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# 2008 Wilderness Stewardship Program 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.



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## Snapshot Summary of 2008

Restoration and Monitoring Projects: 32  
Volunteers: 375  
Volunteer Hours Benefiting Wilderness: 7299  
Projects: 32  
Value of In-Kind Labor: \$146,567  
Outreach Events/ Educational Presentations: 19

## Restoration and Monitoring projects

**Date:** February 1-2, 2008  
**Project:** Meadow Valley Restoration  
**Location:** Meadow Valley Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM  
**Number of Volunteers:** 14  
**Volunteer Hours:** 302  
**In-Kind Labor:** \$6,275.54  
**Project Description:** Volunteers completed restoration and repair to a cherry stem road in a wash area to eliminate braided routes and establish a single defined road in the Meadow Valley Wilderness using hand tools.

**Date:** February 29- March 2, 2008

**Project:** Mormon Mountains Wilderness Restoration

**Location:** Mormon Mountains Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 10

**Volunteer Hours:** 299

**In-Kind Labor:** \$6,272.94

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers completed route rehabilitation and restoration in the Mormon Mountain Wilderness area using hand tools and methods of vertical mulching, soil de-compaction and by placing dead and down materials over the damaged area.

**Date:** March 7-9, 2008

**Project:** Mountain Springs Restoration

**Location:** Silver Peak Wilderness Study Area/ Boundary Peak Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 9

**Volunteer Hours:** 54

**In-Kind Labor:** \$1,053.54

**Project Description:** Volunteers worked to rehabilitate an area of illegal OHV trespass in the Silver Peak Wilderness Study Area using hand tools and methods of vertical mulching, soil de-compaction and by placing dead and down materials over the damaged area.

**Date:** March 28 -30, 2008

**Project:** Soldier Meadows Rehabilitation

**Location:** Black Rock / High Rock Wilderness

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

**Number of Volunteers:** 26

**Volunteer Hours:** 365

**In-Kind Labor:** \$7,440.75

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness and volunteer partners joined together to rehabilitate 2.25 miles of roads, create two gabions, dispersed 1,000 lbs of rock, transplanted 8 basalt cinquefoil plants and improved 2.25 miles of trail.

**Date:** May 2-4, 2008

**Project:** Fly Canyon Wilderness Restoration

**Location:** High Rock/ Little High Rock Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 12

**Volunteer Hours:** 285

**In-Kind Labor:** \$5,895.93

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers and volunteer partners joined together to remove one mile of barbed wire fence as well as rehabilitate an area of illegal trespass.

**Date:** May 23-26, 2008  
**Project:** Black Rock Rendezvous  
**Location:** Black Rock Wilderness  
**Agency & Other Partners:** Friends of Black Rock High Rock, Nevada Outdoor School, BLM  
**Number of Volunteers:** 28  
**Volunteer Hours:** 900  
**In-Kind Labor:** \$18,134.28  
**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness and volunteer partners joined in an event for wilderness advocacy and education as well as a restoration on the Coyote Springs Dunes and one other springhead dune which included the construction of 312 feet of buck and rail fence to prevent impacts to the dune system from illegal OHV use.

**Date:** May 31, 2008  
**Project:** Mt, Charleston- Griffith Peak Project  
**Location:** Mt. Charleston Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Volunteer Hours:** 40  
**In-Kind Labor:** \$900.26  
**Project Description:** Volunteers participated in trail maintenance on Griffith Peak trail.

**Date:** June 7, 2008  
**Project:** Mount Rose Wilderness Musk Thistle Project  
**Location:** Mount Rose Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 10  
**Volunteer Hours:** 92  
**In-Kind Labor:** \$1,986.68  
**Project Description:** Volunteers continued work from last year to remove an invasive species of musk thistle from the Hunter Creek Trail in the Mount Rose Wilderness by hand pulling and use of hand tools.

**Date:** June 14-16, 2008  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Weed Removal  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, Great Basin Institute  
**Number of Volunteers:** 10  
**Volunteer Hours:** 248  
**In-Kind Labor:** \$5,174.06  
**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers continued work to remove an invasive species of Dalmatian Toad Flax through hand pulling, removing over 29 cubic yards of the weed. Volunteers also, completed restoration and rehabilitation on one area of illegal OHV trespass.

**Date:** June 17-19, 2008  
**Project:** Tonopah Scouting Trip  
**Location:** Battle Mountain BLM Tonopah Area

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 5

**Volunteer Hours:** 60

**In-Kind Labor:** \$1,170.60

**Project Description:** Agency personal and staff scouted Tonopah area collecting data and site information for future projects in the Battle Mountain District.

**Date:** June 13-15, 2008

**Project:** Sheldon Fence Removal Project

**Location:** Sheldon Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 15

**Volunteer Hours:** 226

**In-Kind Labor:** \$4,409.26

**Project Description:** Volunteers worked to remove unnecessary barbed wire fence by hand southeast of Catnip Reservoir in the Charles Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

**Date:** June 20-22, 2008

**Project:** High Schells/ Worthington Canyon Trail Rehabilitation

**Location:** High Schells Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 5

**Volunteer Hours:** 157

**In-Kind Labor:** \$3,063.07

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers and the USFS continued trail maintenance along the Worthington Canyon Trail, snag removal, rock bar construction to stem erosion. Trail improvement was performed to repair erosion and wear.

