I. ERRATA AND UPDATES

P. 6: (“PREFACE” SECTION) THERE ARE SOME OCCASIONAL REFERENCES TO AN “INVISIBLE CAMPS SUPPLEMENT”. THIS IS A SEQUEL VOLUME WHICH IS IN THE PREPARATION PROCESS. IT LOCATES AND DESCRIBES THOSE PROPOSED CAMPS THAT THE FOREST SERVICE NEVER ACTUALLY ESTABLISHED DUE TO BUDGET LIMITATIONS. HERE IS ANOTHER WHOLE SET OF EXCITING ADVENTURES TO CONTEMPLATE AND ATTEMPT!

P. 7: (“ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS” SECTION) I WOULD CERTAINLY BE REMISS IF I FAILED TO ACKNOWLEDGE AND PROFOUNDLY THANK TOM KILLION. HE HAS GRACIOUSLY ALLOWED HIS COLOR PRINT “BIG SUR SPRING SUNSET” TO BE USED AS THE COVER ILLUSTRATION FOR THIS BOOK.

P. 12: THE TRAILHEAD DESCRIBED HERE HAS BEEN ERASED BY POST-FIRE RAINS. ONE MAY STILL ATTEMPT THE STEEP, UNSTABLE DESCENT. HOWEVER, IT WOULD PROBABLY MAKE MORE SENSE TO HEAD A SHORT WAY UP THE ROAD TO THE POINT WHERE IT CURVES. A QUICK SCAN WILL REVEAL A REASONABLE DESCENT DOWN TO THE TRIBUTARY THAT END NEAR ABC CAMP.

P. 17: BANE SPRING CAMP IS THE DEAD-CENTER POINT ON THE MAP: THE TINY DIAMOND SYMBOL AT THE RIGHTHAND EXTREMITY OF THE SMALL DARK LOOP.

P. 26: “DIRECTIONS” LINE - “IT” SHOULD READ “IS”.

P. 31: “THE RETURN” LINE - “RETRACED” SHOULD READ “RETRACE”.

P. 39: THE TOP LINE SHOULD READ “OF THE LARGER TREES, AND HAVE NOW BEEN FLAGGED.”

P. 48: AS OF THIS WRITING (3/13/13) THE LOST VALLEY LOOP IS IMPASSABLE FROM PELON CAMP PAST UPPER HIGGINS CAMP. IF THAT REMAINS THE CASE, ONE WOULD NEED TO VISIT THE LISTED LV LOOP CAMPS IN REVERSE ORDER, STARTING UP THE LV CONNECTOR FROM LOST VALLEY CAMP. WILLOWS CAMP CAN STILL BE ACCESSED AS DESCRIBED.
**PP. 49-51:** THE “WILLOWS CAMP” SECTION IS WRONG! IT TURNS OUT TO BE INCORRECTLY LOCATED. THE REPLACEMENT SECTION ON WILLOWS CAMP CAN BE FOUND LATER IN THIS SUPPLEMENT.

**P. 52:** “DIRECTIONS” SECTION – “(SEE TOPO MAP P.54)” SHOULD READ “(SEE AERIAL PHOTO P.54)”

**P. 54:** MAP EXPLANATION: THE MARBLE PEAK TRAIL MAY BE SEEN RUNNING ACROSS THE TOP OF THIS AERIAL PHOTO. THE OLD LOST TRAIL IS THE DOTTED LINE COMING DOWN THE MIDDLE OF THE PHOTO. THE LEFTHAND PORTION OF THE LOOP IS COMING DOWN TO FIND THE CAMP. THE RIGHHAND PORTION IS THE RETURN TO THE MP TRAIL. THE CAMP ITSELF IS AT THE VERY BOTTOM OF THE ROUTE.

**P. 58:** APOLOGIES FOR THE UNNECESSARY SPACES AT THE END OF THE TEXT.

**P. 66:** “HISTORY” LINE – SHOULD READ “EMILIO POZZI (NOW DECEASED)”

**P. 69:** “PRELIMINARY COMMENTS” SECTION - RETIRED FOREST RANGER AND RANCH CARETAKER SAL ELIZONDO IS NOW DECEASED. TO GAIN PERMISSION TO ACCESS THE MERLE RANCH, CONTACT THE USFS REGIONAL OFFICE IN KING CITY (831-385-5434)

**P. 75:** LINE 7: “SECTION IV” SHOULD READ “SECTION VI”

**P. 86:** “ACCESS” - THE TRAIL IS NOW WONDERFULLY CLEAR, THANKS TO SOME PROFESSIONAL TRAIL CREWS BROUGHT IN BY STATE PARKS.

