## 764 July 13th hike to Cole Point Drop off: 9:15 - Irene Adam, Coordinator

The main hike is along Mount Emma Ridge to Cole Point. An alternate is 10 miles from mileage paddle 3.96 to Old Mount Emma, Mount, Emma and Cole Point, 3 registers and 2,800 feet elevation gain.

Driving direction:

Go N on Angeles Forest Highway (N3) past Mill Creek Summit 2.6 miles to Aliso Canyon Road, which is closed. Continue another 2 miles to a road called both Cut Off TO Little Rock and/or Mount Emma Road. Go east and park by mileage paddle marker 3.96. Many paddles before 3.96 are unmarked. Receive cookies and we will drop off those wanting the maximum experience. Refreshments will be served under a huge tree at a junction of N3 and Mount Emma Road

Alternate driving route:

From SR14 go S on N3 to Mount Emma Road. At 70 to 80 mph this takes less than an hour from Sunset Blvd. in LA.

The main hike begins from N3 and Kentucky Springs Canyon Road which is closed and just a few yards S of the big tree. Park on the W side of N3 just past the entrance to the National Forest. There is no parking at gated KSCR. Walk E on KSCR 1.5 miles to its high saddle at 4,500 feet elevation. Turn S along a firebreak to Hill 5400, then SW down to saddle 5300, then W to the summit of Cole Point. The shooting area on KSCR is closed. On the return to KSCR high saddle of 4,500.feet elevation. Those wanting a slightly longer hike can go N along a firebreak on the ridge to the summit of Mount. Emma.

History: The Emmas were named for curvaceous Emma Pallet, a daughter of a local rancher. Present note: Belatedly I see that my enchantment for these 3 peaks was because I first climbed them in the presence of a new love. They give us good exercise but the scenic value is reserved for Old Mount. Emma from which there is a spectacular view over the Antelope Valley to Olancha Peak in the Sierras.

For the Intrepid: From mileage paddle 3.96 hike back SW on the highway about 50 yards to a dirt road leading into a wash on the SE side of the road. Follow the dirt road up the wash about 300 yards. Then follow the 4WD tracks up a ridge on the left to the top of Emma main ridge. Next follow this ridge to the visible Old Mount Emma summit. (Alternately this could be done from Mount Emma going N along the ridge another 1.5 miles and another 500 feet gain, an easy hike. I don't have the mileage for this route but it cuts off approx. 1,000 feet elevation from starting at mileage paddle 3.96.

Chose your hike based on the heat. Gatorade is amongst the refreshments.

