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Friends of Nevada Wilderness 2007 Stewardship Accomplishments

The Friends of Nevada Wilderness Stewardship Program has two components – wilderness restoration and monitoring, and wilderness education. Friends organizes volunteer restoration and monitoring projects in coordination with our federal land management partners to help our wildlands heal from negative impacts such as damage caused by off-road vehicles, proliferation of invasive weeds, and lack of proper trail maintenance. Friends also helps our managing agencies with other data-collection needs such as recreational use and associated impacts. Our stewardship projects always include an educational component for our volunteers on the benefits of, and need to protect, wilderness in Nevada, along with updates to volunteers on current legislative activity concerning potential wilderness areas and ways they can get involved.

249 volunteers completed 33 projects across Nevada to make 2007 a very successful year for wilderness stewardship.



Volunteer crew © Photo by Brian Beffort

Wilderness Stewardship Program 2007 Accomplishments:

Total Number of Restoration and Monitoring Projects: 33
Total Number of Volunteers: 249
Total Volunteer Hours Benefiting Wilderness: 6,048
Total Dollar Value In-Kind Labor: \$85,193
Total Outreach Events/Educational Presentations: 21

Restoration & Monitoring Projects:

Date: January 3, 2007

Project: OHV/snowmobile monitoring

Location: Mt. Rose Wilderness and potential wilderness additions

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Snowlands Network

Number of Volunteers: 3

Volunteer Hours: 9

In-Kind Labor: \$135.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers snowshoed along the Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary and monitored illegal snowmobile intrusions into the wilderness

and adjacent non-motorized roadless area through use of GPS and photographs, and reported findings to Forest Service.

Date: January 14, 2007

Project: OHV/ snowmobile monitoring

Location: Mt. Rose Wilderness and potential wilderness additions

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Snowlands Network

Number of Volunteers: 4

Volunteer Hours: 20

In-Kind Labor: \$300.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers snowshoed along the Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary and monitored illegal snowmobile intrusions into the wilderness and adjacent non-motorized roadless area through use of GPS and photographs, and reported findings to Forest Service.

Date: January 31, 2007

Project: OHV/snowmobile monitoring

Location: Mt. Rose Wilderness and potential wilderness additions

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest and Snowlands Network

Number of Volunteers: 5

Volunteer Hours: 45

In-Kind Labor: \$675.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers snowshoed along the Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary and monitored illegal snowmobile intrusions into the wilderness and adjacent non-motorized roadless area through use of GPS and photographs, and reported findings to Forest Service.

Date: February 17, 2007

Project: OHV/ snowmobile monitoring

Location: Mt. Rose Wilderness and potential wilderness additions

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Snowlands Network

Number of Volunteers: 6

Volunteer Hours: 45

In-Kind Labor: \$660.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers snowshoed along the Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary and monitored illegal snowmobile intrusions into the wilderness and adjacent non-motorized roadless area through use of GPS and photographs, and reported findings to Forest Service.

Date: February 21-22, 2007

Project: restoring impacted site

Location: Mountain Springs, Rainbow Mountain Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Great Basin Institute

Number of Volunteers: 18

Volunteer Hours: 180

In-Kind Labor: \$2,700.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an illegal vehicle route penetrating the Rainbow Mountain Wilderness.

Date: February 24-25, 2007

Project: restoring impacted site

Location: Mormon Mountain Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 13

Volunteer Hours: 170

In-Kind Labor: \$2550.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored two areas of illegal trespass in wilderness and decommissioned an old OHV "hill climb", in the Hackberry Springs area by installing a series of check-dams to prevent erosion damage.

Date: March 3-4, 2007

Project: Route restoration and exclosure construction

Location: Black Canyon Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: US Park Service

Number of Volunteers: 12

Volunteer Hours: 94

In-Kind Labor: \$1410.00

Project Description: Volunteers constructed 1000ft of 5 wire fence to prevent continued trespass into a sensitive desert wash in wilderness.

Date: March 10-11, 2007

Project: Construction of exclosure

Location: Arrow Canyon Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 105

In-Kind Labor: \$1575.00

Project Description: Volunteers constructed an exclosure at the south end of Arrow Canyon. This exclosure was built to prevent repeated trespass into the Arrow Canyon Wilderness and help to protect the sensitive cultural resources located there.

