Friend of Nevada Wilderness

Stewardship Program Accomplishments 2009

Total Number of Projects: 47
Total Number of Monitoring Projects: 53
Total Number of Outreach/ Educational Events: 30
Total Volunteers: 474
Total Volunteer Hours: 7,796
Total In-Kind Labor: $157,442

Stewardship Projects 2009:

Date: March 13-15, 2009
Project: Rosachi Ranch Restoration
Location: East Fork Walker River
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 14
Volunteer Hours: 300
In-Kind Labor: $5,850
Project Description: Volunteers completed the removal of 500 feet of barbed wire fence and 10 steel posts as well as the removal of a debris tangle in a nearby creek, trail maintenance, and native grass sewing on the East fork of the Walker River near Rosachi Ranch.

Date: March 31, 2009
Project: Fly Canyon Restoration
Location: High Rock Canyon Wilderness
Agency and Other Partners: BLM
Number of Volunteers: 23
Volunteer Hours: 410
In-Kind Labor: $8,315
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers participated in the restoration of a two track trespass into a one track trail and the removal of a one mile section of barbed wire fence in Fly Canyon.
Date: May 1 – 3, 2009  
**Project:** High Rock Lake Restoration  
**Location:** High Rock Lake Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM  
**Number of Volunteers:** 10  
**Volunteer Hours:** 100  
**In-Kind Labor:** ???  
**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BLM and the Nevada Outdoor School continued to work on the removal of a barbed wire fence in the High Rock Lake Wilderness area.

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Date: May 22 - 25, 2009  
**Project:** Black Rock Rendezvous Coyote Springs Dune Project  
**Location:** Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, NOS, FBRHR  
**Number of Volunteers:** 32  
**Volunteer Hours:** 501  
**In-Kind Labor:** $10,298  
**Project Description:** Volunteers worked to construct 400 feet of buck and rail fence to protect the delicate Coyote Spring Dune system, as well as restore areas of illegal OHV trespass and cleaned up litter around the dunes.

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Date: May 22 - 25, 2009  
**Project:** Black Rock Rendezvous Fly Canyon Fence Removal  
**Location:** Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, NOS, FBRHR  
**Number of Volunteers:** 13  
**Volunteer Hours:** 180  
**In-Kind Labor:** $3,862  
**Project Description:** Volunteers worked to remove one quarter mile of unnecessary barbed wire fence using hand tools from Fly Canyon.

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Date: June 18-22, 2009  
**Project:** Pasco Canyon Trail Maintenance  
**Location:** Alta Toquima  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Volunteer Hours:** 158  
**In-Kind Labor:** $3,199.50  
**Project Description:** Six volunteers with Friends of Nevada Wilderness along with the Austin-Tonopah Ranger District maintained four miles of trail corridor in Pasco Canyon, a multi-use trail going into the Alta Toquima Wilderness Area. The project was scheduled to finish on the 22nd but a massive thunderstorm began Friday night and did not let-up until mid Saturday morning so the work was cut short. We will re-visit the area later this summer.

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Date: June 19-21  
**Project:** Sheldon Rendezvous  
**Location:** Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFWS, SC,  
**Number of Volunteers:** 72  
**Volunteer Hours:** 1222
**In-Kind Labor:** $24,745.50  
**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Sierra Club, Life More Natural, Desert Survivors, USFWS Stillwater Refuge Staff, Trout Unlimited and other organization volunteers participated in the first ever Sheldon NWR Rendezvous. Volunteers camped out at the Virgin Valley campgrounds Friday night and headed off to one of the 9 project sites Saturday morning. Volunteers successfully removed six miles of barbed wire fence, posted fourteen miles of boundary signs, and repaired an exclosure fence.

**Date:** June 24-25, 2009  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Weed Removal  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 7  
**Volunteer Hours:** 140  
**In-Kind Labor:** $2,890  
**Project Description:** FNW along with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers continued work to remove an invasive species of Dalmatian Toad Flax through hand pulling, removing over 40 cubic feet of the weed.

