



The Shooting Star

SIERRA FOOTHILLS CHAPTER

CALIFORNIA NATIVE PLANT SOCIETY

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October Meeting and Program

A Small Footprint: Low Impact Gardening with California Native Plants

Presenter: Mary Campbell of The Garden Company

Thursday, October 4, 6:00 p.m.

Tuolumne County Library Meeting Room

480 Greenley Rd., Sonora

– The focus of the talk will be on using native plants to help bring balance to our lives, our homes, and the ecosystem in which we find ourselves. The use of low impact native plants suited for a specific area promotes the wellbeing of pollinators, wildlife, and the soil ecology, reduces water usage and the use of harmful chemicals in our environment, and promotes living with a sense of place. Everybody wins! Mary will introduce native plant species adapted to our climate in the interest of promoting the concept of gardening where you are.

– Mary is the owner, propagator and grower at The Garden Company, a local nursery out of Soulsbyville. She started the business when it became clear how frustrated our local population had become trying to garden with plants that were just not adapted to the climate of the foothills and mountain areas. Mary is a lifetime student of horticulture, landscape design, and the natural sciences, and her aim is to use what she learns to help inspire people to live in harmony with their surroundings and to be successful with their gardening endeavors. For more information about The Garden Company and the plants they grow, see their website: www.GardenWhereYouAre.com.

Speaking of Native Plants...

Don't forget to visit the **CNPS Native Plant Sale on Saturday, October 20, from 9 a.m. until Noon** at the usual location: Rocca Park, Main Street, Jamestown. There will be many different species of shrubs and perennials that need minimal water, once established, during our hot summer months. At the sale, there will be many knowledgeable people to answer your questions and help you choose appropriate plants for your location. Come early for the best selection!

For more information or to volunteer, e-mail Stephanie at sjgarcia@mlode.com

If you change your mailing or e-mail address, be sure to send a note to Jennie Haas. This will keep your newsletter on time!

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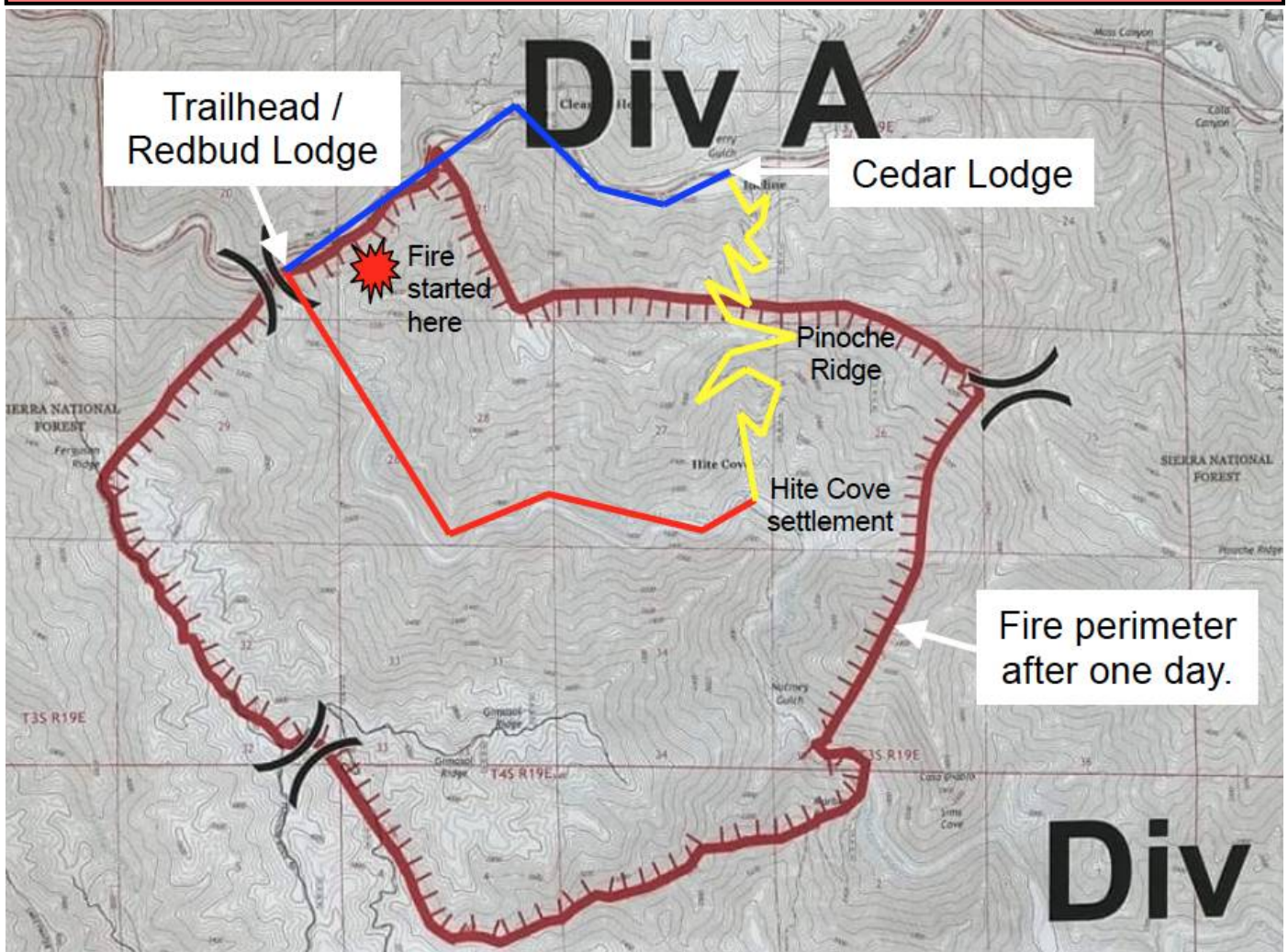
FIELD TRIPS