**P. 103:** CLARK NOTES (“MONTEREY COUNTY PLACE NAMES”, P. 537) THAT THIS CAMP WAS ALSO KNOWN AS “SPAGHETTI SPRING CAMP”).

**P. 104:** “HISTORY” - DICK BAUMANN, 90 YEAR OLD VETERAN VENTANA FISHERMAN /BACKPACKER OF THE 1930’S THROUGH 1970’S, SAYS: --- THAT IT WAS “PRIMITIVE, NO TABLE, AND PROBABLY SERVED AS AN OVERFLOW SPOT” (FOR BIG PINES CAMP).

**P. 136:** THE INTRODUCTORY PARAGRAPH MENTIONS A SEVENTH- LISTED CAMP IN THIS SECTION. THERE IS NONE.

**P. 138:** “THREE PEAKS CAMP” – “SEASONAL WATER” SHOULD READ “PERENNIAL WATER”.

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Photo: Hanging Valley Spring

PP. 163-164: “DEAD MAN CAMP” – IT NOW APPEARS THAT THE BEST ACCESS WOULD BE AN OVERLAND ROUTE UP MINING RIDGE, LEAVING THE TRAIL BETWEEN REDWOOD CAMP AND THE HOT SPRINGS. A STEEP SCRAMBLE IS INVOLVED, AND THE ROUTE IS UNCERTAIN. DETAILS AWAIT. IT WOULD BE BEST TO CHECK FIRST WITH THOSE IN CHARGE AT THE BIG CREEK RESERVE.

NOTE: I WAS GRANTED AN INTERVIEW WITH STAN HARLAN (BIG SUR COAST PIONEER-FAMILY MEMBER) AT HIS HOME IN PACIFIC GROVE ON 9/02/11. THE FOLLOWING IS THE ESSENCE OF WHAT HE SHARED,
NAMELY: --- THAT HE AND HIS FATHER ESTABLISHED IT AS A BASE CAMP NEAR SOME ISOLATED CATTLE-GRAZING SPOTS ON MINING RIDGE. IT IS ON A BENCH AREA 100’ ABOVE THE CREEK (TRIBUTARY TO THE NORTH FORK OF BIG CREEK). THERE WAS A PERENNIAL SPRING JUST BELOW IT, WHICH WAS ACCESSIBLE FROM ABOVE BY THE CATTLE. IT WAS TOO TOUGH TO GET TO THE SMALL PASTURE AND THE SPRING BY GOING UP BIG CREEK. SO A DOZER-CUT OFF OF MINING RIDGE WAS BLASTED THROUGH THE ROCK OUTCROPPINGS. IT CONTOURED TO THE SPRING AND THE CAMP, WHERE A 50-GALLON DRUM “BATHTUB/TROUGH” WAS INSTALLED. STAN WAS NOT SURE HOW THE CAMP GOTS ITS UNUSUAL NAME. HE HAD A VAGUE RECOLLECTION THAT THERE MIGHT HAVE BEEN A HUNTING ACCIDENT THERE.

PP. 166-167: “SAN ANTONIO CAMP2” – THE CAMP HAS BEEN FOUND! IT IS DESCRIBED IN THE “REPLACEMENT CHAPTERS” SECTION THAT FollowS.

II. REPLACEMENT CHAPTERS

A. WILLOWS CAMP (found on pages 49-51)

This is erroneously placed in the Lost Camps book. The discovery was made through some georeferencing by Jack Glendening. He overlaid the old 1939 recreation map on a current Google Earth aerial. Willows Camp in fact lies farther to the West. The following should be substituted for the existing write-up in the Lost Camps book.

LOST CAMP # 1: WILLOWS CAMP (+)

Coordinates: Latitude: 36 degrees, 09.297’ N
Longitude: 121 degrees, 34.155’ W

UTM: 10 N 628701 4002083

Visited: 6/29/12

Location: Just south of the Lost Valley Trail, not too long after you have crossed Higgins Creek for the first time.

Access: Lost Valley Trail

Directions: Leaving Lost Valley’s main campsite up on the western pine flat, you make a short descent and cross Lost Valley Creek. You follow the trail, as it goes slightly NW
over a small saddle, enters an open meadow, and heads toward your crossing at Higgins Creek.
(Note: You can follow a use-trail [along a slope on the left past a fence] that drops you down a short cliff to the creek. This forces you to cross straight ahead into a thicket of trees before catching up with the LV trail itself. Or, you can bushwack to your right following the creek slightly upstream to a muddy crossing-point. It forces you to hoist yourself up onto the opposite bank before catching the LV trail. There may be other options, but they are not clear until your return --- when it appears that the faint tread of the LV Trail on the north side of the creek leads you to a better crossing point even farther downstream.)
Now that you have made your crossing, start looking to your left at the line of trees and vegetation bordering the creek. Eventually, you should see an indented opening, which slopes down to a flat washed-out, tree-shaded, creekside area. This by all accounts is Willows Camp. Water is nearby, --- and slightly beyond during dry seasons/years.