**Date:** June 26, 2009  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Weed Removal  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 7  
**Volunteer Hours:** 84  
**In-Kind Labor:** $1,838  
**Project Description:** FNW along with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers continued work to remove an invasive species of Dalmatian Toad Flax through hand pulling of the weed, removing over 20 cubic feet of the weed.

**Date:** June 27, 2009  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Fence Construction  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 7  
**Volunteer Hours:** 84  
**In-Kind Labor:** $1,838  
**Project Description:** FNW along with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers constructed a 100 foot post and rail fence using hand tools at the end of a cherry stem in the Parsnip Peak Wilderness to prevent further OHV trespass.
Date: June 28, 2009  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Fence Construction and Route Restoration  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 5  
**Volunteer Hours:** 84  
**In-Kind Labor:** $1,838  
**Project Description:** FNW along with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers continued construction on 100 feet of post and rail fence hand tools at the end of a cherry stem in the Parsnip Peak Wilderness to prevent further OHV trespass. Volunteers also naturalized over ¼ mile of trespass in the area surrounding the trespass with boulders and other dead and down material to deter OHV trespass along with turning a two track trespass into a single track hiking trail into the wilderness area.

Date: June 29-30, 2009  
**Project:** Parsnip Peak Weed Removal  
**Location:** Parsnip Peak Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 7  
**Volunteer Hours:** 180  
**In-Kind Labor:** $3,780  
**Project Description:** FNW along with the British Trust for Conservation Volunteers continued work to remove an invasive species of Dalmatian Toad Flax through hand pulling of the weed, removing over 22 cubic feet of the weed.

Date: June 25-28th, 2009  
**Project:** Jett Canyon  
**Location:** Austin/Tonopah Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Volunteer Hours:** 140  
**In-Kind Labor:** $2,835  
**Project Description:** FNW volunteers along with the Austin/Tonopah Ranger District hiked into Jett Canyon and moved the wilderness boundary 107 meters forward along the cherry stem in order to limit social spurs. They also decommissioned one, two-track road into a single track.

Date: July 24 – 25, 2009  
**Project:** Mount Grafton  
**Location:** Mount Grafton  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Volunteer Hours:** 134  
**In-Kind Labor:** $2,713.50  
**Project Description:** Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by removing approximately 22 feet of old culvert using hand tools and carrying outside wilderness boundary to dispose of properly.

Date: July 26, 2009  
**Project:** Mount Grafton  
**Location:** Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 72
In-Kind Labor: $1,458
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by removing approximately 11 feet of old culvert using hand tools and carrying outside wilderness boundary to dispose of properly.

Date: July 27, 2009
Project: Mount Grafton
Location: Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 72
In-Kind Labor: $1,458
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by removing approximately 17 feet of old culvert using hand tools and carrying outside wilderness boundary to dispose of properly.

Date: July 28, 2009
Project: Mount Grafton
Location: Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 72
In-Kind Labor: $1,458
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by reseeding approximately four miles of a previously closed illegal trespass by hand.

Date: July 29, 2009
Project: Mount Grafton
Location: Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 72
In-Kind Labor: $1,458
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by reseeding approximately one mile of a previously closed illegal trespass by hand and de-limbing and delineating 1 mile of an alternative route to the wilderness boundary to prevent trespass and social trails.

Date: July 30, 2009
Project: Mount Grafton
Location: Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 72
In-Kind Labor: $1,458
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by de-limbing and delineating 1.5 mile of an alternative route to the wilderness boundary to prevent trespass and social trails by use of hand tools.

Date: July 31 – August 1, 2009
Project: Mount Grafton
Location: Mount Grafton
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, BTCV
Number of Volunteers: 6
Volunteer Hours: 134
In-Kind Labor: $2,713.50

Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the BTCV working through NOS continued work to rehabilitate the North Creek area in the Mount Grafton Wilderness by de-limbing and delineating 2 miles of an alternative route to the wilderness boundary to prevent trespass and social trails by use of hand tools.

