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## **Tackling Tom Basin**

*Volunteers to restore burn area in Nevada*



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April and May will be busy months for Winnemucca and the surrounding communities as they join together in a concentrated effort to restore areas that were seriously damaged by the 2011 Tom Basin fire out on the Santa Rosa Ranger District in Paradise Valley.

Volunteers from local communities will be “tackling” this project throughout April and May, working alongside individuals from across northern Nevada. Opening weekend for this event will be April 13-15 with the Winnemucca organization, Nevada Outdoor School providing a Kids Camp on Saturday the 14th. On April 21<sup>st</sup>, there will also be a day event to continue the work on Tom Basin but also to celebrate Earth Day. Volunteers and organization staff will revive this once gorgeous land by re-seeding the area with native plants. Re-vegetation will help prevent erosion, and ensure native species can thrive in their ecosystem.

The project will take place in coordination with the Forest Service, the Nevada Department of Wildlife, and Nevada Outdoor School. Friends of Nevada Wilderness and its partnering organizations are looking forward to coming together as a team to aid this land in its recovery from the serious devastation that took place last year. There is a great deal of work to be done so if you would like to come together in this effort with your family, friends, organization, or group, please contact us to contribute to tackling Tom Basin.

The classification of this project is “Family Friendly” which means it’s one of many projects open to anyone and everyone, despite age or skill levels. Any individual that chooses to volunteer will be making a difference in the Santa Rosa Wilderness and for opening weekend volunteers are encouraged to bring their entire family.

Wes Hoskins, a staff member for Friends of Nevada Wilderness states this about the projects to be done in the Santa Rosa Wilderness this season, “Paradise Valley in northern Nevada is one of the most verdant, beautiful places I have seen in this state. It has something for everyone—from birdwatchers to hunters to hikers seeking the solitude of the Santa Rosa Range. I’m looking forward to the series of projects we have scheduled in the Valley this year and I can’t wait to get people out there who have never had the opportunity to experience this awesome place.”

Look on our website for more project details at [www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org), or contact Brenna Archibald at [brenna.archibald@nevadaoutdoorschool.org](mailto:brenna.archibald@nevadaoutdoorschool.org) to join the volunteer efforts and aid this land in recovery for future generations.