



# Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Spring 2010

# wilder Nevada!



Philip DeManczuk

**T**he future for wildlife and backcountry explorers brightened recently, when 14,800 acres of private parcels became public, thanks to funding from real estate sales in southern Nevada, a generous willing seller, the BLM and determined conservationists.

The Home Camp parcels comprise mostly springs, wet meadows and streams in an around the Wall

Canyon Wilderness Study Area, an hour northwest of Gerlach. This acquisition comes on the heels of a similar purchase of 17,000 acres in the Granite Range last year.

With these parcels now public and free from the threat of development, public access is ensured, and our volunteers can work with the BLM to enhance these critical oases. You can help. See pages 3 and 4.

## Caring for Wild Places

Snow in the mountains hasn't stopped Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers from healing wilderness on Mt. Charleston.

On March 7, 20 volunteers erased vehicle scars and restored habitat in Lovell Canyon.

"I feel really good that we did this," said Pam Maranan. "Everyone needs to be more aware of the wild. We need to take care of it. We can't take it for granted."

"Even though we did a small part out here in nature, we made a big difference," said Kevin Chong.

### Good News for Sage Grouse

Senator Reid recently pledged \$16 million to help Nevada's sage-grouse, whose populations are struggling. Friends volunteers will be involved in projects soon.



### WALKIN' JIM STOLTZ COMES TO RENO!

7pm, Saturday, April 17, 2010

Maytan Music, 777 South Center St., 89501

Tickets are \$15, available at Sundance Books, Maytan Music, or by calling (775) 324-7667.

More information at [www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org)

*Proceeds benefit Nevada's wild places!*

### FRIENDS' POTLUCK PICNIC

Enjoy spring and good company!

Saturday, April 10, 10am to 2pm  
Paradise Park. 4775 McLeod Dr.  
Las Vegas. RSVP to (775) 745-3119.



# Wild Contenders

## OUR MISSION

*Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified Nevada public lands as wilderness, protecting all present and potential wilderness from ongoing threats, educating the public about the values of — and need for — wilderness, and improving the management and restoration of wild lands.*

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Several efforts are underway in Nevada to help long-term protection of our wilderness resources. Friends works with a variety of stakeholders to conserve the important natural, cultural and recreational wonders these places hold. What we do today makes a difference for tomorrow.



**SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE.** As the Sheldon prepares to release a draft management plan, Friends is working with groups from the Sierra Club to the Safari Club International to save the Sheldon from uranium mines, to restore wetlands and native plant communities, and identify areas for possible wilderness designation.

**GOLD BUTTE.** Public meetings are helping Clark County residents strike a balance between conservation and motorized activities in Nevada's piece of the Grand Canyon puzzle.

**BURBANK CANYONS.** Douglas County (Minden and Gardnerville) is working to conserve their natural resources and rural quality of life legislatively. Friends is working with Douglas residents to give Burbank Canyons WSA the Congressional protection it deserves.

**PINE FOREST RANGE.** Folks in Humboldt County have long enjoyed the high lakes and cool forests of Alder Creek and Blue Lakes Wilderness Study Areas. Friends is working with Trout Unlimited and



**TOP:** Kurt Kuznicki explores the Sheldon Refuge.

**ABOVE:** Ancient petroglyphs in Gold Butte.

**Left:** Bear claw marks on aspen in Burbank Canyons WSA. *Photos by Brian Beffort.*

other fellow Nevadans to protect these fragile natural gems for everyone, forever.



If you live near these areas or know them well, call us at (775) 324-7667. You can make a difference!





The man, the legend — Bill James.

Kurt Kuznicki

# Volunteers

## Make the Difference!



The wild women of Mt. Charleston.

Kurt Kuznicki



### Pikas Love Volunteers!

Last year, 70 volunteers pulled fence, installed signs and restored habitat on the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge. This year, the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service leveraged those volunteer hours to receive funding to study pika on the Sheldon, helping to understand pika genetics and population resiliency in the face of climate change.

**A**fter a long, cold winter, it's time to get outside and join other great people to keep the wild in Nevada's Wild West! Here are ways you can help. Call (775) 324-7667 for details.

#### SERVICE TRIPS

Explore wild Nevada, meet great people, and make a difference you can see and feel. See trips next page.

#### FIELD RESEARCH

Hike, camp and give back at the same time.

- With more than 30,000 acres of newly acquired lands in the Granite Range, Wall Canyon WSA and elsewhere in NW Nevada, the BLM needs volunteers to photograph and assess the health of 100s of springs

and streams. Friends and the BLM will offer a free training at the Black Rock Rendezvous on Memorial Day weekend. Please RSVP. ● The Forest Service needs people to collect data about trailheads, visitor use and noxious weeds on Mt. Rose. Call for details.

#### WILDERNESS RANGERS

Revel in the towering cliffs and cool forests of Mt. Charleston, as you help the Forest Service keep the Spring Mountains wild and beautiful while sharing with visitors the wonders of Nevada's wild heritage.

#### PUBLIC OUTREACH

Meet people and help wild places without leaving town. Help Friends staff information tables at upcoming events.



Jennice Rodriguez proves that "drill, baby, drill!" can be good for wilderness. *Brian Beffort*

#### WILDERNESS JOBS

Federal recovery funds have come to Nevada. Friends is offering two seasonal positions, helping the Forest Service gather data and meet the public in Mt. Rose and Mt. Charleston. Call Wes for details at (775) 324-7667.

# Upcoming events and restoration trips

**Friends' Potluck Picnic.** April 10. Paradise Park in Las Vegas, 10am-2pm. Call Kurt at (775) 745-3119.

**Walkin' Jim Stoltz.** April 17, at 7pm. Maytan Music, 777 S. Center, Reno. The wild Troubadour returns!

**Earth Day.** April 25. Idlewild Park, Reno. 9a-5p.

**Central Nevada Exploration** May 10-15. Car camp, hike and explore in Fandango, Morey Peak, Table Mtn. and the Grant/Quinn Range.

**Spring Mountains Spring Cleaning** May 15. Join Friends as we spruce up Mt. Charleston. Call (775) 745-3119.

**Black Rock Rendezvous.** May 28-31. Information, fun and restoration in the

Black Rock NCA. Family friendly. Discounts for Friends members.

**Leave No Trace Backpacking** June 4-6. Santa Rose-Paradise Peak Wilderness. Become an LNT trainer with master trainers Wes and Jen.

**National Trails Day.** June 5. Mt. Charleston. Join Friends and the Forest Service as we clean up Spring Mtn trails.

**Brits in the Wild.** June 2-8. A week with British Trust for Conservation Volunteers in Eastern Nevada.

**Arc Dome Sign and Summit.** June 11-13. Join Wes to install trailhead posters, then take a hike in the beautiful Toiyabes.

**2nd Annual Sheldon Rendezvous.** June 25-27. A weekend of fun and service in

the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

**Brits in the Wild.** July 14-19. A week with BTCV and Friends in Eastern NV.

**Lahontan Cutthroat Trout WSA.** July 23-25. Fence removal in the northern Black Rock Range.

**Lahontan Cutthroat Trout WSA.** Aug. 13-15. Family friendly activities, aspen and soaring views in the North Black Rock Range.

**National Public Lands Day.** Black Rock Desert. Sept. 17-19. Education, fellowship and restoration. Family friendly.

Most restoration trips are free. Please RSVP, so we can make food, tool and travel arrangements.

To RSVP or sign up for alerts, send an email to [fnw@nevadawilderness.org](mailto:fnw@nevadawilderness.org), or call (775) 324-7667. Updated schedules are posted at [www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org)

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