



2011 Year in Review: Overview

About the National Forest Association (NFA): The National Forest Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, is committed to three initiatives addressing conservation/restoration, environmental education and responsible recreation on the San Bernardino National Forest and Inland Empire public lands. Through partnerships and a strong volunteer backbone network, the NFA brings communities of people, partners and funding resources to important projects and programming focused on forest health, stewardship and sustainability. Visit www.nationalforestassociation.org.

The NFA brings a diversity of young people to the San Bernardino National Forest and inland urban public lands through volunteer programs and its Urban Conservation Corps, assisting in fuel reduction near urban interface areas, restoring remote high-use sites and recreation facilities; replicating an urban corps model with mountaintop summer interns; and conducting trail monitoring and maintenance that keeps our multi-use trails open and safe through restoration and education by its network of volunteers.

The NFA hosted the **American Hiking Society** and their President, Greg Miller, at the June 2011 National Trails Day event at the National Children's Forest. The NFA has been aggressively successful in recruiting corporations, community groups and youth organizations for forest restoration projects. An example is **Yamaha Motor Corporation USA** recently completed their third employee restoration event. Over 75 volunteers planted 125 seedlings and seeded over two acres. In the previous two years they planted 3,600 native seedlings; a record for a corporate teambuilding event. Yamaha is also a cash and in-kind sponsor. **REI** has brought significant grant resources, a National Outdoor Leadership School class to the mountaintop and REI employee volunteerism for restoration/recreation. **Arrowhead Water** continues to hydrate our army of volunteers, donate cash and provide service contracts for our Urban Conservation Corps.

Other major grant donors include (in no certain order) **Boeing ECF, Disney Wildlife Conservation Fund, National Forest Foundation, Yamaha's Access Initiative Fund, American Hiking Society, SCE, Sierra Club, Inland Empire Conservation District, the State of California, City and County of San Bernardino, United Way, Weingart Foundation and AmeriCorps.** As such the NFA has become a national model for excellence in management and inspiring other Agency partnerships. To learn more, donate or become a volunteer, visit www.NationalForestAssociation.org. Follow them on [Facebook.com/SBNFA](https://www.facebook.com/SBNFA)