November 2022 Alabama Hills Newsletter

Field Work

Staff is working hard replacing damaged and missing signs, talking to visitors, removing fire rings at closed sites, and sweeping our vehicle tracks. In addition, there were two stewardship projects done in the Hills to help plant native vegetation and plant vertical mulch.

On Nov 10th, we worked with the Alabama Hills Stewardship Group and Friends of the Inyo at two separate sites. We planted nearly 200 native plants and removed Russian Thistle with 7 volunteers and 5 BLM staff.

A few days later on Nov 13th, we had 12 volunteers from the American Alpine Club Bishop Craggin' Classic (a climbing festival in Bishop) come down and get their hand's dirty planting vertical mulch. We worked at one site for a few hours and transformed it from a blank open

space to a vertical mulch forest.

Thank you to all our volunteers!

Get Involved

- Spread the word about the Alabama Hills Newsletter! Pass on **this newsletter sign-up link**!
- Share **ESIA's event calendar** for up-to-date ranger programs!
- Interested in leading an Interpretive Ranger Talk or Program? **Email Savanna@esiaonline.org!**

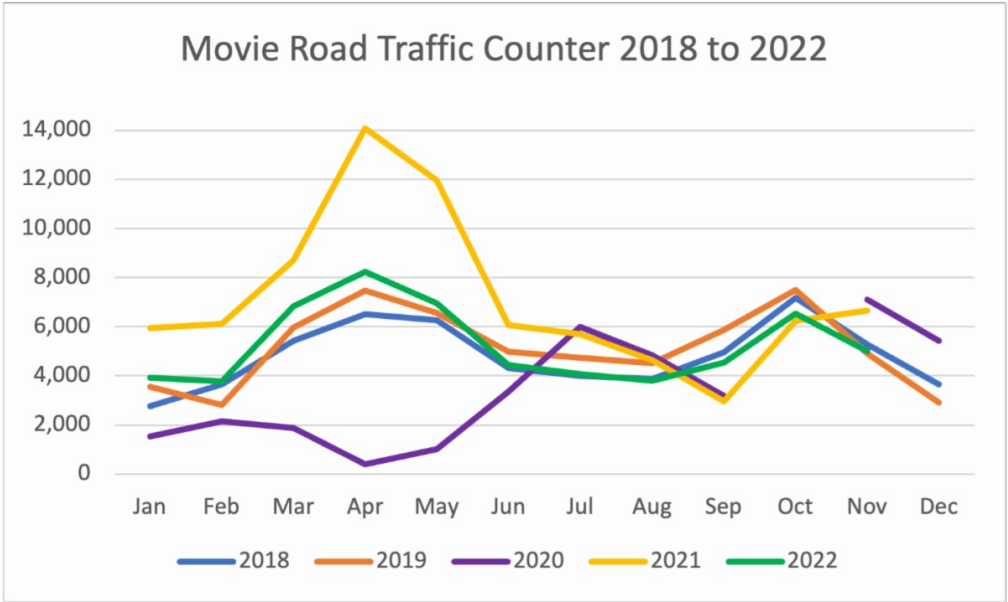
Interpretation

- Ranger Programs in the Alabama Hills have been quite popular and successful! Nancy Hadlock, Richard Potashin, and Death Valley National Park Rangers, Evie and Dave, have hosted Ranger Programs nearly every weekend in October. There is typically a good turn out and folks are really interested in the topics. Join one of these programs to learn a bit more about the Alabama Hills!

November Visitation

Vehicle and foot traffic was captured using an automatic, stationary sensor. Please note that some years have more complete data than others. Where there is incomplete data, the program may estimate based on past data.