Date: July 31, 2009
Project: Kingston Canyon
Location: Toiyabe Range
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 9
Volunteer Hours: 96
In-Kind Labor: $1,939.20
Project Description: Volunteers hiked in approximately 5 miles on the Toiyabe Crest Trail and lopped on their way back, clearing approximately 1.2 Miles or trail using hand tools.

Date: August 1, 2009
Project: Kingston Canyon
Location: Toiyabe Range
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 9
Volunteer Hours: 96
In-Kind Labor: $1,939.20
Project Description: Volunteers placed two Toiyabe Crest Trail markers at Equestrian Trailhead while another was places at the hikers trailhead and two more were hiked in 4 miles to the TCT and placed along the TCT. Volunteers also cleared 1.25 miles of trail and shaped 600 feet of tread.

Date: August 2, 2009
Project: Kingston Canyon
Location: Toiyabe Range
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 9
Volunteer Hours: 96
In-Kind Labor: $1,939.20
Project Description: Volunteers cleared approximately 1.25 miles of trail corridor through meadows and shaped 500 feet of tread along the Toiyabe Crest Trail near Kingston Canyon.
Date: August 7 - 9, 2009  
**Project:** Mahogany Creek Fence Project  
**Location:** North Black Rock Range Lahontan Cutthroat Trout WSA  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM, NOS, BTCV  
**Number of Volunteers:** 15  
**Volunteer Hours:** 270  
**In-Kind Labor:** $5,872.50  
**Project Description:** Volunteers along with the BLM, NOS, and BTCV removed approximately 2 miles of unneeded barbed-wire fence from an archeological site to prevent drawing attention to the sensitive cultural area.

Date: August 14 - 16, 2009  
**Project:** Columbine Stewart Trail Maintenance  
**Location:** Toiyabe Range, Arc Dome Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 3  
**Volunteer Hours:** 76  
**In-Kind Labor:** $1,744.06  
**Project Description:** Volunteers hiked 3 miles to the TCT/Arc Dome junction and installed two directional markers. They cleared the trail of rocks and overgrown brush three miles back down the trail.

Date: August 20 - 23, 2009  
**Project:** Kolcheck Trail Project  
**Location:** High Schells Wilderness  
**Agency and Other Partners:** USFS  
**Number of Volunteers:** 21  
**Volunteer Hours:** 264  
**In-Kind Labor:** $5,346  
**Project Description:** On the 21st volunteers dug out two 3 foot holes in which a large kiosk would be placed. On Saturday volunteers placed the kiosk. Built two 20-foot sections of buck and pole fencing, and restored approximately 100 feet of road through revegetation and vertical mulching.

Date: August 21 - 23, 2009  
**Project:** Knott Creek  
**Location:** Alder Creek WSA  
**Agency and Other Partners:** BLM  
**Number of Volunteers:** 6  
**Volunteer Hours:** 184  
**In-Kind Labor:** $3,726  
**Project Description:** Volunteers revisited an area of illegal OHV trespass to continue restoration work. Using hand tools, vertical mulching and soil decompacting, volunteers restored 1/2 mile of trespass to its natural state.

Date: September 3, 2009  
**Project:** Griffith Peak Campfire Removal  
**Location:** Griffith Peak  
**Agency and Other Partners:** United States Forest Service  
**Number of Volunteers:** 5  
**Volunteer Hours:** 32
In-Kind Labor: $648
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers removed eight campfire rings from the top of Griffith Peak to protect ancient Bristlecone pine trees. Six cubic yards of trash were removed from the Wilderness area.

Date: September 16, 2009
Project: Fletcher Canyon Graffiti Removal
Location: Fletcher Canyon
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 4
Volunteer Hours: 24
In-Kind Labor: $486
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with USFS removed a 16 x 6 foot panel of graffiti from the Narrows in Fletcher Canyon and three cubic feet of rubbish was removed from the wilderness.

