

Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Stewardship Program Accomplishments 2011



SUMMARY

Total Restoration Projects: 63 **Total Number of Monitoring Projects:** 72
Total Volunteers: 890 **Total Volunteer Hours:** 10,528
Total In-Kind Labor: \$224,878.08
Total Number of Outreach/Educational Events: 47

Stewardship Projects:

January 8

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness: Lovell Canyon Cleanup – USFS, SH Architecture, Public Lands Institute, Zappos.com

Total Volunteers: 18 Total Volunteer Hours: 156 Total In-Kind Labor: \$3,770

Description: Volunteers picked up 32 cubic yards of trash and litter from Lovell Canyon.

January 15

La Madre Wilderness: Lovell Canyon Cleanup– USFS, PLI, GBI, Zappos.com

Total Volunteers: 19 Total Volunteer Hours: 156 Total In-Kind Labor: \$3,772

Description: Volunteers repaired 239 feet of vehicle trespass and removed several yards of trash.

January 17

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness: USFS Road 922 – USFS

Total Volunteers: 34 Total Volunteer Hours: 228 Total In-Kind Labor: \$4,870

Description: Volunteers repaired 336 feet of vehicle trespass and removed one yard of trash.

February 21

Desert National Wildlife Refuge - USFWS

Total Volunteers: 4 Total Volunteer Hours: 56 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,275

Description: Volunteers removed 660 feet of sheep fence from the DNWR.

March 5

Desert National Wildlife Refuge – USFWS

Total Volunteers: 4 Total Volunteer Hours: 60 Total in-Kind Labor: \$1,367

Description: Volunteers removed 100 feet of 10' tall, heavy-duty sheep fence from the DNWR.

March 6

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness: USFS

Total Volunteers: 2 Total Volunteer Hours: 16 Total In-Kind Labor: \$427

Description: Volunteers marked trail for restoration and identified drainage features for future trail work.

March 7

Mount Charleston Wilderness - Lee Canyon - USFS

Total Volunteers: 1 Total Volunteer Hours: 8 Total In-Kind Labor: \$171

Description: A volunteer gathered and cleared downed trees over trail.

March 13

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness: USFS

Total Volunteers: 50 Total Volunteer Hours: 400 Total In Kind Labor: \$8,544

Description: Volunteers converted 457.5 meters of road to a single track hiking trail.

March 13 - 19

Desert National Wildlife Refuge – USFWS, UNR – an alternative spring break project

Total Volunteers: 30 Total Volunteer Hours: 1326 Total In-Kind Labor: \$31,128

Description: Volunteers removed and packed out three miles, 2,920 feet of 10' high heavy duty fence located in extremely steep country in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge.

March 18

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Deer Creek – USFS

Total Volunteers: 3 Total Volunteer Hours: 8 Total In Kind Labor: \$171

Description: Volunteers removed a illegal structure from the Deer Creek area.

March 18

Desert National Wildlife Refuge – USFWS

Total Volunteers: 1 Total Volunteer Hours: 8 Total In Kind Labor: \$171

Description: Volunteers and FWS staff researched further work projects in the refuge.

April 23

Rainbow Mountain Wilderness: Mountain Springs– USFS, Wells Fargo employees

Total Volunteers: 11 Total Volunteer Hours: 76 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,623

Description: Restoration of illegal OHV trespass.

April 30

Desert National Wildlife Refuge

Total Volunteers: 13 Total Volunteer Hours: 75 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,602

Description: Volunteers removed invasive weeds from Corn Creek.

May 7

Spring Mountains NRA: National Trails Day – USFS, Zappos.com, Spring Mountain Youth Camp

Total Volunteers: 32 Total Volunteer Hours: 138 Total In-Kind Labor: \$2,948

Description: Volunteers participated in the Spring Mountains Spring Cleaning Day of Service.

May 14

Mount Rose Wilderness: Hunter Creek– USFS

Total Volunteers: 14 Total Volunteer Hours: 124 Total In-Kind Labor: \$2,649

Description: Volunteers continues to work on eradicating invasive musk thistle in the Hunter Creek Trail Area - 6000 plants pulled.

May 21

Mount Charleston Wilderness portal: USFS

Total Volunteers: 2 Total Volunteer Hours: 20 Total In-Kind Labor: \$427

Description: Volunteers helped to clean up Mary Jane Falls.

May 25

Mount Rose Wilderness: Hunter Creek – USFS, UNR Literature and the Environment

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer Hours: 75 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,602

Description: Volunteers continued to work on eradicating invasive musk thistle in the Hunter Creek Trail Area - 2000 plants pulled.

