

## Community Focus Statement G: Improve public safety within the Lake Arrowhead communities

**Action Statement G.4: Advocate with the US Forest Service to increase staffing and enforcement of forest lands.**

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**Benchmarks:** Communication between the Lake Arrowhead communities and the US Forest Service occurs regularly and collaborate to solve community issues.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$500–\$1,200



*Aerial view of Lake Arrowhead, CA. Photo source: Wingtipvortex*

Increased US Forest Service staffing in the Lake Arrowhead–Green Valley Lake Recreation Area of the San Bernardino National Forest would ensure improved law enforcement and increased public safety in the communities. The Lake Arrowhead communities can meet with US Forest Service staff to identify safety concerns, either in specific locations or during certain times of the year. For example, the communities may be concerned with safety issues during holiday weekends. In response to this concern, the US Forest Service could temporarily increase staffing during peak times. Additionally, the Forest Service may have other resources

available, such as volunteers that could support the communities and alleviate identified issues.

The US Forest Service may be aware of issues that the community does not know about and vice versa. Together, the communities and the US Forest Service can collaborate and create innovative solutions to issues faced by the Lake Arrowhead communities. The groups can work together collaboratively for better law enforcement on forest lands.



Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Determine the time of year and issues for which there is the greatest need for increased Forest Service staffing.	Champion with Lake Arrowhead Association, local community groups	Months 1–3	US Forest Service: The Rising Cost of Wildfire Operations <a href="http://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/2015-Rising-Cost-Wildfire-Operations.pdf">http://www.fs.fed.us/sites/default/files/2015-Rising-Cost-Wildfire-Operations.pdf</a>
2. Lobby the US Forest Service for increased staffing levels or additional volunteers, and lobby state and federal representatives for increased funding.	Champion with Lake Arrowhead Association	Month 4, on-going	Arrowhead Communities Fire Safe Council <a href="http://www.arrowheadfsc.net/">http://www.arrowheadfsc.net/</a>
3. Coordinate with the US Forest Service to maximize staffing to meet community needs.	Champion, Lake Arrowhead Association, US Forest Service	Months following increased staffing levels	County of San Bernardino, Mountain Area Safety Taskforce <a href="http://www.sbcounty.gov/calmast/about_mast.asp">http://www.sbcounty.gov/calmast/about_mast.asp</a>  San Gorgonio Wilderness Association <a href="http://sgwa.org/volunteers">http://sgwa.org/volunteers</a>  City of South Lake Tahoe: Volunteer Corps <a href="http://cityofslt.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1424">http://cityofslt.us/DocumentCenter/Home/View/1424</a>