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Glen Helen Fire Crews Help Preserve Historic Landmark.

If you have ever driven through the City of Needles chances are you have seen the Historic Route 66 signs. Sitting along that familiar landmark is another historic sight: the Needles Wayside Rest Area. Unfortunately this rest area has seen neglect throughout the years and has become dilapidated and overgrown with vegetation. The Needles Downtown Business Association chose to do something about it.

In an effort to preserve the landmark and the history surrounding it, they got in touch with [#SBCoFD](#) Station 31 and asked for help. Medic Engine 31 lended a helping hand and provided general clean-up to the area making substantial improvement. However, they realized there was much more to be done.

Today [#SBCoFD](#) brought out more personnel in the form of Glen Helen Crew 15-1. Armed with chainsaws and hand tools, they cut down and removed invasive vegetation to bring the aesthetic beauty of the landmark back to what it once was.

"Duty, Honor, Community," is the service motto of our department. This ideal held true today as County Fire and the City of Needles came together for their community.

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