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2020 Annual Report

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Dear Friends,

It was quite a year -- one that none of us anticipated or would want to repeat. We adapted our work plans and persevered during the global pandemic, and continue to do so, knowing that we had the confidence and backing of our loyal supporters to sustain and encourage us.

One thing the pandemic clearly brought to bear is that there's still work to be done educating the public on how to take care of these public lands. Increasing numbers of people sought out wild lands, many of whom didn't appear to understand Leave No Trace or Pack It In, Pack It Out. Some of our Wilderness areas were overwhelmed with the surge of new visitors.

Our expanded 2020 Annual Report highlights some of our accomplishments during a challenging time and acknowledges our unwavering supporters so vital to our continuing work of Wilderness stewardship, advocacy and outreach, including:

- Successfully defended the **Desert National Wildlife Refuge** from military expansion
- Completed the rebuild of the **Griffith Peak Trail** in the **Mt. Charleston Wilderness**
- Continued the "rewilding" of **Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge** by removing 3.5 tons of **metal trash**
- Maintained and improved **42.3 miles of Wilderness trails** to enhance public access
- Removed **17,748 invasive plants**
- Designed and published the **Ruby Crest National Recreation Trail Map**

We are so very fortunate to have such a caring community of friends and supporters, especially so as we all faced unprecedented challenges. Thanks to people like you, Friends of Nevada Wilderness continued to be the leading voice for Wilderness in Nevada.

We are deeply grateful for your commitment to protecting and preserving our wild places in Nevada, now more than ever.

Keeping Nevada Wild,

Shaaron Netherton
Executive Director

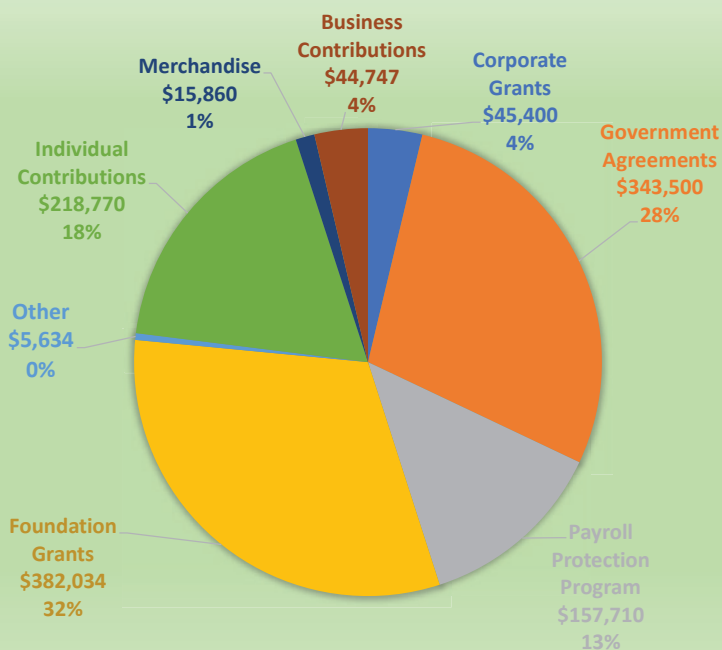
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By The Numbers

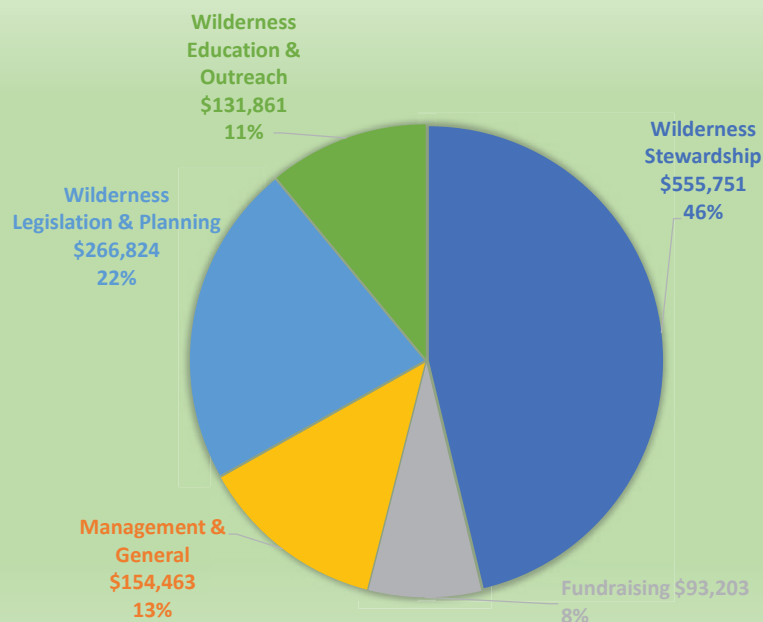
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2020 Financials (Unaudited)

INCOME



EXPENSE



Program Highlights of 2020

Stopped military expansion into *Desert National Wildlife Refuge!*

Re-opened the Mt. Charleston Wilderness Griffith Peak Trail after **several years** of hard trail work!

Knocked down **69 obsolete** mining claim markers in a Wilderness Study Area saving **countless** birds from death.

Monitored **94 springs** in Clark County

Maintained about **43 miles** of trail - improving public access in the Mt. Charleston, High Schells, Ruby Mountains, Table Mountain, and LaMadre Mountain Wilderness areas.