Date: March 25, 2007

Project: recreation site inventory/visitor use monitoring

Location: Jones/Whites Creek, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Patagonia

Number of Volunteers: 5

Volunteer Hours: 40

In-Kind Labor: \$600.00

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers monitored for recreational use in the Mt. Rose Wilderness. This information contributes to meeting elements #5, #6 and #8 in the Chief's Challenge.

Date: March 28, 2007

Project: recreation site inventory/visitor use monitoring

Location: Hunter Creek, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Patagonia

Number of Volunteers: 3

Volunteer Hours: 18

In-Kind Labor: \$1,350.00

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers monitored for recreational use in the Mt. Rose Wilderness. This information contributes to meeting elements #5, #6 and #8 in the Chief's Challenge.

Date: April 7, 2007

Project: recreation site inventory/visitor use monitoring

Location: Hunter Creek, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Patagonia interns

Number of Volunteers: 2

Volunteer Hours: 10

In-Kind Labor: \$150.00

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers monitored for recreational use in the Mt. Rose Wilderness. This information contributes to meeting elements #5 and #6 in the Chief's Challenge.

Date: April 8, 2007

Project: recreation site inventory/visitor use monitoring

Location: Hunter Creek, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service and Patagonia interns

Number of Volunteers: 8

Volunteer Hours: 25.5

In-Kind Labor: \$382.50

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers monitored for recreational use in the Mt. Rose Wilderness. This information contributes to meeting elements #5 and #6 in the Chief's Challenge.

Date: May 12-13, 2007

Project: Route restoration and removal of derelict water tank

Location: Wee Pah Springs Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 184

In-Kind Labor: \$2760.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored two areas of illegal trespass in wilderness and removed a derelict water tank and trash.

Date: June 2, 2007

Project: restoring impacted site

Location: N. Fork Berry Creek, High Schells Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 128

In-Kind Labor: \$1,920.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an unnecessary two-track penetrating the High Schells Wilderness, eliminating the two-track down to a single-tread path accessible by foot and horseback only. This work contributes to meeting elements #5 and #8 in the Chief's Challenge (protecting opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation; restoring impacted sites and preventing degradation of wilderness resource).

Date: June 9, 2007

Project: restoring impacted site

Location: Timber Creek, High Schells Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Number of Volunteers: 13

Volunteer Hours: 169

In-Kind Labor: \$2,535.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an unnecessary two-track penetrating the High Schells Wilderness, eliminating the two-track down to a single-tread path accessible by foot and horseback only. This work contributes to meeting elements #5 and #8 in the Chief's Challenge (protecting opportunities for solitude or primitive and unconfined recreation; restoring impacted sites and preventing degradation of wilderness resource).

Date: June 8-9, 2007

Project: Route restoration/Elk habitat reclamation

Location: Mount Grafton Wilderness/North Creek

Agency and Other Partners: BLM/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Number of Volunteers: 7

Volunteer Hours: 80

In-Kind Labor: \$1200.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored 4 areas of illegal trespass in wilderness. These were located in areas of critical elk habitat.

Date: June 19, 2007

Project: Invasive weed/recreation site monitoring

Location: Thomas Creek, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 4

Volunteer Hours: 30

In-Kind Labor: \$450.00

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers monitored for invasive weeds and recreational use

in the Mt. Rose Wilderness. This information contributes to meeting elements #2, #5 and #6 in the Chief's Challenge.

Date: June 22-23, 2007

Project: Route restoration/Elk habitat reclamation

Location: Mount Grafton Wilderness/Robbers Roost

Agency and Other Partners: BLM/Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Number of Volunteers: 18

Volunteer Hours: 600

In-Kind Labor: \$9000.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored 5 areas of illegal trespass in wilderness. These were located in areas of critical elk habitat.

Date: July 7-8, 2007

Project: Route restoration

Location: North Black Rock Range/Lahontan Cutthroat Trout Wilderness Study Area

Agency and Other Partners: BLM/Nevada Outdoor School

Number of Volunteers: 19

Volunteer Hours: 608

In-Kind Labor: \$9120.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored 7 illegal routes in critical trout species habitat.

