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DATE: July 07, 2009  
TO: Special Forces of the Geocaching Community  
FROM: Simian Guerrilla Task Force (SGTF)  
SUBJECT: Forbidden Zone Geocaches (a.k.a. Operation Silverback)  
Project disclosure at <http://fbz.geocaches.org>

1. As volunteered to A.P.E. hunters everywhere we present the following cursory overview explaining our command's intention as it pertains to the investigation of alien primate phenomena in Southern California. It is of the opinion that a directive assigning a priority, security and classification to our collected evidence should be governed including the delivery of all sets of available and pertinent data to the US ARMY, USAF, NAVY, USSTRATCOM, NORAD, the NSA, the CIA and FBI, the JPL, NASA and FEMA, as well as the MJ-12, SETI, SERENDIP, and META projects.

#### STATEMENT

*Forbidden Zone Geocaches* is a series created by the Simian Guerrilla Task Force (SGTF) consisting of seven (7) **TOP SECRET GEOCACHES** (TSGs) hidden in and around San Diego. It draws inspiration from *Project A.P.E.*, the geocaching promotion introduced by 20th Century Fox prior to their release of the "blockbuster" *Planet of the Apes* remake in 2001, *The X-Files* and other science fiction classics.

Authentic *Planet of the Apes Memorabilia (POTAM)* has been stashed at most FBZs and has also been sent on Special Reconnaissance (SR) missions to various current and former *Project A.P.E.* cache locations around the globe.

Some FBZs also include images of prized *Project A.P.E.* geocoins which can be discovered and logged via their corresponding tracking numbers. GC members who enter the coin's # as depicted in the paperwork will add instances of the ape face icon to their online profiles.



#### ACTIVITY DETAILS

*Operation Silverback* is the code name for SGTF's self-assigned Intelligence Support Activity (ISA). We theorize that extraterrestrials have identified an area in Southern California to land a spaceship(s) and unleash an Alternative Primate Evolution (A.P.E.) against mankind.\* We believe our role is to collect intelligence and present documentation relevant to our investigation.

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To this effect, we provide "top secret" reports and associated evidence in our TSGs to prove our hypothesis. In addition to these materials, a codeword is hidden at each FBZ that can be deciphered using the Silverback Cipher (i.e. Masonic or "Pigpen Cipher") and entered at [fbz.geocaches.org](http://fbz.geocaches.org) to reveal details of the final mission, an assignment to a highly classified sector where the "truth shall be revealed" regarding our ISA!

Operatives must find and enter all six (6) mission codewords before they can view the final mission instructions. The modus operandi for discovering hidden codewords includes (1) *reading the documentation carefully*, (2) *viewing surveillance imagery posted on the FBZ Web site*, (3) *downloading all additional cache waypoints*, and (4) *deciphering secret messages left in and around cache containers!*

Optionally, visitors can create an account on [fbz.geocaches.org](http://fbz.geocaches.org) to display their progress as they visit TSGs and successfully enter corresponding Operation Silverback codewords. Points and a special command ranking are assigned to operatives' profiles for correct submissions and other relevant operation engagements. Keep in mind codewords can be gathered in any order so you DO NOT need to visit FBZs sequentially! A proposed FBZ expedition route has been included at the end of this report (Appendix A).

#### RECOMMENDED ACTION

(a) A.P.E. hunters travelling to San Diego may be interested in exploring the following TSGs. *Most* of these locations were selectively chosen for their uniqueness and obscure appeal and are rarely visited by the typical excursionist touring Southern California. Those wishing to engage in ALL seven (7) missions should plan to dedicate at least two (2) days to their adventure.

- FBZ A.P.E. 51 (GC1E685) *Stone of the Lost Valley*
  - "Sawtooth Wilderness Sightings"
- FBZ A.P.E. 52 (GC1HJ6M) *Warlock Mine*
  - "Tabloid of Unknown Origins"
- FBZ A.P.E. 53 (GC1FWXA) *Fallen Hollows*
  - "Scarecrow Markers"
- FBZ A.P.E. 54 (GC1EW93) *Rock River Burial Mound*
  - "Hair Samples Discovered"
- FBZ A.P.E. 55 (GC1HW1G) *The Monkey's Triangle*
  - "The Forbidden City"
- FBZ A.P.E. 56 (GC1QP31) *Little Green Men*
  - "The Holy Smokes! Signal"
- FBZ A.P.E. 57 (██████████) *██████████*
  - *The Truth Shall Set You Free*

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APPENDIX A

Suggested FBZ Trip Route



(a) It is recommended A.P.E. hunters planning an FBZ engagement over a long weekend collect mission codewords in the following order. This particular route was selected to maximize operatives' exposure to scenic views in the area. Please note the dotted line represents the general direction of travel and is NOT an exact course of navigation.

- 1,2) Fallen Hollows and Rock River Burial Mound (or vice versa)
- 3) Stone of the Lost Valley
- 4) The Monkey's Triangle (multi-cache includes branch excursion)
- 5) Warlock Mine (in historic Julian, CA)
- 6) Little Green Men
- 7) ~~Starbuck and~~ **CLASSIFIED**

\*Disclaimer: Stories here and at FBZ caches are a combination of historical conjecture, anecdote and pure fiction. Any similarity to any event, group, or person living or dead is merely coincidental. Additionally, SGTF has utilized a variety of signs/stickers as props in the FBZ geocaching series. Labels or warnings (e.g. biohazard, radioactive, etc.) which are fictitious will display some form of the SGTF/Silverback moniker; all other warning signage encountered during this or any other FBZ adventure should be respected and observed as posted.

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