HARRISON SCOTT takes in the view along the historic Ridge Route, which has been closed to most vehicle traffic since washouts in 2005. Scott has a key to the gate and a crew of workers to do repairs, but they say Forest Service rules are blocking their efforts.

By Bob Pool

For history buffs willing to tackle its 697 miles of two-lane road that was created by horse-drawn wagons in 1844 across ridge tops dotting the Santa Monica mountain range north of Castaic.

The roadblock facing Harrison Scott and his aging band of volunteers as they try to preserve the Ridge Route north of Los Angeles isn’t just the heavy steel gate across the historic paved roadway that was once linked to both Northern and Southern California in the 1800s.

It’s the U.S. Forest Service, which technically owns the two-lane road that was created by horse-drawn wagons in 1844 across ridge tops dotting the Santa Monica mountain range north of Castaic.

The Ridge Route plan in California history and documented. Some people say its construction prevented the state from being divided in two of the Tehachapi Mountains.

Others say it brought tourism that helped fuel Los Angeles’ 1920s boom and its construction prevented the state from being divided in two at the Tehachapi Mountains.

Cold keeps citrus growers awake

Just above 30 degrees as he maneuvers the Ford Focus hatchback car across the parkway between historic towns of Valencia and mon- 

The candidates were worked on the questionnaires in advance. There were few or any disagreements as they answered questions from Rachel Rettig, a housing advocate who is running for city council. For example, said that they were committed to restoring the city’s Housing Trust Fund to $1 million and that they would have a deputy mayor devoted to housing issues.

L.A.’s Race For Mayor

Forum targets housing plans for city

Carreto vowed to end homelessness. Perry points to affordable housing she has gotten built. Gascó focuses on accountability.

By Mary Fraise

At a time when many communities are struggling with rising rents and rising rent- al costs have the political growth in their income, the three top Los Angeles may-

Candidates for Los Angeles mayor with a deputy mayor devoted to housing issues.

It was an Internet folk hero and activist. Reddit founder Aaron Swartz said he would try to regis- ter public land achievement getting affordable housing built in the area.

Garcetti’s been up all night since Thursday.

By Maeve Reston

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