Date: July 11, 2007

Project: Recreation site/OHV monitoring

Location: Martis Peak area, Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 2

Volunteer Hours: 16

In-Kind Labor: \$240.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness completed a Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary survey to monitor and document recreational and OHV impacts.

Date: July 13-15, 2007

Project: Route restoration/clean-up

Location: Goshute Canyon Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 325

In-Kind Labor: \$4875.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored an area of trespass at the Goshute Cave trailhead and did general clean-up of the campsite located there.

Date: July 14, 2007

Project: High Schells Wilderness restoration

Location: S. Fork Berry Creek, High Schells Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation

Number of Volunteers: 10

Volunteer Hours: 147

In-Kind Labor: \$2,205.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an unnecessary two-track penetrating the High Schells Wilderness, eliminating the two-track down to a single-tread path accessible by foot and horseback only.

Date: July 28, 2007

Project: Trail restoration

Location: Pasco Canyon, Alta Toquima Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Great Basin Trails Alliance

Number of Volunteers: 8

Volunteer Hours: 104

In-Kind Labor: \$1,560.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers completed trail maintenance and restoration along the Pasco Canyon Trail in the Alta Toquima Wilderness.

Date: August 4, 2007

Project: Invasive weed/recreation site monitoring/trail maintenance

Location: Quinn Canyon Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 156

In-Kind Labor: \$2,340.00

Project Description: To help the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest raise its scores for wilderness according to the Chief's 10-Year Wilderness Stewardship Challenge Elements, Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers assisted the Forest Service in gathering baseline data through invasive weed, trails and recreational use monitoring. Our volunteers also completed some trail maintenance and restoration along Cherry Creek.

Date: August 10-12, 2007

Project: Route restoration and mine post removal

Location: Calico Mountains Wilderness/Black Rock Desert, High Rock Canyon, Emigrant Trail; National Conservation Area

Agency and Other Partners: BLM/Nevada Outdoor School/Friends of Black Rock High Rock

Number of Volunteers: 30

Volunteer Hours: 390

In-Kind Labor : \$1350.00

Project Description: Route restoration and removal of abandoned mine posts in wilderness.

Date: August 25, 2007

Project: Arc Dome Wilderness restoration

Location: Ophir Summit, Arc Dome Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 10

Volunteer Hours: 170

In-Kind Labor: \$2,550.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an illegal vehicle route penetrating the Arc Dome Wilderness, eliminating the two-track down to a single-tread path accessible by hikers only.

Date: August 26-September 1, 2007

Project: Dune Restoration/Burning Man

Location: Coyote Springs Dunes/ Black Rock Desert, High Rock Canyon, Emigrant Trail; National Conservation Area

Agency and Other Partners: BLM/Nevada Outdoor School/Friends of Black Rock High Rock/Earth Guardians

Number of Volunteers: 41

Volunteer Hours: 532

In-Kind Labor: \$7980.00

Project Description: Volunteers from the Burning Man Event used hand tools and vertical mulching to restore a sensitive dune and spring area on the east side of the Black Rock Playa.

Date: September 8, 2007

Project: Arc Dome Wilderness restoration

Location: N. Twin River, Arc Dome Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 9

Volunteer Hours: 138

In-Kind Labor: \$2,070.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers performed restoration work on an illegal vehicle route penetrating the Arc Dome Wilderness, eliminating the two-track down to a single-tread path accessible by foot and horseback only.

Date: September 28-30, 2007

Project: **National Public Lands Day** Route restoration and clean-up

Location: Black Rock Desert, High Rock Canyon, Emigrant Trail; National Conservation Area

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 71

Volunteer Hours: 1278

In-Kind Labor: \$19170.00

Project Description: Volunteers restored a route in High Rock Canyon to prevent further trespass into wilderness, removal of old water systems from abandoned grazing allotments.

Date: September 29, 2007

Project: **National Public Lands Day** trail restoration

Location: Trail Canyon, Boundary Peak Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service, Friends of the Inyo

Number of Volunteers: 21

Volunteer Hours: 313

In-Kind Labor: \$4,695.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers completed trail maintenance and restoration along the Trail Canyon Trail in the Boundary Peak Wilderness. Volunteers also erected barriers to protect a sensitive meadow and riparian zone from off-road vehicles.

