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San Bernardino National Forest

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2011 Greenthumbs Volunteer Program Schedule

San Bernardino, Calif., November 22, 2010 – The U.S. Forest Service is seeking volunteers of all ages who enjoy working outdoors and have an interest in working in the greenhouse and out on the Forest in our native plant restoration program.

Since the early 1990s, the Greenthumbs Volunteer Program on the San Bernardino National Forest has actively help restore disturbed lands across hundreds of acres of the Mountaintop Ranger District. Volunteers manage the Native Plant Nursery at the Big Bear Ranger Station, which, through private grant funds, has grown and out-planted thousands of native plants to benefit habitat for wildlife and federally listed plants and animals, and to improve watershed conditions on the National Forest. The nursery has a commercial-size greenhouse, a lathe house and a seed storage facility.

Volunteers in the program learn a variety of nursery activities such as seed collection, germination, plant propagation, site preparation, weed removal and out-planting of potted materials. Activities vary from month to month as the seasons and weather change.

How to get involved:

- Join us once a month on the third Saturday of each month (March through October) to conduct ecological restoration projects in the Big Bear Ranger Station Native Plant Nursery and around the Big Bear Valley on the San Bernardino National Forest. Work includes seed collection and germination, native plant propagation, noxious weed removal, and out-planting on the forest.
- Greenthumbs days are planned for March 19, April 16, May 21, June 18, July 16, August 20, September 17, and October 15th., 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
- Please be sure to bring a sack lunch, water, work gloves (if you have them), a jacket, and sunscreen.
- Please contact Linda Stamer at (909) 382-2824 or email Linda at lstamer@fs.fed.us, to verify your participation. The Big Bear Ranger Station is located at 42300 North Shore/Hwy 38 in Fawnskin, ¼ mile east of the Big Bear Discovery Center.

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