- Movie Road: 5,016
- Kiosk at Whitney Portal Entrance Station: **Nov data was not collected and will be included in the following newsletter**
- North Entrance: 2,606
- Arch Trail Foot Traffic: 1,784
- Chicken Ranch: 69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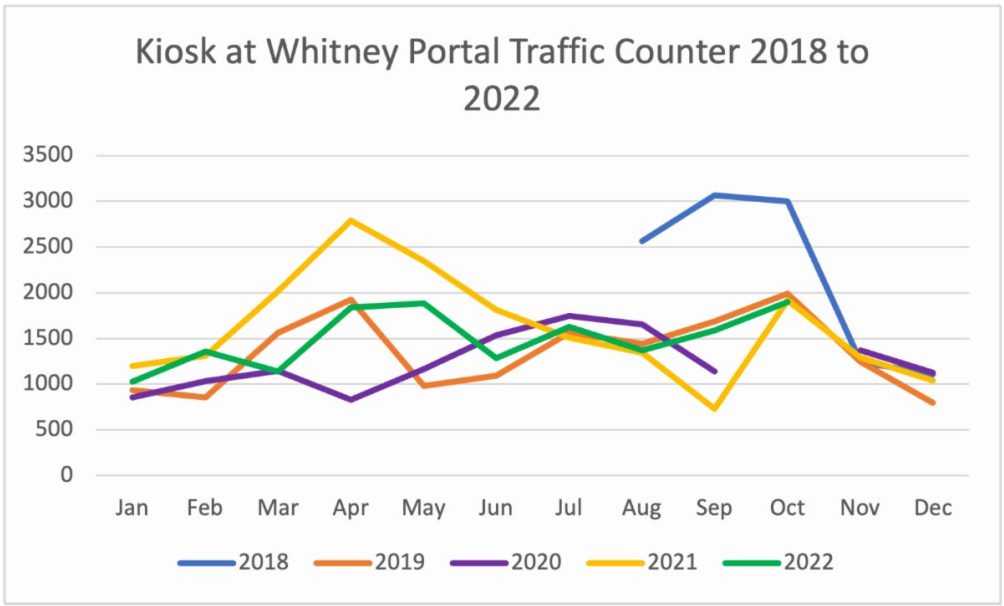
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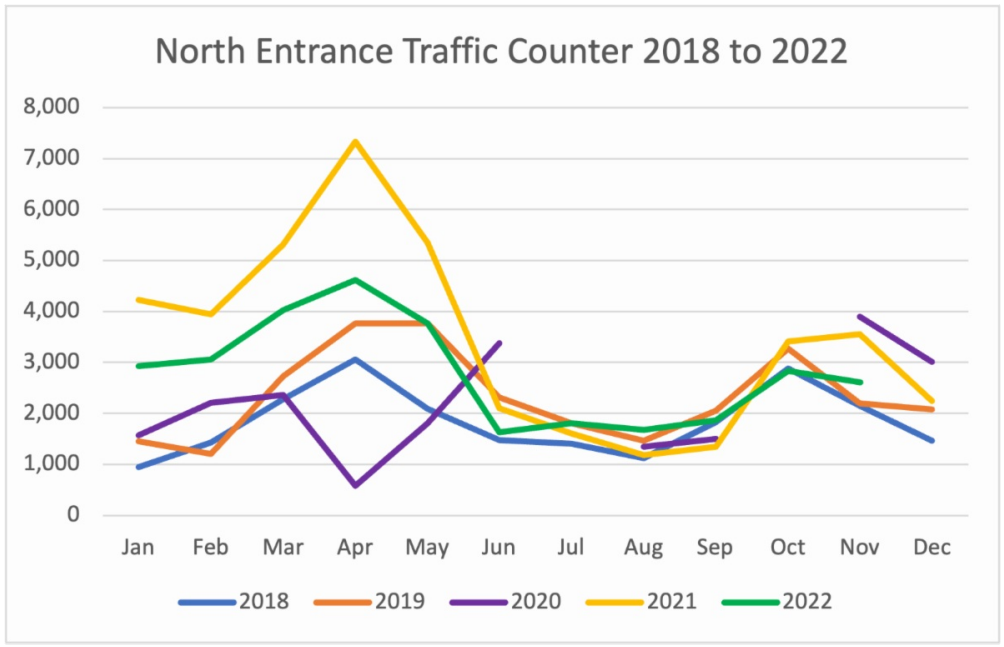
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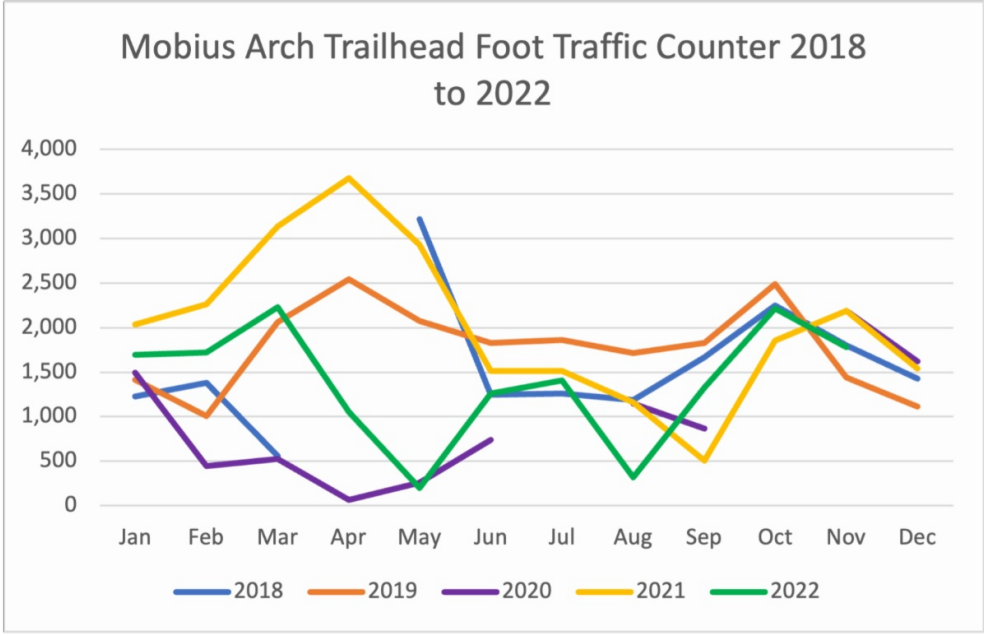