Date: September 18, 2009
Project: Cave Springs Project
Location: Cave Springs Wilderness
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 7
Volunteer Hours: 46.5
In-Kind Labor: $941.63
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers disappeared two campfire rings along with four illegal campfire rings. They also naturalized four areas of OHV trespass using hand tools.

Date: September 18 - 20, 2009
Project: Coyote Springs Dune Project
Location: Black Rock Desert High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area
Agency and Other Partners: BLM, NOS, FBRHR, Desert Survivors
Number of Volunteers: 30
Volunteer Hours: 580
In-Kind Labor: $11,745
Project Description: Volunteers revisited an area of illegal OHV trespass to continue restoration work. Using hand tools, vertical mulching and soil decompacting, volunteers restored 1/2 mile of trespass to its natural state.

Date: September 19, 2009
Project: Cave Springs
Location: Mt. Charleston
Agency and Other Partners: USFS
Number of Volunteers: 7
Volunteer Hours: 59
In-Kind Labor: $1,194.75
Project Description: On Friday September 18, six volunteers hiked up the 2 ½ miles through Trail Canyon to beautiful Cave Springs. The air was cool and the early fall colors were hinting at the coming of autumn. Once there, volunteers naturalized user created routes, packed out old pipe and removed campfire rings. Folks had been camping too close to the springs, making it hard for wildlife to get a drink. Afterwards the volunteers said they had fun and felt they had made a positive difference for the wildlife that calls the Mt Charleston Wilderness home.
Date: September 26, 2009  
Project: Gold Butte National Public Lands Day  
Location: Gold Butte ACEC  
Agency and Other Partners: Friends of Gold Butte  
Number of Volunteers: 50  
Volunteer Hours: 500  
In-Kind Labor: $10,565  
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the Friends of Gold Butte fenced in a parking area, restored an old route and planted fifty native plants in the Gold Butte ACEC.

Date: September 30, 2009  
Project: South Loop Trail Work Project  
Location: Mt. Charleston Wilderness  
Agency and Other Partners: USFS  
Number of Volunteers: 5  
Volunteer Hours: 38  
In-Kind Labor: $769.50  
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the USFS worked to naturalize fifteen switchbacks along the South Loop Trail in the Mount Charleston Wilderness using hand tools, soil decompaction, revegetation methods and raking. Volunteers also repaired an eight foot section of trail which had eroded away, removed a campfire ring, cleaned and repaired three water bars and hauled out three cubic yards of rubbish.

Date: October 17, 2009  
Project: Pahranagat Plant Project  
Location: Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge  
Agency and Other Partners: USFWS  
Number of Volunteers: 9  
Volunteer Hours: 90  
In-Kind Labor: $1,822.50  
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with the USFWS planted over 600 native plants in the Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge.

Date: October 31, 2009  
Project: Bonanza Trail Project  
Location: Bonanza Trail, Mt Charleston Wilderness  
Agency and Other Partners: USFS  
Number of Volunteers: 16  
Volunteer Hours: 96  
In-Kind Labor: $1,944  
Project Description: Friends of Nevada Wilderness volunteers along with representatives from the USFS removed graffiti from two locations along the Bonanza Trail in the Mt. Charleston Wilderness. They also replaced a permit box which had been shot at, repaired the plywood back-board to a kiosk at the trailhead, rehabilitated an OHV trespass, removed three campfire rings, and hauled over 9 cubic feet of rubbish from the Wilderness.

Date: December 4, 2009  
Project: Raintree Project  
Location: Spring Mountains  
Agency and Other Partners: 
Number of Volunteers: 5  
Volunteer Hours: 96  
In – Kind Labor: $1,944  
**Project Description:** Four volunteers hiked up Trail Canyon to the Raintree to remove two user created structures to improve the Wilderness quality of this popular spot in the Spring Mountains.