2017 Program Accomplishments

Volunteer Wilderness Stewardship Program
In partnership with the land management agencies, our volunteer stewards cleaned up, monitored and healed wildlands and improved wildlife habitat and recreational trail access. In 2017, 672 volunteers completed 73 restoration and monitoring projects giving back a total of $251,166 of in-kind volunteer service. Volunteers monitored springs, planted seedlings for fire restoration, pulled invasive weeds and installed signs. Our trail crews maintained 70 miles of trail removing downed trees. Our Sheldon crew removed 32,000 tons of waste metal from the Refuge wildlands. We partnered with Barrick for our Alternative Spring Break Week for college students.
Wilderness Legislation and Planning Program
In 2017, we worked with Pershing, Clark and Washoe counties on public lands legislation that would include wilderness designation. We inventoried and submitted 12 final reports on potential wilderness to the Bureau of Land Management. We attended public hearings and prepared comments on the military takeover efforts of proposed wilderness in the Desert National Wildlife Refuge. We provided data and testified at the State Legislature on bills and resolutions affecting public lands. We have read, analyzed and provided comments on many public lands proposals that could affect Nevada wildlands.

"Quote from a volunteer or Board member about why they volunteer with Friends."

Wilderness Education and Outreach Program
In 2017, we signed up volunteers at 77 outreach events and discussed Nevada's wilderness and why it is important. We designed and printed two newsletters, produced the 2018 Wild Nevada calendar, sent monthly E-newsletters and numerous alerts and event invitations to inform members about what was happening with wilderness in Nevada. We hosted the popular Wild and Scenic Film Festival in Las Vegas an the Wild Nevada Artown Show in Reno. We produced a trail map for the Spring Mountains. Additional stories, videos, photos can be viewed on our website, Instagram, Facebook You Tube, and other media outlets. Visit www.NevadaWilderness.org

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