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FIELD TRIP

“Banning Fault and Mission Creek Fault strands of the southern San Andreas Fault system at Pushawalla Valley and Thousand Palms Canyon, eastern Coachella Valley, California: Indio Hills Oddities and Peculiarities, Questions and Discussions “

In Field (1st Stop) 8:10 am to 4:00 pm, Saturday, April 22, 2006

The purpose of this field excursion to these two particular localities amidst the South Branch of the San Andreas Fault is to get out and look at it, to incur much open discussion and sharing of ideas, and to learn from each other results of observations and discussion

The goal is for an opportunity to professionals to get together in these areas for a fun day of sharing ideas based on knowledge and information you bring, what is observed, and discussing observations made with the groups ideas, perhaps leading to conclusions we all can bring back with us. Do not expect that there will be various experts to lead us through the day, but assume we all have expertise to bring up our own thoughts in ideas for discussion.

Travel early to meet southeast of Cathedral City towards Indio Hills about 10-minutes drive off the Ramon Road or Washington Street I-10 exits; 1st Stop at 8:10 am. (60-minutes, 60-miles from I-10/I-215 or 60/215). Prepare for a day in the field including food and water and sturdy field gear. Maximum temperature would be expected to be 90-degrees (plus or minus 10-15-degrees, no guarantee that hotter would not be expected). Four-wheel-drive (not high-clearance 2-wheel drive) is required due to crossing of blow-sand surficial deposits for access for part of the trip, so some ride-sharing at that point would be necessary. Please bring 4-WD if you own one to assist with those without.

Participant attenders is limited to 20-25 ONLY, and based on RSVP. Liability release form is required to be signed by each attender (obtain at first Stop - no firearms please). Pertinent handout material will be provided once signed in (NO COST - donation of \$5.00 will be accepted.). One Stop for lunch will be among a few picnic tables after hiking in about 2,500-feet. There may be a County Parks Quad vehicle to haul ice-chests/etc. The second stop has bare restroom facilities. Greater details to follow.

For questions, please contact field-trip guides Mark Spycerman (909) 484-5455 or Rick Gundry (951) 276-6624, ext 257. For RSVP, e-mail to rick.gundry@verizon.net before Friday 14-Apr-06, or call by then at aforementioned telephone number. Number of actual participants is limited (see above).

