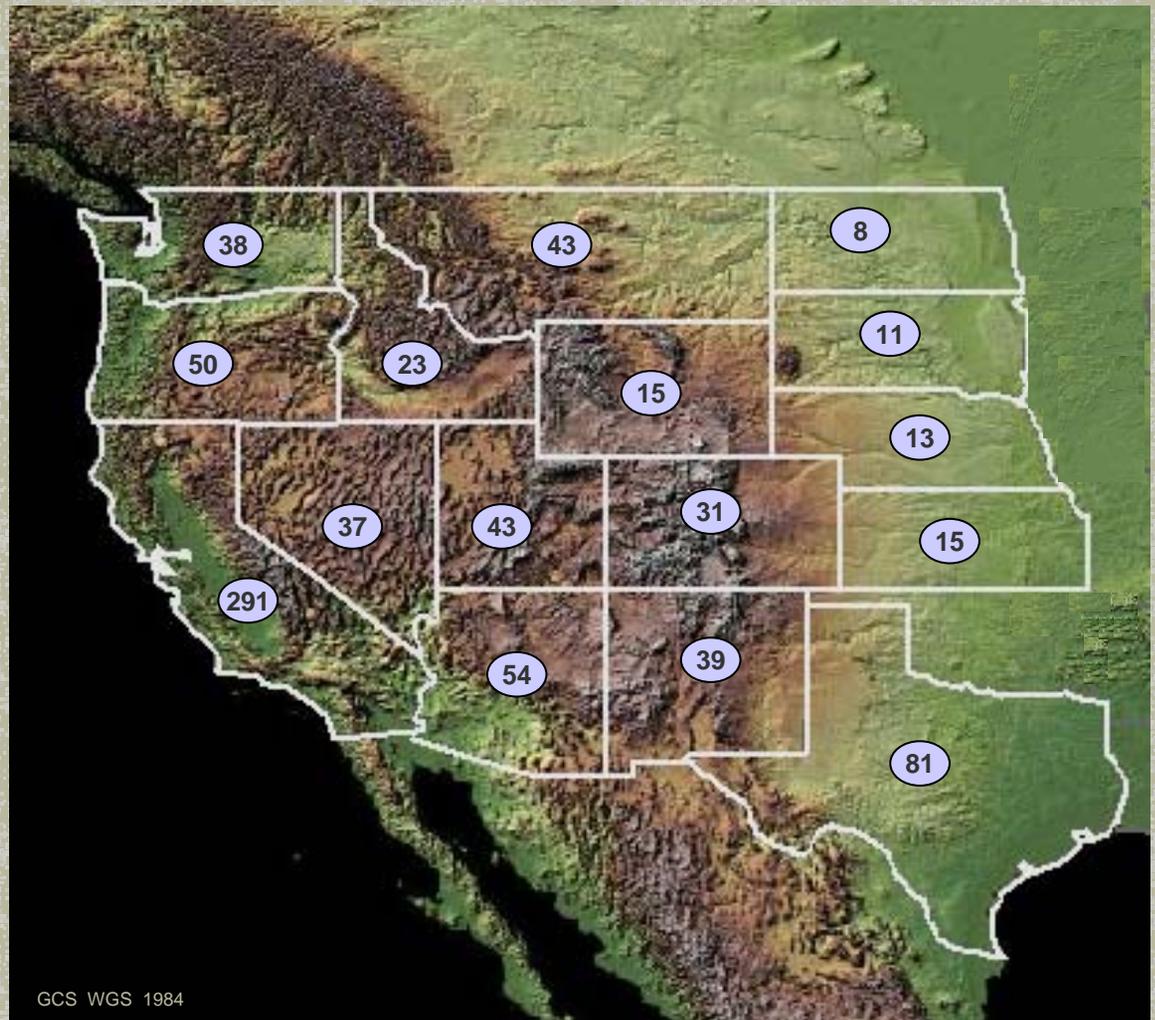


Accessible Wilderness



www.wilderness.net

2004 State Totals Of Threatened And Endangered Species *



GCS WGS 1984



Roads and Trails





Special Uses

- Recreation Residences
- Water/Irrigation Pipelines
- Organization Camps
- Motion Picture/TV Locations
- Recreation Events
- Dams
- Electronic Sites



