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Dear Forest Partner:

The Forest Service and the National Forest Foundation (NFF) are planning to host several meetings with existing and potential supporters of the Angeles National Forest to determine public interest in forming a Friends of the Angeles organization. The meetings will be held during the last week of April, in three locations (see the meeting schedule on the next page).

During the course of each meeting, we will talk about the challenges the Angeles National Forest faces – particularly in light of the Station Fire – and how a Friends group could help. We'll discuss what form such a group might take, what supportive activities it might take on, and the steps involved in creating the organization.

I would like to invite you to attend one of these sensing sessions, both to provide valuable input and also to hear what others have to say. These meetings will provide an opportunity for you and people like you to share what you are already doing as "friends" of the Angeles, and how your efforts might be helped by a Friends organization.

The information we gather at these meetings will be used to shape a Friends group that truly meets the needs and passions of all of us who care deeply about the wellbeing of the Angeles National Forest.

In preparation for attending, you might like to visit the websites of some existing Friends organizations, such as Friends of the Inyo (<http://friendsoftheinyo.org/foi/home>), or the San Bernardino National Forest Association (<http://www.nationalforestassociation.org/>). The National Park Service also has a web page with a wealth of information about how to start a Friends group ([http://www.nps.gov/partnerships/friends\\_groups.htm](http://www.nps.gov/partnerships/friends_groups.htm)).

If you have questions, please call me or contact our partnership coordinator, Kathy Peterson, at 626-437-5789. I hope you can attend. Feel free to bring a friend with you.

Sincerely,

MICHAEL J. MCINTYRE  
District Ranger



## Friends of the Angeles Meeting Schedule

<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location/Contact</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Tuesday April 26, 2011	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Angeles National Forest Supervisor's Office 701 N. Santa Anita Avenue Arcadia, CA 91006	Mike McIntyre, District Ranger Los Angeles River Ranger District Phone: 818-899- 1900
Wednesday April 27, 2011	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	Big Pines Information Center Angeles Crest Highway (Hwy 2) Wrightwood, CA 92397	Bob Blount, District Ranger Phone: 661-296- 9710, ext. 225
Thursday April 28, 2011	6:30 – 8:30 p.m.	San Gabriel Canyon Gateway Center 1990 North San Gabriel Canyon Road (Hwy 39) Azusa, CA 91702	L'Tanga Watson, District Ranger Phone: 626-335- 1251, ext. 250