

# Bear Valley Protection Society (BVPS)




## What We've Accomplished Together

- Official Volunteer Agreement with the USFA.
- Secured **three new grants** to support our operations.
- Grew to **130 active volunteers**.
- Removed **10,000+ pounds of illegal trash** (tires, oil, chemicals, construction, and household waste).
- Collaborated with UC Davis & USFS to complete the **first-ever scientific soil study** in San Bernardino National Forest, monitoring for *Phytophthora* ("Sudden Oak Death").
- Maintained fire roads and OHV staging areas.
- Cleaned and monitored recreational shooting areas, removed graffiti, reported and dismantled illegal fire rings. Preventing wildfires in our communities.
- Trained in **trail maintenance and construction**, now helping restore SBNF hiking trails.
- Partnered with key nonprofits and agencies: Southern California Mountains Foundation, Sierra Club, San Bernardino Mountains Land Trust, Chambers of Commerce, and Heaps Peak Arboretum.
- Began building a **native plant nursery** with SBMLT's Native Plant Committee.
- Supported **restoration sites** by watering plants and collecting seeds.
- Worked alongside USFS scientists (plant pathologist, biologist, entomologist) on invasive species and pathogens.
- Collaborated with an MIT professor & National Geographic Explorer to launch a **Citizen Scientist program** with local high schools.
- Helped the USFS Recreation Department monitor and maintain **day-use and yellow post sites**.
- **Doubled the size** of our board of directors.
- Featured in **The Alpine News** and **Gateway Magazine**.

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## Volunteer Today!

A few hours of your time can:

-  Protect trails and forest habitats
-  Support fire recovery and reforestation
-  Stop invasive species and illegal dumping