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

Roger Scholl
Board Chair

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2020 Financials
(Unaudited)

INCOME
- Corporate Grants $45,400 4%
- Government Agreements $343,500 28%
- Payroll Protection Program $157,710 13%
- Foundation Grants $382,034 32%
- Individual Contributions $218,770 18%
- Merchandise $15,860 1%
- Business Contributions $44,747 4%
- Other $5,634 0%

EXPENSE
- Wilderness Stewardship $555,751 46%
- Wilderness Legislation & Planning $266,824 22%
- Wilderness Education & Outreach $131,861 11%
- Management & General $154,463 13%
- Fundraising $93,203 8%

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: Kirk Peterson

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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

Find more photos of our projects and adventures on Flickr!

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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
Vincent & Friedl Bradley* Shaaron Netherton
Louis Bubala Eric M. Roberts
Tim Buchanan Mark Saylor*
Larry Dwyer Marge Sill*
Betty Graber* Roger & Marlyn Scholl
Connie Howard & Catherine Smith*
Scott Tyler Karen Todd*
John Ide* Meghan Wolf

*posthumously

“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

“As we work to heal the earth, the earth heals us.”

—Robin Wall Kimmerer

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.