

KINGS CANYON BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL CREW

APRIL 2011 OVERVIEW

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This week at McClellan has finally allowed us to realize the next five and a half months will move forward as we have all so desperately hoped. Although we were cleared for the 2011 season, the climate during the first few days remained palpable with nervousness and anxiety. Not a surprise though. Nervousness from all the uncertainty surrounding what lies ahead, and anxiety from the unfamiliar places, program, and faces.

However, thanks to all this week's organizers, the many workshops, classes, and discussions allowed nervous tension to be replaced with excitement and confidence. As we leave McClellan and Sacramento we have been filled to near capacity with knowledge and preparation and now look forward to putting it all into practice through struggle, while challenging ourselves to the very core of existence. We say goodbye to our loved ones but we also say the same to our old selves.