May 28 - 31

Calico Mountain Wilderness: Road Rehab – Black Rock Rendezvous - BLM

Total Volunteers: 5 Total Volunteer Hours: 180 Total In-Kind Labor: \$4,100

Description: Volunteers worked on rehabilitating an area of OHV trespass leading to the Calico Cave. Volunteers also installed three posts to prevent additional OHV trespass.

May 28 - 31

Calico Mountain Wilderness: Mormon Dan – Black Rock Rendezvous - BLM

Total Volunteers: 10 Total Volunteer Hours: 320 Total In-Kind Labor: \$7,345

Description: Volunteers worked with the BLM to install 80 feet of buck and rail fence at a sensitive dune area just off the Black Rock Desert near Mormon Dan.

June 3

Santa Rosa Ranger District - Lye Creek – USFS

Total Volunteers: 5 Total Volunteer Hours: 103 Total In-Kind Labor: \$2,471

Description: Volunteers helped to restore trails near Lye Creek. Additionally, volunteers cleaned out 5 fire rings and pulled weeds around the campground.

June 4

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Cold Creek – USFS, REI, UNLV

Total Volunteers: 25 Total Volunteer Hours: 210 Total In-Kind Labor: \$4,633

Description: Volunteers helped to improve trail conditions on the Bonanza Trail.

June 5 – 6

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - USFWS, NDOW, Friends of Nevada Wilderness Fence Crew

Total Volunteers: 40 Total Volunteer Hours: 485 Total In-Kind Labor: \$10,356

Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness, NDOW and the USFWS constructed two enclosure fences over two days to protect sensitive spring areas.

June 11

Mount Rose Wilderness: Hunter Creek – USFS, UNR Future Scholars Program

Total Volunteers: 2 Total Volunteer Hours: 22 Total In-Kind Labor: \$470

Description: Volunteers continued to work on eradicating invasive musk thistle in the Hunter Creek Trail Area - 1000 plants pulled.

June 21

Spring Mountains NRA: Lee Canyon– USFS, Zappos.com, KEEN

Total Volunteers: 101 Total Volunteer Hours: 500 Total In-Kind Labor: \$10,680

Description: Volunteers from KEEN Zappos worked on several projects at Lee Canyon (removing dead brush for trails, painting, sign repair).

June 21 – 22

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - FNW Fence Crew and Nevada Department of Wildlife

Total Volunteers: 5 Total Volunteer Hours: 40 Total In-Kind Labor: \$854

Description: Volunteers help to complete work on one spring exclosure fence to protect riparian area.

June 23 – 24

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge – Oregon Natural Desert Association (ONDA), and FNW Fence Crew

Total Volunteers: 15 Total Volunteer Hours: 100 Total In-Kind Labor: \$2,136

Description: Volunteers helped to remove over a mile of fence from the Badger Campground area of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

June 24

Mount Rose Wilderness: Hunter Creek – USFS, UNR

Total Volunteers: 6 Total Volunteer Hours: 88 Total In-Kind Labor: &1,910

Description: Volunteers from the UNR Americorp Vista Program helped to remove invasive weeds from the Hunter Creek area.

June 24 – 26

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - USFWS, FNW, ONDA, Fence Crew

Total Volunteers: 35 Total Volunteer Hours: 621 Total In-Kind Labor:\$13,264

Description: Volunteers helped to remove over three miles of fence from five areas of the south-west part of Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

July 6

Spring Mountains NRA: Pine Creek – USFS, Youth group

Total Volunteers: 153 Total Volunteer Hours: 456 Total In-Kind Labor: \$9,740

Description: Litter cleanup on Mount Charleston with Camp Stimpson girl's youth and family camp.

July 7 – 11

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge – FNW Fence Crew and ONDA

Total Volunteers: 10 Total Volunteer hours: 312 Total In-Kind Labor: \$8,250

Description: Volunteers helped to remove six miles of fence around the Fish Springs Campground area of the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

July 14 - 18

Santa Rosa Wilderness: Summit Trail, USFS

Total Volunteers: 6 Total Volunteer Hours: 220 Total In-Kind Labor: \$5,158

Description: Volunteers scouted trail for conditions and maintenance needs for future project work.

July 12

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Summit - USFS

Total Volunteers: 1 Total Volunteer Hours: 8 Total In-Kind Labor: \$171

Description: A volunteer assisted the USFS with replacement of Mount Charleston repeater.

July 20

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Bonanza Trail – USFS

Total Volunteers: 1 Total Volunteer Hours: 8 Total In-Kind Labor: \$172

Description: A volunteer assisted the USFS in removing downed trees from the trail.

July 21

Table Mountain Wilderness: Mosquito Creek - USFS

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer Hours: 248 Total In-Kind Labor: \$5,705

Description: Volunteers worked on maintaining a wilderness trail at Mosquito Creek.

