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Trail Crew Begins Work on Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail 30 miles of trail to receive maintenance this year

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June 2012 – Friends of Nevada Wilderness is embarking on a 2-year trail maintenance project in partnership with the Austin/Tonopah Ranger District to improve the access and safety of popular hiking trails on the Humboldt-Toiyabe Forest.

This summer, a crew of six will focus on the Toiyabe Crest National Recreation Trail. Measuring 72 miles, it's the longest non-motorized trail in Nevada and takes hikers along a ridgeline 11,000 feet above sea level. The trail was built by the Civilian Conservation Corps in the 1930s, and sees hundreds of explorers, day-hikers, and backpackers annually. It is also used by ranchers to access grazing allotments, and is a popular trail for hunters in the fall.

The work of the crew is especially important as the District hosts over 200 miles of trails, with many trails in dire need of routine maintenance.

The crew will spend much of their time clearing the trail corridor of downed vegetation and sagebrush, as well as repairing eroded sections of the trail. This year, the crew will be shooting to take care of 30 miles of the Toiyabe Crest Trail.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Ranger District have been working together to care for the Toiyabe Crest Trail since 2009, according to Steve Williams, the District Ranger for Austin/Tonopah.

“The collaborative effort between us and Friends is a key way for us to ensure these lands are properly cared for so that future generations will enjoy the many benefits the District has to offer,” Steve said.

This work would not be possible without the generous support of the White Pine/Nye County Resource Advisory Committee, the Nevada State Recreational Trails Program (RTP), and the National Forest Foundation.

Get a taste of trail life by joining the crew for a weekend! Upcoming trips include a weekend working on trails in the Arc Dome Wilderness August 3-5, plus other opportunities to volunteer in wild Nevada! Visit www.NevadaWilderness.org or email Wes Hoskins at Wes@NevadaWilderness.org for more information and trip details.

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