Seven Oaks Dam

Fire Training/Suppression



❖ Danny Rhynes Training Center

❖ Provides Interagency Fire Training

Metropolitan Tunnel Project



Strawberry Creek Portal - Bird's Eye View



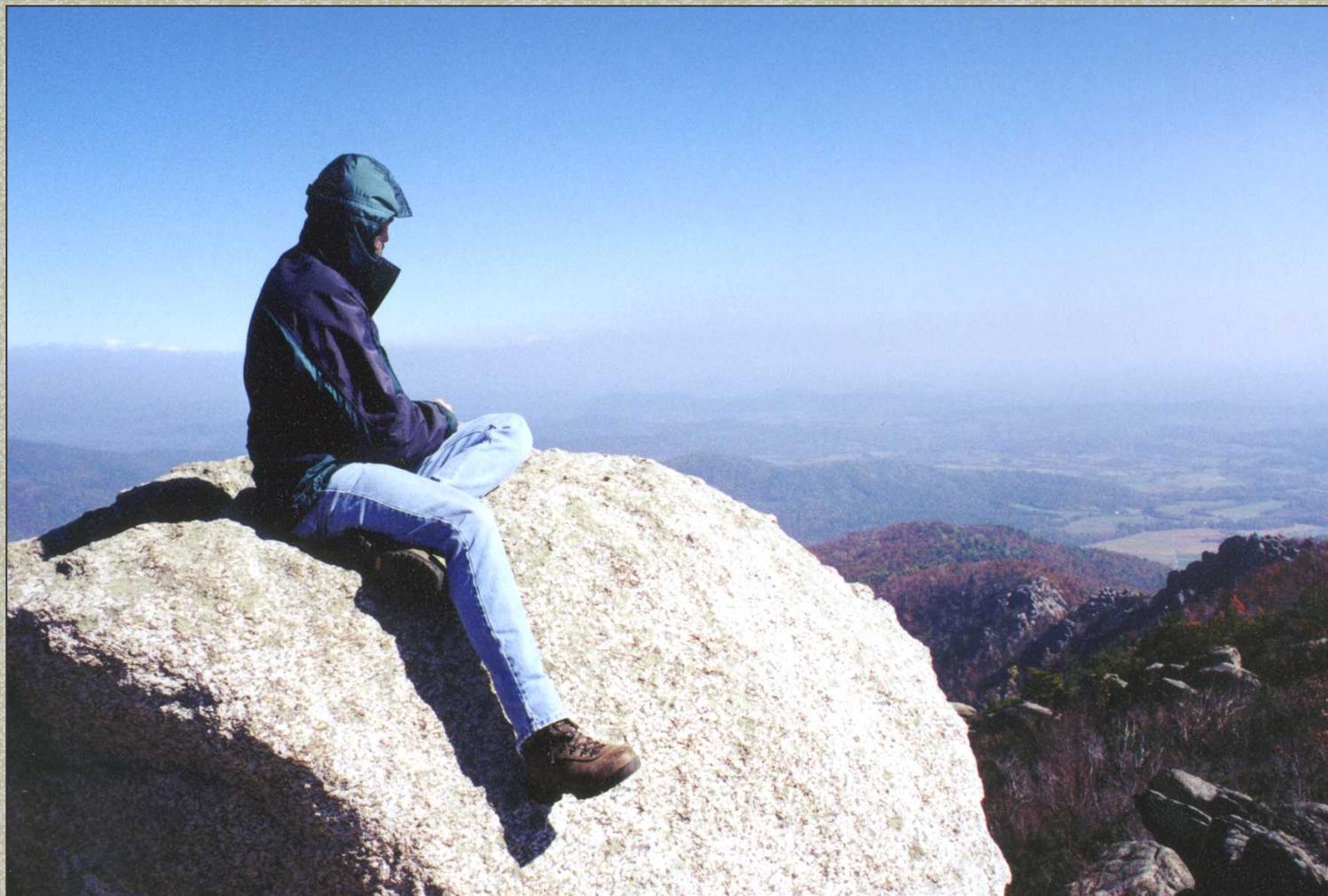
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OHV Route Designation





Youth at Risk



Caring for the Land



And Serving People





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