**Date:** June 27-29, 2008

**Project:** Becky Peak Restoration

**Location:** Becky Peak Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 8

**Volunteer Hours:** 206

**In-Kind Labor:** \$4,402.58

**Project Description:** Volunteers joined with the BLM to rehabilitate and restore 4 areas of illegal OHV trespass in the Becky Peak Wilderness, with the use of hand tools and methods of vertical mulching, soil de-compaction and re-vegetation.

**Date:** July 18-20, 2008

**Project:** High Schells/ South Fork Berry Creek Restoration

**Location:** High Schells Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 6

**Volunteer Hours:** 116

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,614.72

**Project Description:** Volunteers participated in taking a two track trail down into a one track hiking trail to prevent further erosion and to prevent illegal OHV trespass.

**Date:** July 18-20, 2008

**Project:** Goshute Restoration

**Location:** Goshute Canyon Wilderness Area

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 9

**Volunteer Hours:** 244

**In-Kind Labor:** \$5,143.96

**Project Description:** Volunteers joined with the BLM to rehabilitate a one half mile area of illegal trespass by use of vertical mulch, re-vegetation, and soil de-compaction.

**Date:** July 8-9, 2008

**Project:** Highland Ridge Restoration Project One

**Location:** Highland Ridge Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 7

**Volunteer Hours:** 105

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,920.42

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness along with the Nevada Outdoor School worked to rehabilitate and restore one area of illegal OHV trespass in the Highland Ridge Wilderness.

**Date:** July 10, 2008

**Project:** Highland Ridge Restoration Project Two

**Location:** Highland Ridge Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 7

**Volunteer Hours:** 105

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,920.42

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness along with the Nevada Outdoor School worked to rehabilitate and restore 2 areas of illegal OHV trespass in the Highland Ridge Wilderness.

**Date:** July 11, 2008

**Project:** Highland Ridge Restoration Project Three

**Location:** Highland Ridge Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 7

**Volunteer Hours:** 105

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,920.42

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness along with the Nevada Outdoor School worked to construct 120 feet of post and rail fence and restored one area of illegal OHV trespass in the Highland Ridge Wilderness along the border to Great Basin National Park to prevent further trespass into the park.

**Date:** July 12-13, 2008

**Project:** Highland Ridge Restoration Project Four

**Location:** Highland Ridge Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 7

**Volunteer Hours:** 105

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,920.42

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness along with the Nevada Outdoor School worked to rehabilitate and restore 3 areas of illegal OHV trespass using hand tools and methods of vertical mulching, soil de-compaction, and re-vegetation in the Highland Ridge Wilderness.

**Date:** July 31, 2008

**Project:** Mount Rose Monitor Trip

**Location:** Mount Rose Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 3

**Volunteer Hours:** 24

**In-Kind Labor:** \$468.24

**Project Description:** Volunteer and USFS monitor trip in the Mount Rose Wilderness for survey of an invasive structure to assess the possibility of removal and the current status of the area.

**Date:** August 1-3, 2008

**Project:** Mahogany Creek LCT Project

**Location:** North Black Rock Range Wilderness/ Lahontan Cutthroat Trout WSA

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, Nevada Outdoor School

**Number of Volunteers:** 26

**Volunteer Hours:** 628

**In-Kind Labor:** \$13,163.14

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness and NOS volunteers partnered with the BLM for numerous projects including downed tree removal and the rehabilitation of areas of illegal OHV trespass. As well as, the removal of an unnecessary barbed wire fence.

**Date:** August 9, 2008

**Project:** Mount Rose Graffiti Removal

**Location:** Mount Rose Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 13

**Volunteer Hours:** 130

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,696.10

**Project Description:** Friend of Nevada Wilderness volunteers joined the USFS to remove spray paint graffiti from the Jones-Whites Creek trailhead and Church's Pond areas of the Mount Rose Wilderness.

**Date:** August 14-15, 2008

**Project:** Mount Grafton Wilderness Restoration Project One

**Location:** Mount Grafton Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 9

**Volunteer Hours:** 104

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,163.38

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness, NOS and members of the BLM completed the construction of a vehicle turn around point at the end of a cherry stem and restored a one and three quarter mile area of illegal OHV trespass.

**Date:** August 16, 2008

**Project:** Mount Grafton Wilderness Restoration Project Two

**Location:** Mount Grafton Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 9

**Volunteer Hours:** 104

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,163.38

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness, NOS, and the BLM completed the removal of 40 feet of wire fence and built a rock wall trail head in the Mount Grafton Wilderness.

**Date:** August 17-18, 2008

**Project:** Mount Grafton Wilderness Restoration Project Three

**Location:** Mount Grafton Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Nevada Outdoor School, BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 9

**Volunteer Hours:** 104

**In-Kind Labor:** \$2,163.38

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness, NOS, and the BLM completed the decommissioning of two and one quarter miles of illegal vehicular trespass and cleaned an historic cabin site.

