



FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS

## **COVID-19 Policies for Volunteer Program Updated 4/2/2021**

In addition to our normal safety procedures, we are asking all volunteers to follow the safety guidelines below. Failure to follow these guidelines may result in suspension from volunteer opportunities. These guidelines will be updated as appropriate; the most up-to-date guidelines will be provided in your pre-project email. Thank you for helping us keep our volunteers, staff, *and* Nevada's Wilderness healthy!

### **Basics**

- Please make sure you're staying at least six feet away from others when possible
- Please wear a mask for the entire work portion of the project and while gathered with other volunteers. You may use your own mask or one provided by FNW. Remember to wear your mask effectively; covering your nose and face
- IF YOU ARE SICK OR ARE NOT FEELING WELL, PLEASE STAY HOME! We would love to have you volunteer at a later time.
- If you have been in contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID or is showing COVID symptoms, please stay home!
- If you test positive for COVID-19 within 14 days of your FNW event, please contact our staff; you can email [stewardship@nevadawilderness.org](mailto:stewardship@nevadawilderness.org) or call 775-324-7667

### **Vehicles & Group Rides**

- At this time, FNW will not be providing rides to volunteers. We understand that this will create a barrier for some volunteers and we are sorry for the inconvenience.
- We will start providing rides once it is deemed safe for our staff and volunteers
- Short rides at the worksite: For short rides (example: a mile up the road to the worksite) we may offer rides to volunteers with the windows down and everyone wearing masks. This decision will be made at the discretion of the project leader

### **Food and Group Meals**

- FNW has determined that providing group meals for overnight projects can be done safely using CDC guidelines for food service adapted to our backcountry kitchens
- Staff will serve food and coffee to volunteers to avoid multiple people touching serving utensils
- Everyone must wear a mask while getting their food
- Dish cleaning: volunteers must wear a mask and gloves (gloves provided by FNW)
- Please sit at least 6 feet away from other volunteers while eating

### **Shared Items, Gear, and Tools**

- Water: FNW will continue providing drinking water for our projects. We will have a handwashing station available for volunteers and ask that you use it prior to filling your water bottles
- Sunscreen: Please bring your own. There will be some small individual packets of sunscreen available for emergencies.
- Tools: As much as possible, we will try to limit the sharing of tools throughout the day. All tools will be sanitized either before changing hands or at the end of each workday.
- PPE (gloves, eye protection, etc): We will ask that everyone keep track of their own pair of gloves and other safety equipment throughout the project - FNW will still be providing gloves and other PPE, but you are welcome to bring your own

For the health of our community, we are asking all volunteers to abide by these safety precautions. We are happy to discuss any concerns you might have; however, if you are unable or unwilling to follow the guidelines above, we kindly request that you abstain from volunteering with us at this time.