



Bear Valley Protection Society

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The Bear Valley Protection Society (BVPS) is dedicated to the restoration, conservation, and protection of the San Bernardino National Forest and surrounding mountain communities. Through community-driven action, interagency collaboration, and scientific research, we work to preserve native ecosystems, mitigate wildfire damage, combat illegal dumping, and educate the public on environmental stewardship. Our mission is to ensure that our forests, watersheds, and wildlife thrive for future generations. BVPS has an official Volunteer Agreement with the USFS and is looking to recruit new volunteers, to help save our forest.

We envision a resilient and thriving San Bernardino National Forest, where native ecosystems are restored, protected, and sustained through proactive conservation efforts and strong community engagement. BVPS seeks to be a leading force in ecological restoration, fostering a culture of environmental responsibility by empowering volunteers, partnering with key stakeholders, and implementing innovative solutions to protect our natural resources.

BVPS was founded to address critical environmental issues affecting our National Forest and mountain communities.

Our core objectives include:

- Restoring Wildfire-Impacted Areas – Replanting native trees and plants to aid in post-fire recovery and long-term forest resilience.
 - Eliminating Illegal Dumpsites – Removing hazardous waste from forest lands to protect wildlife, water sources, and public safety.
 - Developing an AIR-Certified Nursery – Ensuring the propagation of healthy, pathogen-free native plants for reforestation and habitat restoration.
 - Promoting Environmental Education – Engaging the community through workshops, school programs, and a future Visitor Center to foster a deeper connection to conservation.
 - Strengthening Partnerships – Collaborating with federal, state, and local organizations to enhance conservation impact and policy advocacy.
 - Preventing the Spread of Plant Pathogens – Conducting soil sampling and testing in partnership with UC Davis AIR Program to safeguard native plant populations.
- By uniting passionate volunteers, environmental experts, and community partners, BVPS is leading the charge to protect and restore the San Bernardino National Forest—one project at a time

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