**Date:** August 15-17, 2008

**Project:** High Schells/ Cleve Creek Restoration

**Location:** High Schells Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS

**Number of Volunteers:** 8

**Volunteer Hours:** 186

**In-Kind Labor:** \$3,940.47

**Project Description:** Volunteers participated and completed the restoration and rehabilitation for three areas of illegal OHV trespass using hand tools and methods of vertical mulching, soil de-compacting and re-vegetation in the High Schells Wilderness near Cleve Creek.

**Date:** September 12-14, 2008

**Project:** Highland Ridge Fence Project

**Location:** Highland Ridge Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM

**Number of Volunteers:** 7

**Volunteer Hours:** 220

**In-Kind Labor:** \$4,675.72

**Project Description:** Volunteers work to complete the construction of a 60 foot post and rail fence on the boundary of Highland Ridge Wilderness to prevent further trespass by OHV and illegal entrance into Great Basin National Park.

**Date:** September 19-20, 2008

**Project:** National Public Lands Day/ Pahute Peak Wilderness Project

**Location:** Pahute Peak Wilderness, North Black Rock Range

**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, NOS, Friends of Black Rock High Rock

**Number of Volunteers:** 85

**Volunteer Hours:** 1538

**In-Kind Labor:** \$30,485.78

**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers in partnership with the BLM, NOS and Friends of Black Rock High Rock work to remove thirty cubic yards of scrap metal, participated in site cleanup and trash removal and the overall demolition of an illegal structure in the Pahute Peak Wilderness. Also the restoration and rehabilitation of a one half mile area of illegal OHV trespass.

**Date:** September 27, 2008

**Project:** National Public Lands Day/ Mount Rose Wilderness Restoration Project

**Location:** Mount Rose Wilderness

**Agency and Other Partners:** Forest Service, Hill's Angels 4x4 Club

**Number of Volunteers:** 6

**Volunteer Hours:** 64

**In-Kind Labor:** \$1,408.44

**Project:** Volunteers completed the rehabilitation and restoration of one area of illegal OHV trespass and the construction of a natural barrier to protect a population of Endangered Galena Creek Rock Cress.

## Wilderness Educational Presentations

**Date:** February 6, 2008

**Event:** Conservation Forum

**Description:** Presentation on OHV use on USFS Lands

**Date:** March 25-27, 2008

**Event:** Las Vegas Wilderness Awareness Workshop

**Description:** Presentation on stewardship and wilderness awareness and ethics.

**Date:** March 8-19, 2008

**Event:** USFS Region 4 Conference

**Description:** Region-wide meeting on non-profit partnerships on Forest lands.

**Date:** April 3, 2008

**Event:** Reno South Rotary Club

**Description:** Restoration and Stewardship presentation.



**Date:** April 4, 2008

**Event:** Wild and Scenic Film Festival/ Snowlands Network /University of Nevada Academy for the Environment

**Description:** Stewardship and Restoration contact booth

**Date:** April 19, 2008

**Event:** Earth Day/ Southern Nevada.

**Description:** Outreach and information booth.

**Date:** April 20, 2008

**Event:** Earth Day/ Reno

**Description:** Outreach and information booth

**Date:** May 3, 2008

**Event:** Orvis Days, Reno

**Description:** Restoration and Stewardship presentation.

**Date:** May 10, 2008

**Event:** USFS Intensive Monitor Training

**Description:** Monitor Training

**Date:** May 26, 2008

**Event:** Black Rock Rendezvous (Gerlach, north of Reno)

**Description:** Stewardship and restoration presentation.

**Date:** June 4, 2008

**Event:** Fernley Farmers Market

**Description:** Information booth.

**Date:** June 10, 2008

**Event:** Honda Civic Music Tour/REVERB

**Description:** Information booth.

**Date:** October 23, 2008

**Event:** University Of Nevada, Reno

**Description:** Information booth.

**Date:** November 21, 2008

**Event:** Patagonia Presentation

**Description:** Restoration and Stewardship program presentation to Patagonia employees.

**Date:** December 4, 2008

**Event:** Snowlands Winter Film Festival

**Description:** Information booth

**Date:** December 5, 2008

**Event:** Holiday Mixer

**Description:** Restoration and Stewardship/ program accomplishment presentation.

## Staff Training and Certification

April 15, 2008 American Red Cross First Aid/CPR. P. Bruce/ W. Hoskins

September 7-10, 2008 Wilderness Week, Washington DC Staff and volunteer training. P. Bruce/ W. Hoskins/ S.Britschgi

November 7-12, 2008 Leave No Trace Training/ Grand Canyon Arizona One staff and one volunteer received Master Educator certification through LNT training with the goal at providing further outdoor ethics training and promoting the responsible use of public lands. W. Hoskins/ S. Britschgi

2008 USFS/ BLM Seasonal training/Defensive Driving/ Government Drivers License Staff and volunteer training. W. Hoskins/ B. Beffort/ S. Britschgi