July 22 – 24

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - FNW Fence Crew and volunteers

Total Volunteers: 17 Total Volunteer Hours: 306 Total In-Kind Labor: \$8,250

Description: Volunteers helped to remove over 1.5 miles of fence from the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge near the southwest border.

July 29 - 31

Mount Rose Wilderness: Hunter Creek Trail - USFS

Total Volunteers: 1 Total Volunteer Hours: 7 Total In-Kind Labor: \$139

Description: A volunteer installed signs at the top of Hunter Creek Trail.

August 12 – 14

Table Mountain Wilderness: Barley Creek Trail – USFS

Total Volunteers: 6 Total Volunteer Hours: 68 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,452

Description: Volunteers helped to maintain the Barley Creek Trail.

August 21

Mount Charleston Wilderness: South Loop Trail to Griffith Peak – USFS

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer hours: 77 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,559

Description: Volunteers hiked up to Griffith Peak to collect seeds with biologists for future rehabilitation.

August 21 – September 5

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Griffith Peak Re-route – USFS, REI, Friends of Red Rock Canyon, Around the Bend Friends, Las Vegas Mountaineers

Total Volunteers: 25 Total Volunteer Hours: 443 Total In-Kind Labor: \$9,462

Description: Volunteers helped to re-route a trail to Griffith Peak to protect the Mt. Charleston Blue butterfly.

August 26 – 28

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - FNW Fence Crew and Volunteers

Total Volunteers: 18 Total Volunteer Hours: 344 Total In-Kind Labor: \$9,306

Description: Volunteers helped to remove over 1.5 miles of fence from two different locations the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge near the south-east border and helped to install 45 signs along border fence.

September 8 – 10

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge - FNW Fence Crew and ONDA

Total Volunteers: 10 Total Volunteer Hours: 216 Total In Kind Labor: \$4,641

Description: Volunteers helped to remove over 2.5 miles of fence from the Little Sheldon area of the Sheldon National Wildlife refuge.

September 16 - 18

Black Rock NCA: National Public Lands Day – BLM, FBRHR, Desert Survivors, Mountain View Montessori

Total Volunteers: 50 Total Volunteer Hours: 540 Total In-Kind Labor: \$14,084

Description: Volunteers worked in three groups to: a) clean up the KTM Camp Ground, b) rehabilitate a 1/4 –mile route in the Calico Mountains and c) complete construction on a buck and rail fence around dune, and remove rubbish from an old mine site.

September 23 - 25

Santa Rosa Wilderness: National Public Lands Day – Abel Creek, USFS

Total Volunteers: 9 Total Volunteer Hours: 224 Total In-Kind Labor: \$5,744.64

Description: Volunteers spent the weekend doing trail maintenance on the Abel Creek connector to the Summit Trail.

October 8 - 20

Santa Rosa Wilderness: Summit Trail – USFS

Total Volunteers: 3 Total Volunteer Hours: 92 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,965

Description: Volunteers spent the weekend clearing 33 trees that fell across the Summit Trail to help maintain access and good trail conditions.

October 14 - 16

Black Rock NCA: Soldier Meadows – BLM

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer Hours: 320 Total In-Kind Labor: \$6,835

Description: Volunteers helped rebuild a multi-user group cabin in the Soldier Meadows area by installing new windows, replacing a stove pipe and flagstone, rebuilding an attached shed, painting and shingle work.

November 11 - 13

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge – USFWS

Total Volunteers: 3 Total Volunteer Hours: 44 Total in-Kind Labor: \$940

Description: Volunteers cut and stacked firewood at the Little Sheldon house for winter and spring use for volunteers.

November 19

Desert National Wildlife Refuge: Corn Creek – USFWS, Friends of the Desert Refuge

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer Hours: 28 Total In-Kind Labor: \$598

Description: Volunteers worked with USFWS and to plant native species at Corn Creek to improve habitat for birds.

November 20

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Fletcher Bench Trail - USFS

Total Volunteers: 7 Total Volunteer Hours: 56 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,196

Description: Volunteers cleared brush and graded the trail tread on the Fletcher Bench Trail.

November 27

Mount Charleston Wilderness: Fletcher Bench Trail - USFS

Total Volunteers: 10 Total Volunteer Hours: 80 Total In-Kind Labor: \$1,709

Description: Volunteers cleared brush, pruned shrubs and graded the Fletcher Bench Trail.

December 3 - 5

Black Rock NCA: Soldier Meadows - BLM

Total Volunteers: 3 Total Volunteer Hours: 38 Total In-Kind Labor: \$812

Description: Volunteers worked with the BLM to complete repair work on Soldier Meadows Cabin.