With Fall upon us, another awesome field trip year is almost behind us. Our last trip of the year will be the annual Fall Colors Field Trip on October 14. As of press time, the actual route had not been determined. However, with the chilly night temperatures in the middle of September, the colors should be nicely developed by the time of our field trip wherever we go.

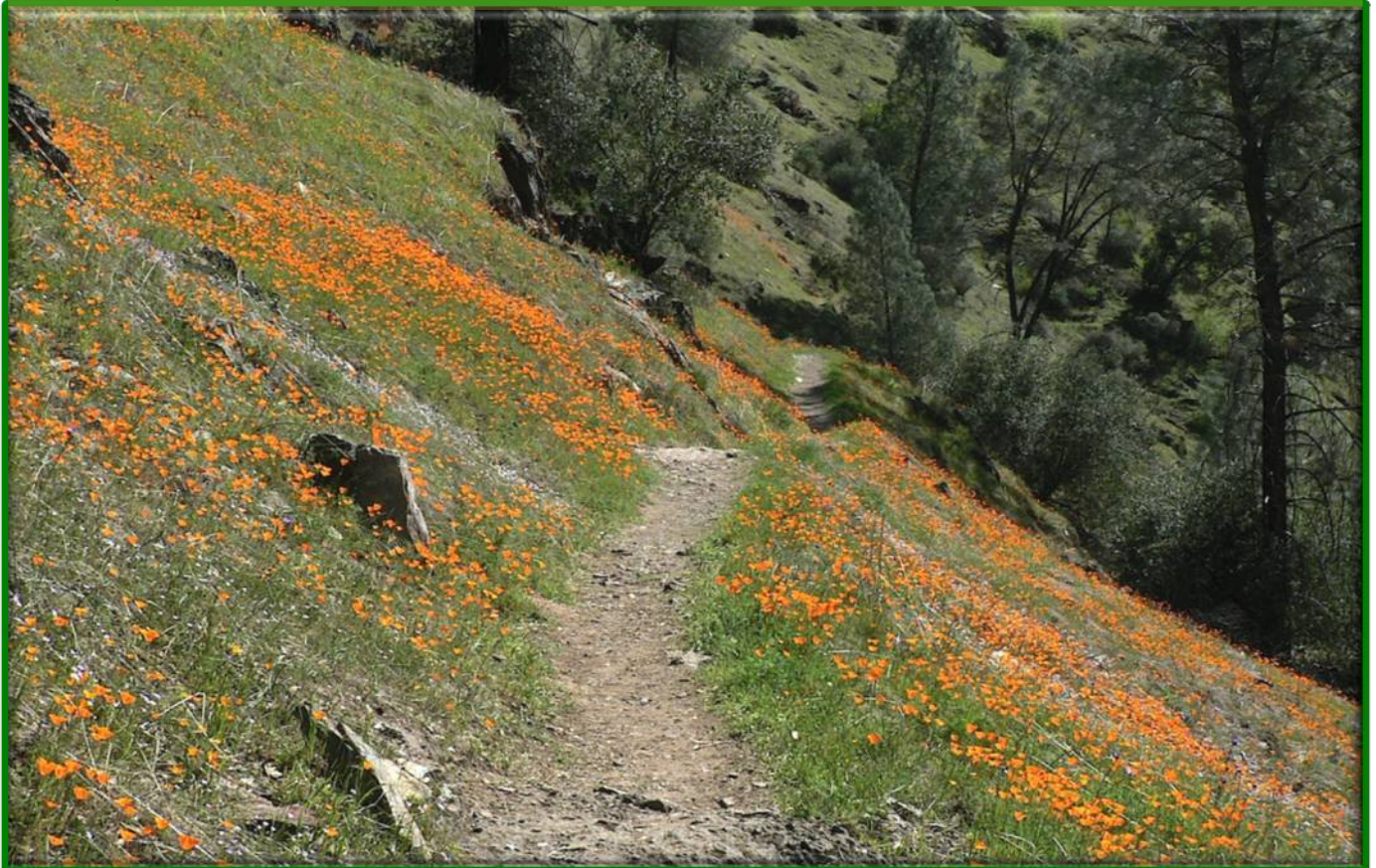
October 14 – Fall Colors. Leader: Jennie Haas. Hiking level: easy (car tour with a bit of hiking). We'll go in search of local fall colors in our chapter area. The actual route will firm up as the time gets closer but it will likely include areas such as Bell Meadow, Road 3N01 out of Long Barn and perhaps Cottonwood Meadow, providing road conditions allow access. Meet at 9:30 a.m. at the parking lot between the KFC and Kohl's in the Junction Shopping Center in east Sonora. Sign up in advance to ensure you get the latest information on the trip. To sign up or for more information, contact Jennie at 209-962-4759, jhaas953@gmail.com.

Hite Cove / Ferguson Fire aftermath

The Ferguson Fire started on July 13, just east of the Hite Cove trailhead on Hwy. 140. Within the first 24 hours, the fire had consumed the entire Hite Cove trail out to the settlement area. The fire continued to burn for 37 days, working its way up the south fork to Hwy. 41. It also jumped the Merced River and spread north as far as Hwy. 120. When the fire was declared 100% contained on August 19, it had consumed 96,900 acres. On the map below, red line denotes the Hite Cove trail, which runs parallel the south fork. Yellow line is an old road that goes up-and-over Pinoche Ridge, connecting Hite Cove to Cedar Lodge and Indian Flat. Blue line is the 2-mile stretch of Hwy. 140 between Redbud Lodge and Cedar Lodge.



TOP: Early portion of Hite Cove trail from my very first visit on March 11, 2013. I fell under its spell, and have been coming back ever since. BOTTOM: Similar portion of HC trail on August 20, 2018. The trail was impassable about one-half mile out. After the trail is repaired, we can have a field trip here to witness the recovery. (Photos © Editor)



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