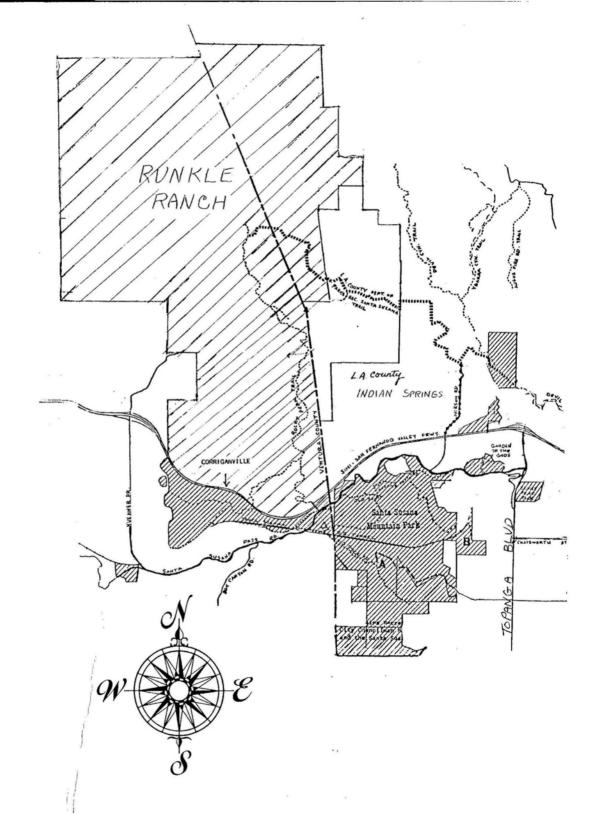


We hope this New Year '93 newsletter finds you with many happy memories of fun and laughter from the Holiday Season! And perhaps the new government administration of soon to be President Clinton will inspire us with a fresh, knowledgeable, concerned attitude towards the desperate environmental and ecological state of our Mother Earth. Let's hope so!!



We thought our members would enjoy looking at a map outlining the open space SSMPA has been directly responsible in acquireing. With the addition of Runkle Ranch, which was included in the Bob Hope land purchase approved by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors in December, the number of acres will exceed <u>5,000</u>! The shaded area includes the Old Stagecoach Trail, a prehistoric Chumash Indian site, and the relay stagecoach station. Included also, is the tranquil Garden of the Gods and the well known Stony Point where mountain climbers from throughout Southern California come to test their skills.

INDIAN SPRINGS: PHASE II

On January 13, a public hearing will be held to argue the creation of 59 lots on 338 acres north of the 118 freeway between Topanga & Rocky Peak road. SSMPA is opposed to the project as submitted, which calls for the removal of 62 adult oak trees amongst other things, and is recommending the number of homes be limited to 34 and development be limited to south of Fern Ann Falls creek and north of Hialeah Springs creek. L.A. County has designated this 'Significant Ecological Area #20 & 21' in order to protect the wildlife corridor which runs through the property. You could be of great help to us by simply calling the office of Supervisor Antonovitch at (213)974-5555 and saying that you support the position of SSMPA and are opposed to development beyond the above mentioned limits on case CU#86-070-(5). Oh yes, your call does make a difference when its time for a decision!

ATTENTION: SIERRA CLUB MEMBERS OF SSMPA

If you are a member of both, you are invited to participate in the Santa Susana Mountain Park Task Force which will be addressing specific issues in a joint committee soon to be formed by the Las Padres and Angeles chapters.

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Controversy swirls over the unconditional approval of this development by the Ventura County Board of Supervisors. SSMPA's concerns regard invasion of the wetlands by a portion of a golf course, intrusion of the view corridor of Las Virgenes Canyon, and construction of homes in and around El Escorpion Canyon near the intersection of Vanowen & Valley Circle. We have submitted our recommendations to the developers and hope they will be taken into consideration.

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Our newsletter was printed courtesy of "Copies by Gary" at (805)527-3412. Many thanks Gary!

**** Just a reminder. meeting at 7:PM program at 7:30

We hope you will join us. We look forward to seeing you. The program should be very interesting!

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