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Wilderness Legislation and Planning Program
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Wilderness Education and Outreach Program
In 2015, we fought for Nevada's public lands against legislative efforts to seize our cherished lands. We signed up volunteers at 78 outreach events and educated the public about Nevada's wilderness areas and why it is so important for wildlife, clean air and water, and for future generations to enjoy. We hosted the 2015 Wild Nevada Artown exhibit, Women for Wilderness, the Wilderness Wingding in Reno, and the Wild and Scenic Film Festival and monthly speaker series in Las Vegas. We designed and printed two 8-page newsletters, produced the 2016 Wild Nevada Calendar, sent monthly e-newsletters and numerous alerts and event invitations to inform members about what is happening with wilderness in Nevada. Additional stories, videos, and photos can be viewed on our website, blogs, Facebook, Youtube and other outlets.

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