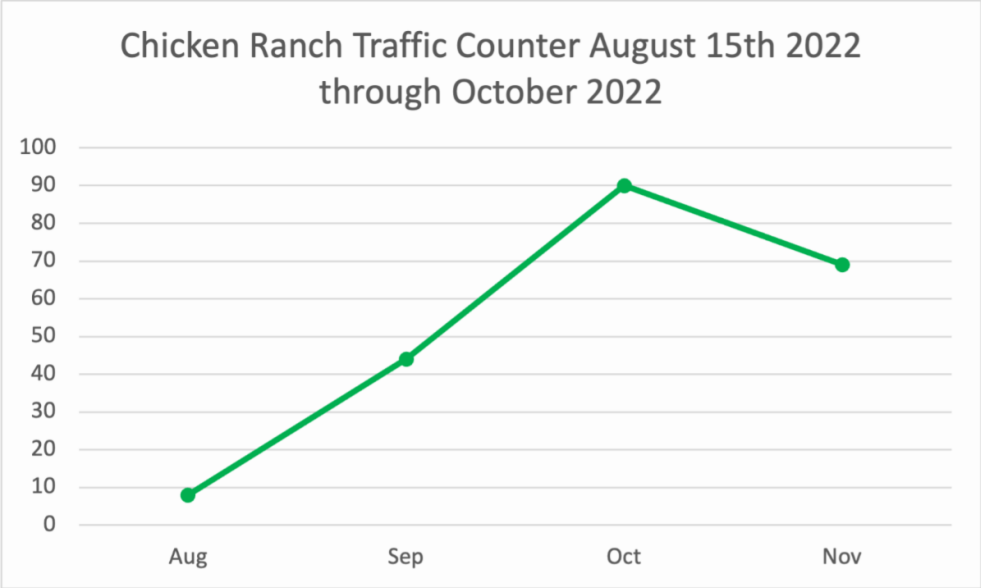

Events

Upcoming BLM-Sponsored

- Dec 5th-16th, AmeriCorp Group is coming to assist the BLM with projects in the Alabama Hills and various other BLM locations in the Bishop Field Office.

Upcoming Special Recreation Permit

- Dec 3th-4th, AIMZAP - camping shots, still and drone.
- Dec 6th-8th, Josh Cripps Photography - photo workshops, primarily sunrise and sunset.
- Dec 5th-10th, Camp4 Collective - camping and trail running shots, still and drone.
- Dec 7th-13th, Action Photo Tours - photo workshops.

Past BLM-Sponsored

- Nov, 11th, Native Planting with Alabama Hills Stewardship Group.

- Nov 13th, Restoration with the American Alpine Club Craggin' Classic.

Past Special Recreation Permit

- Nov 10th-13th, Crossroads School.
- Nov 12th-13th, Action Photo Tours.

Staffing

- The BLM Recreation Department has 5 permanent and 4 seasonal team members that patrol the Alabama Hills and other BLM-managed lands. 1 law enforcement officer is specifically assigned to the Alabama Hills to assist with overnight use compliance. After 10 years, Dave Kirk has officially retired from the BLM. Thank you, Dave, for all your hard work over the years.
- ESIA has Savanna as an Interpretive Specialist who patrols Alabama Hills 3-5 days a week.
- ESIA has 2 new Bishop Climbing Rangers, Matt and Casey! They primarily patrol the Bishop Climbing Areas but will help rove the climbing areas in the Alabama Hills. **Read More** about the Bishop Climbing Rangers Program.
- The National Park Service (NPS) has 2 rangers assisting in the Lone Pine Visitor Center and focusing on interpretive ranger programs in the Hills.

Social Media & Outreach

- Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association (ESIA) has been ramping up its Alabama Hills post on social media. With 4 **posts** about the Hills in the month of October, they have **reached 24,383 people**. An educational post about the new camping restrictions in the Alabama Hills reached over ***19,000*** people on facebook! Check out ESIA **Instagram** and **Facebook page**.
- Follow the **Bureau of Land Management- California Facebook page** for information about California Public Lands, including the Alabama Hills!
- Follow the **Alabama Hills Stewardship Group** on Facebook.

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