

August 11

Dear Bill, Liz, Jack, Kathleen & all other MNDUS members,

Hello from Sonora, actually hello from mt
Elizabeth lookout tower where I'm presently working as a lookout
for fires on the Stanislaus Nat'l Forest. It's an easy job, but
logistically challenging, esp. since Steve is my wonderful
& constant companion. That means packing her up & down the tower
& all her necessary toys, food, diapers etc. We have a good time,
she laughs at the tops of ponds pines as they sway w/ the wind.
The other tower is 110 ft high, 8x8 ft & very restrictive. Larry comes
out on weekends & does double daddy duty. Overall things
are going well, I love motherhood & I still can't believe she's
10 months old! I do miss all our good friends on the coast
(as mentioned in salutation) and the ocean itself, particularly
marine mammals. I guess a trip to Santa Cruz (Larry's
former stomping ground) is in order. You all are welcome
to our home in Sonora (meadows) any time! Tel No 209 533-1532

Address: 16831 Ridgewood St Sonora 95370. I'll be working until August 21
when the regular lookout returns from maternity leave. <sup>Can't imagine doing this
job with a 1-month old!</sup>

Are you folks involved in gathering signatures
for the Wildlife Protection Initiative? It will be.

1. outlaw mountain lion hunting (spot trophy) <sup>{no more hunter safety classes
not lion tags & trophies!!}</sup>
2. allocate \$ from tobacco initiative, Gen'l Fund & license Plate Fund
for purchase of habitat for deer, oak/woodlands & endangered
species to the tune of 30 million/yr for 30 years.

I've enclosed a petition mainly because my Vandenberg buddies
say they are not familiar w/ the initiative - can this be?

Please write or call anytime &
would love hearing from you -

Love always
Sonoma-Lucas et al