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Big Bear Greenthumbs Release 2009 Volunteer Project Schedule

SAN BERNARDINO, Calif., October 10, 2008— The Big Bear Greenthumbs have released their 2009 volunteer project schedule. The Greenthumbs are a group of volunteers that assist the San Bernardino National Forest by restoring disturbed lands through activities at the Big Bear Ranger Station's Native Plant Nursery and Restoration Program.

Volunteer Projects include seed collection, germination, plant propagation, weed removal, site preparation (sometimes trash removal), and direct seeding and out-planting on the forest. Activities are open to all interested members of the public. Over the past 15 years this group has restored hundreds of acres on the San Bernardino National Forest with native plants grown from our commercial sized greenhouse.

Volunteers meet at the Big Bear Ranger Station flagpole at 9:00am on the scheduled work dates and work until about 3 pm. Please bring a sack lunch, water, sunscreen, a jacket, hat, and work gloves.

Fall 2008 & 2009 Upcoming Events

October 18-Planting native vegetation on the Forest/seed collection
November 15-Planting native vegetation on the Forest/seed collection
March 21-Greenhouse work; transplanting and seed germination
April 18-Greenhouse work/tree planting if weather permits!
May 16-Greenhouse work/weed removal
June 20-Weed removal/greenhouse work/seed collection
July 18-Weed removal/seed collection
August 15-Weed removal/seed collection
September 19- Planting native vegetation on the forest/seed collection
September 26-National Public Lands Day (free lunch provided)- Planting native vegetation on the Forest/seed collection
October 17-Planting native vegetation on the Forest/seed collection
November 14-Planting native vegetation on the Forest/seed collection

Please call ahead to verify your participation. (909) 382-2837.
Other dates are available for interested parties.

For more information, visit the Greenthumbs website at:
<http://www.fs.fed.us/r5/sanbernardino/volunteering/greenthumbs>

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