Removed **3.5 tons of metal trash** helping to **re-wild** the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

Photo by: Dan Alvey

Program Highlights of 2020 Continued

Outdoor Outreach Goes Online

#DontBombTheBighorn Webinar —

On July 9th, we hosted and moderated a timely event to garner grassroots action to support protection for the Desert National Wildlife Refuge in Congress with NDAA threats looming. The webinar included panelists from National Wildlife Refuge Association, Defenders of Wildlife, Nevada Wildlife Federation, Las Vegas Paiute member, and Veterans for Peace. Over **4,000** participated or watched the webinar.

Black Rock Rendezvous —

A week of evening programming centered on the Black Rock Desert. Total public participation was over **7,500**.

Artown Gallery —

Twelve wildlife and wildland artists participated and **hundreds** of people browsed the virtual gallery this year.

Dark Skies Star Party —

Basin and Range Dark Sky Cooperative party at **100%** Zoom capacity and **1,000** people viewed on Facebook Live promoting dark sky tourism in rural counties.

Wild Speaker Series —

Over **350** attendees and **11,000+** public views of the 12 presentations, 8 of which were virtual.

Wild & Scenic Film Festival —

Online live broadcast enabling people from all over Nevada and the U.S. to participate with **43** live attendees and over **200** total participants.

Kid's Corner —

Created web-based resource to help children and their families with their studies especially while home from school during the 2020 Pandemic lockdown.

Visit the new webpage!

nevadawilderness.org/kids_corner

Live at Lunch! —

A series of entertaining and informative livestream programs on Facebook.



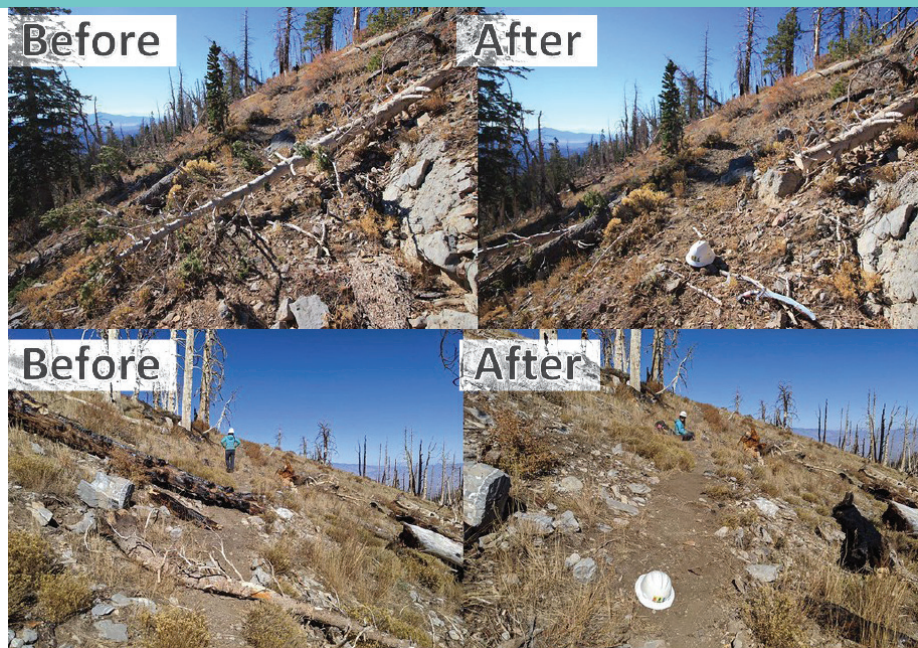
Stewardship Summary

- » Stewardship Projects: **62**
- » Springs Surveyed: **94**
- » Total Volunteers: **116**
- » Total Volunteer Hours: **1,187**
- » Volunteer In-Kind: **\$50,528**
- » Americorps In-Kind: **\$14,597**
- » Total In-Kind: **\$65,125**

SHELDON NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE CREW



MT. CHARLESTON GRIFFITH PEAK TRAIL



MASSACRE RIM WSA DARK SKIES



Find more photos of our projects and adventures on [Flickr!](#)

Stewards of the Wild

Stewards of the Wild recognizes our newly named loyal monthly donor program. Our Stewards are deeply invested in protecting and stewarding Nevada's wild places and make a big impact by providing steady and consistent support. In 2020 we had 89 members; our goal is to expand our reach in the years to come.



Photo by: Meg Tait

***"As we work to heal the earth,
the earth heals us."***

--Robin Wall Kimmerer



Photo by: Heather Sokul

Wild Nevada Legacy Circle Est. 2020



Photo by: Chip Carroon

Thank you to our Legacy Circle Members

We recognize the forward-thinking individuals who made the important decision to leave a legacy gift to Friends of Nevada Wilderness, demonstrating their commitment to protect and restore Nevada's wild lands in perpetuity.

Charter Members

Anonymous (3)	Bart & Julie Koehler
Howard Booth*	Tom Myers
Karen Boeger	Michelle Napoli
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Louis Bubala	Eric M. Roberts
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Connie Howard &	Catherine Smith*
Scott Tyler	Karen Todd*
John Ide*	Meghan Wolf

"Nevada's beautiful wild areas have enriched my life beyond measure and my bequest to the Marge Sill Forever Wild Fund will allow the Friends of Nevada Wilderness Board to dedicate resources where they will have the most benefit."

—Tim Buchanan, Henderson



To learn more about legacy gifts visit: NevadaWilderness.org/legacy_giving

**posthumously*