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ON THE ROAD AGAIN

Today, with upcoming 100 deg temps, we decided to flee Redlands! For those of you who are going to follow us, as we travel about, this is the view you will see. Remember the old adage, "If you are not the lead dog, the scenery never changes,"

Dropping off the hill into Camarillo, the temp fell to a pleasant 75 deg.!

We actually turned off at the Ventura beaches and hoped to find a space along the wall. No such luck. Every space for as far as you could see was filled to the brim with motor homes, trailers, fifth wheels, etc.



This required a change in plans, so we headed to Santa Barbara and the mountains of the Los Padre National Forest, where Our Thousand Trails preserve is located. This park was almost full, even in this hot weather.

We left early, (for us) and headed to Morgan Hill. The highway 101 took us thru the Salinas Valley where the lettuce harvest was in progress. There were hundreds and hundreds of farm laborers working in the fields. The harvesters used a large machine with conveyors to move and sort the lettuce by laborers riding it and filling boxes. The pickers were in front of the machine, scrambling to cut the lettuce before the machine ran over them! I would imagine that the large majority were illegal, and would bet that Immigration turns a blind eye because of the need to harvest this huge crop.

We also passed thousands of acres of grapes grown for the wine industry. Many more acres have been planted since we have passed here before. Tonight we have stopped at our Thousand Trails, Morgan Hill preserve for a couple of nights.

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