Date: October 4-8, 2007

Project: Coalition Wilderness Rendezvous

Location: Silver Peak Wilderness Study Area/ Boundary Peak Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: Nevada Wilderness Project/ The Wilderness Society/ Campaign For Americas Wilderness

Number of Volunteers: 12

Volunteer Hours: 192

In-Kind Labor: N/A

Project Description: Wilderness monitor and advocacy training.

Date: October 19-21, 2007

Project: Route restoration and clean-up

Location: Tunnel Springs Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: BLM

Number of Volunteers: 6

Volunteer Hours: 84

In-Kind Labor: \$1260.00

Project Description: Volunteers removed trash and an old barb-wire fence from the Tunnel Springs wilderness.

Date: November 15, 2007

Project: Fire restoration/re-seeding

Location: Hunter Lake Rd., adjacent to Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 3

Volunteers Hours: 12

In-Kind Labor: \$60.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers completed restoration by seeding in a burned area near the Mt. Rose Wilderness.

Date: December 5, 2007

Project: OHV monitoring

Location: Hunter Lake Rd., Mt. Rose Wilderness

Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service

Number of Volunteers: 2

Volunteers Hours: 16

In-Kind Labor: \$240.00

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness completed a Mt. Rose Wilderness boundary survey to monitor and document recreational and OHV impacts.

Date: December 15, 2007
Project: trail maintenance
Location: Lovell Canyon, LaMadre Mountain Wilderness
Agency and Other Partners: U.S. Forest Service
Number of Volunteers: 2
Volunteers Hours: 10
In-Kind Labor: \$150.00
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness completed trail maintenance and clearing of brush for newly constructed trail in Lovell Canyon

Wilderness Educational Presentations:

Date: February 11, 2007
Event: Sierra Club CA/NV Wilderness/Desert Committee Meeting
Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: March 7, 2007
Event: Conservation Forum
Description: Presentation on Friends of Nevada Wilderness and restoration and stewardship program

Date: April 6, 2007
Event: Incline Village Rotary Club
Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: April 19, 2007
Event: Snowlands Network benefit at Patagonia Reno Outlet
Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: April 21, 2007
Event: Earth Day- Las Vegas
Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: April 22, 2007
Event: Earth Day- Reno
Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: April 26, 2007
Event: GPS Land Navigation Course
Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: May 2, 2007
Event: Coral Academy High School Environmental Science & Biology
Description: Presentations to three environmental science classes on wilderness and need for stewardship of public lands

Date: May 26, 2007
Event: Black Rock Rendezvous
Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: June 30, 2007

Event: Campfire presentation at Martis Lake Campground

Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: July 21, 2007

Event: Orvis

Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: September 4-6, 2007

Event: Washington, DC visits to Congressional Delegation offices

Description: Informal outreach/presentations to Congressional Delegation staff

Date: September 14-16, 2007

Event: Wilderness Volunteer Workshop

Description: Presentations to various conservation organizations and Region 2 Forest Service on Friends of Nevada Wilderness Stewardship Program

Date: October 4-8, 2007

Event: Wilderness Rendezvous

Description: Informal outreach/presentations to volunteers and members of Nevada Wilderness Coalition

Date: October 27-28, 2007

Event: Wilderness First Aid Course

Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: November 1, 2007

Event: Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival- Reno

Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: November 6, 2007

Event: Clark County Public Lands Bill Anniversary Party

Description: Presentation on wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: November 8, 2007

Event: Wild & Scenic Environmental Film Festival- Truckee

Description: Outreach/tabling to raise awareness of wilderness and need for stewardship

Date: November 30, 2007

Event: Friends of Nevada Wilderness Volunteer Appreciation Party

Description: Presentation on volunteers and wilderness restoration and stewardship program

Date: December 11, 2007

Event: Reno High School Environmental Science Classes

Description: Presentations to five environmental science classes on wilderness and need for stewardship of public lands

Staff Training and Certifications:

- Training Resources for the Environmental Community Stepping Up To Leadership Training. P. Bruce/A. Dykema
- Truckee Meadows Community College GPS Land Navigation Class. P. Bruce/A. Dykema
- USDA/USFS Seasonal training/ Defensive Driving/ Government Drivers License P. Bruce/A. Dykema
- Training Resources for the Environmental Community Polishing Your Presentation Skills Workshop P. Bruce/ A. Dykema
- American Red Cross Wilderness First Aid Certification P. Bruce/ A. Dykema