

Trail Work Day: February 11, 2012

Please join us for what should be an ultra-productive day of trail work on Saturday, February 11, 2012. Meet at 8:00 a.m. at the parking area at the north end of the Pioneer Mail picnic area on Mt. Laguna (approx. mile marker 30 on Sunrise Highway; driving directions at end). We'll be meeting Will Brennan of the Cleveland National Forest (the new guy in charge of the trail system in the Descanso District).

We'll be clearing brush on the Pine Mountain trail, which is part of the SD100 course. The trail starts just across the road from Pioneer Mail. There will be two gas-powered brush cutters in operation (ours and the Forest Service) along with hand tools. The brush cutters should enable us to really cover a lot of ground. We should be finished up around 1:00 p.m. Parking passes will be provided in case you don't have an Adventure Pass.

After the work is done, please plan on having lunch with us at Todd's cabin (mile marker 24.5 on Sunrise, take the fork to the right after you turn off the highway). My wife Anita will be getting everything ready to chow down while we're out on the trail. There will be sandwiches, chips, drinks, cookies, etc. Vegan lunch options will also be provided. I plan to pick up some freshly made ale from Alpine Beer Company. A shower is available at the cabin if you'd like to clean up and change clothes.

I suggest wearing long pants and a long sleeve shirt, with sturdy shoes. Bring a hat, sunblock, water, a snack for the trail, and the other usual items you'd take for a 4-6 hour trail outing. **IMPORTANT:** bring a pair of leather work gloves. We and the Forest Service will provide all the tools for trail work.

ALSO IMPORTANT: If you want to be trained by Will Brennan to use our brush cutter, the safety rules require that you must wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt and all-leather shoes.

YES, ONE MORE IMPORTANT ITEM: February 11 is also the last day to submit your clever name for our new brush cutter. Winning submission gets a nice growler of ale from Alpine Beer Company!

PLEASE RSVP no later than Thursday February 9 ken.bonus@gmail.com (don't just hit the reply button to this email) and let me know if you are coming. It's really essential that I get your RSVPs so that I can plan food and equipment (and let you know if we need to cancel due to weather or other last minute complications). If the weather is bad on 2-11, our back-up date will be the following Saturday, 2-18.

Thanks for helping keep our trails in top-notch shape. Please call me at 619-301-0780 if you have any questions.

Ken Bonus

Driving directions: take I-8 east to the Sunrise Highway exit. At that point, you're at about mile 12 on Sunrise; look for green mile markers on right hand shoulder of the road. Head north (left at the exit). Watch for deer and other critters in the road! Takes about 20 minutes to reach Pioneer Mail (go past the Penny Pines trailhead). Look for turn off on the east side of the highway.