Description: It appears that high water levels could inundate the camp in wet years. Otherwise, it is a pleasant spot to escape the heat and to set up camp for one or two people.

History: Jack English writes in a letter to Bob Larson dated January 25, 1983: “Willow (sic) Camp (no longer) … was just across the creek in the willows after you left Lost Valley Camp on Higgins Cr. My brother Paul found the old green and white enameled sign they used to use.”

Additional Comments: It is hard to tell if this is the original site, or if this is just an informal campsite. The location DOES match up with the old 1939, however. But, why would there be an official camp established so close to the numerous ones in the Lost Valley Camp area? Perhaps there were fewer LV Camp sites at that time, and undoubtedly more outdoorsmen roaming the hills back then. Also (and this is the most probable explanation), it is not very far from the foot of the old trail to/from Higgins (Springs) Camp, and yet still close to water. Interesting speculations!

Overnight Camping and Water: Sure!

Time to Allow: 30-45 minutes from Lost Valley Camp, depending on trail conditions and the state of the creek crossings
B. SAN ANTONIO2 (HISTORICAL) CAMP (found on pages 166-167)

The following should be paired with the existing write-up in the Lost Camps book

The camp was finally reached by the author on 6/19/12. The revised coordinates are as follows: 36 degrees, 02.667’ N; 121 degrees, 28.395’ W
(UTM 10N 637530 398957)

The revised map below shows the camp at almost exactly the same spot as before. Ironically, the “earlier turn-around point” made during the previous 11/05/09 failed search, was right next to the camp itself. However, its raised plateau on the west side of the stream had been obscured from view by a high stream-bank and a tangle of trees and brush. It is a scoured-out area with a small, remaining flat spot. Most of the camp is covered by the rubble which was washed down the adjacent tributary by flash flooding. It must have been a fine, spacious, elevated fisherman’s camp at one time. There is no obvious use trail between upper Fresno Camp and San Antonio2 Camp. There are a few overgrown benches, but most of the route is in the stream itself. The one-way time
involved is about 1.5 hours (plus or minus, depending on seasonal flow). Return time is slightly less.

Revised Map:

III. NEW SPECIAL CASE CAMPS

A. THE FOLLOWING CAMPS at this moment (3/13/13) qualify for inclusion in the "Miscellaneous" List (On current maps to be sure, --- but isolated or obscure, and all but 'lost')" (pages 147-152):

*Launtz Camp and Vado Camp: on the upper/northern end of the Mt Manuel Trail.
*Upper Higgins Camp: on the upper/northern end of the Lost Valley Trail.

These three camps remain in existence, but presently are virtually inaccessible. This is due to the massive regrowth that has reclaimed the access trails to them, following the
2008 and 1999 fires. There are plans in the mix to reopen those trails, spearheaded by the Ventana Wilderness Alliance. Stay tuned, by checking their website: www.ventanawild.org.

**B. THE FOLLOWING CAMP** has now been “Recovered” from virtual obscurity.

*Ojito Camp:* on a side-spur off of the western end of the Gamboa Trail. (See upper left camp symbol in the map located in Section C immediately below this article.) It has long been shunned by hikers because of the dense post-fire regrowth which blocked its beginning: --- not to mention the badly eroded, uncomfortably steep switchbacks leading down to it. Then, there has been the confusion about its actual location, with at least two nearby false camps standing in its way. Please read on:

**REPORT ON THE OJITO CAMP SEARCH WEEKEND**
*(OCTOBER 1-2, 2011)*

*(Sunday, October 2):*

* Mike [Heard] and Paul [Danielson] head out for the Ojito Camp(s) search.
* Mike and Paul make the following discoveries:

- a. The Trail down from the saddle to the camps has been opened up nicely since Mike did that hike a year ago. First, it did not burn; Second, hunters?/hikers?/fishermen? have slash-cut and clip-cut most of the encroaching brush out of the way.
- b. There are a number of deadfalls to negotiate, including a large pine which requires some effort.
- c. It is STEEP, with some slip and slide going down, as well as going up.
- d. The first camp one encounters at the creek, the “False” Camp” is in good shape except for some t.p. litter.
- e. The second camp (the “Bert/Paul” Camp) is a couple of hundred yards downstream on the left/south bank on a bench above the water. Any trail is long-gone, although one can follow the stream a short way, then climb up to the bench (lots of p.o. and deadfall but with some old cuts), then back down to the stream, then back up to the bench. This camp is in good shape with the icemaker stove intact but the stovepipe detached.
- f. Now, the moment of truth! Where is the “Boon” Camp, which he reported to be located downstream on the opposite side of the creek? It is another half mile away? Remarkably enough, after some minimal creek-side walking and a short distance of north-bank pushing through some deadfalls, a large, long, open space appears. There, just ahead is the camp: complete with table (now unusable), two large fire-rings with grates, other informal fire-rings, scattered litter (cans, etc.), a majestic madrone tree, and a stash in the hollow of a tree (a pot and a large roll of plastic garbage bags). Also, easy water access, some nice pools nearby, and lots of room. This is the first of the three possible downstream locations Boon gave in his recollections from 20 years ago. We were fortunate it was the first. We did not bother to explore any further, being spared the ½? mile involved in getting downstream to the other alleged possible locations.
g. Now it is back up the switchbacks to the saddle and home. By the way, the trail is so well-defined that no flagging was needed: --- except at the top, to identify where one enters the brushy canopy to find the beginning of the first switchback.

4. Conclusions/Questions

* Which is the “real” Ojito Camp? Or was there more than one? --- The presence of the table (sure sign of an official FS camp) suggests that the “Boon” Camp is it! No one would haul that from another location! --- On the other hand, why is there a stove (sure sign of an official FS camp) at the “Bert/Paul” Camp? That could that have been hauled from another location?

According to (Monterey Ranger District Wilderness Manager) Pat Bailey: “Ojito Camp is on the right side of the creek going downstream. Maybe floods have taken out the old rock platform for the ice can that was in there.”

*Almost for certain: The “False” Camp is still an unofficial camp.
*Most probably: The “Bert/Paul” Camp was an unofficial camp all along.
*Most likely: the “Boon” Camp is it!
*Most likely: a few people are currently using all these camps for hunting and fishing purposes; perhaps a few hikers as well.

Photo: “Boon” Camp
C. THE FOLLOWING CAMP may be a new “Lost” Camp!?

*Gamboa Campground:* allegedly located on the slope overlooking the environs of Ojito Camp, and between the Gamboa Trail above and the South Fork of Devils Canyon below. (See tent symbol just below the word “Fork” in the map below.) Mike Heard first noticed it on the 1979 Lopez Point quad topo map. He lists its coordinates as N36 degrees 3.458’, W121 degrees 31.115’. It does not appear on any other known maps. To deepen the mystery, this map contains some inaccuracies. This latter fact tends to give one further pause for thought about the existence of this alleged camp. An expedition is planned for the spring of 2013 to investigate. Any findings will be posted on the VWA website.

Map:
IV. REPLACEMENT MAPS AND PHOTOS

The following are intended to replace maps in the initial printing that were too dark, small, or difficult to read. The rest of the existing images seem self-explanatory. The exceptions are a few borderline instances that would benefit from an explanatory comment. These comments appear in Section I. of this Supplement, “Errata and Updates.”

A. BASKET SPRING CAMP (p. 15)

Map:
B. LOGWOOD CAMP (p. 45)

Map:

(Logwood Camp is the red square)
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C. SARGENT CAMP (p. 99)

Map:

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D. ZigZag Camp (P. 126)

Photo: ZigZag Camp

(Pre-1977 Marble Cone Fire)
E. INDIAN VALLEY CAMP (P. 144)

Map:

TOPO! map printed on 11/13/11 from "Indian Valley Camps.tpo"

[Map Image]

121°38.000' W  121°37.000' W  WGS84 121°36.000' W

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Berson Park

OLD LOST CAMP

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CURRENT OFFICE MAP

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NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC

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F. ROCKY CREEK CAMPS (P. 146)

Map:

TOPO! map printed on 02/14/11 from "Rocky Creek Camps.tpo"
G. FOX CAMP (P. 153)

Map:
H. BUCONNEL CAMP (P. 157)

Aerial Image:
I. HANGING VALLEY CAMP (P.158)

Map:
J. PLASKETT RIDGE CAMP (P. 159)

Map:

TOPO! map printed on 11/11/11 from "Plaskett Ridge Camp.tpo"

[Map of Plaskett Ridge Camp with labels and coordinates]
K. DEAD MAN CAMP (P. 163)

Map:
L. HOT SPRINGS CAMP (p. 165)

Map:

(Red flags indicate a possible route to the camp)