



30 YEARS OF KEEPING NEVADA WILD

Friends of Nevada Wilderness Celebrates Thirty Years!



Friends of Nevada Wilderness hit their 30th Anniversary due to the hard work of their volunteers, activists, and members throughout the years!

PHOTO: KURT KUZNICKI

Welcome to a special year for Nevada. Not only does Nevada celebrate its sesquicentennial, the 150th anniversary of statehood, but Friends of Nevada Wilderness celebrates its own 30th anniversary of the organization. While we celebrate these special events, the nation joins in celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, an important piece of legislation critical to the creation of Nevada's own wilderness areas.

Anniversaries are the perfect opportunity to regroup and reflect - to celebrate how far we've come and our accomplishments throughout the years but also look at what's next. It's also a time to honor all of those who have worked so hard in making Friends of Nevada Wilderness a viable, trusted organization in the state that works closely with all four public land

Continued on Page 8

HIGHLIGHTS OF THE PAST 30 YEARS

1984

Nevada wilderness activists, with a grant from the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, form **Friends of Nevada Wilderness**, an organization dedicated to informing the public about the grandeur, resources, and vulnerability of Nevada's wild lands with Jean Ford as their first Executive Director.



SCOTT SMITH

1985-1989

Project Nevada Wilderness Watch, a Congressional & media tour utilizing motor homes and helicopters results in the first national recognition of Nevada's wilderness qualities.



KURT KUZNICKI

1987

Friends rally community and business support for the establishment of **Great Basin National Park** in White Pine County.

Continued on Page 2

OUR MISSION

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified Nevada public lands as wilderness, protecting all present and potential wilderness from ongoing threats, educating the public about the values of — and need for — wilderness, and improving the management and restoration of wild lands.

FRIENDS OF NEVADA WILDERNESS

Box 9754, Reno, NV 89507
(775) 324-7667

Shaaron Netherton Executive Director

shaaron@nevadawilderness.org

Kurt Kuznicki Associate Director

kurt@nevadawilderness.org

Pat Bruce

Stewardship Program Director
pbruce@nevadawilderness.org

Jose Witt

Southern Nevada Manager
jose@nevadawilderness.org

Renee Aldrich

Stewardship Program Mgr.
renee@nevadawilderness.org

Jesy Simons

So. Nevada Technician
jesy@nevadawilderness.org

Darcy Shepard

Director of Finance and HR
darcy@nevadawilderness.org

Katie Sanchez

Membership Coordinator
katie@nevadawilderness.org

Kirk Peterson

Inventory Coordinator
kirk@nevadawilderness.org

Jake Kastner

In-House GIS/Cartographer
jake@nevadawilderness.org

Shevawn Von Tobel Outreach Manager

shevawn@nevadawilderness.org

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Roger Scholl, State Chair
Hermi Hiatt, Southern Vice-Chair
Karen Boeger, Rural Vice-Chair
Larry Dwyer, Treasurer
Meghan Wolf, Secretary
Roberta Moore
Bart Patterson
John Hiatt
Marge Sill

FRONTLINES

By Shaaron Netherton / Executive Director



I love spring! Spring energizes me and gives me hope. I'm so proud of the efforts our members have put forth to make a difference and there are so many great opportunities this year to celebrate 50 years of Wilderness.

We have several bills in Congress to protect places like the Pine Forest Range, Burbank Canyons, Wovoka and many, many more deserving areas. There are a host of opportunities to get into wild Nevada on wilderness stewardship projects or just wilderness celebration events.

Why is Nevada such a great place to live and visit? Because we collectively own so much of it. Our public lands are ours. Our wilderness areas are ours. Unlike many other states, we don't have "no trespassing" signs everywhere. We can camp and recreate to our hearts' content because each and every American owns these lands and has a voice in how they are managed.

While there is much to celebrate, there is also a dark and disturbing trend that frightens me. I see a small but vocal, dangerous, and emboldened minority who want to roll back the last 50 years of progress on the environment, who want to take the law and the land into their own

hands.

How much does wild Nevada mean to you? How much do your public lands matter to you? Reach into your heart and ask how you would feel if you lost these lands because you didn't speak up. There are too many horrible examples of the majority staying silent when atrocities occur. Let's not let our public lands be sacrificed because we stayed silent.

As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, talk to your family, friends, and neighbors and write letters to elected officials and to the newspapers - let them know that Nevada's public lands and wilderness are important to you. Help build the next generation of people who care, who will be the champions of wilderness and wildlife for the next 50 years. Help keep Nevada wild!

Remember the words of Dr. Seuss and the Lorax - "UNLESS someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It's not."

Join the Friends of Nevada Wilderness community this year; come out on projects, take the family camping, breathe the air, watch the stars, feel the pull of the wild, and become inspired or re-inspired from the beauty and solitude around you. Sing Woody Guthrie's "This Land is Your Land".

With inspiration comes action.



1989

Friends publishes *Exploring Nevada's Wild Places: A Guide to Exploring Wilderness.*

1989

Friends' hard work leads to the passage of the Nevada Wilderness Protection Act, designating 13 new wilderness areas (733,400 acres), including Mt. Rose and Mt. Charleston.



1990

Friends help pass the **Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Act** (83,000 acres).

Follow us!

fwn@nevadawilderness.org
www.nevadawilderness.org
nevadawild.blogspot.com
www.facebook.com/nevada.wilderness

Continued on Page 3

BECOME AN ARTIST-ADVOCATE

The Art of Wilderness

Wilderness provides many benefits - pristine wildlife habitat, clean air and water, solitude, and respite from our urban environments. One benefit we normally don't consider is a permanent source for inspiration. Wild unconstrained places are the last vestiges of America in which artists can turn to for what Ansel Adams dubbed the "non-materialistic experience".

Artists and writers like Ansel Adams, Ralph Waldo Emerson, Terry Tempest Williams, and so many others who cherished this experience wilderness can provide, realized that art too can play a pivotal role in the environmental movement to inspire activism. In order for the general public to even begin to appreciate Nevada's soaring landscapes and abundant wildlife, they need to first see it in order to even believe that they're something worth fighting for.

During the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, we're asking Nevada artists to use their art to express their own appreciation for wilderness and to inform a more general public as to the awe-inspiring moments of nature.

The generosity and vision of your art will inspire generations to come.



Submit your wilderness photo or piece of art today to be featured in our Artown "50 Years of Wild Nevada" exhibit or in our Wild Nevada 2015 calendar. PHOTO: BRIAN BEFFORT

Call for Artown Submissions:
Initial submission: Low or high resolution images of your work (all mediums). Maximum submission is three.

All work on display will be for sale (20% of proceeds donated to Friends). For applications and details, visit www.nevadawilderness.org/artown. Winner of the exhibit will be awarded Friends' Virtual Artist in Residency for the 2014-2015 year.

shevawn@nevadawilderness.org
call (775) 324-7667 for details.

Call for Calendar Submissions:
Initial submission: Low or high resolution images. Selected photos: At least 14 inches wide at 300dpi (unedited RAW format preferred).

Friends will proudly credit, market, and provide contact information for all photographers, provide complimentary copies of the calendar, and provide a receipt (the value of your time, miles and image donation can be tax-deductible).

Submit: kurt@nevadawilderness.org
or call (775) 324-7667 for details.

1991-1998

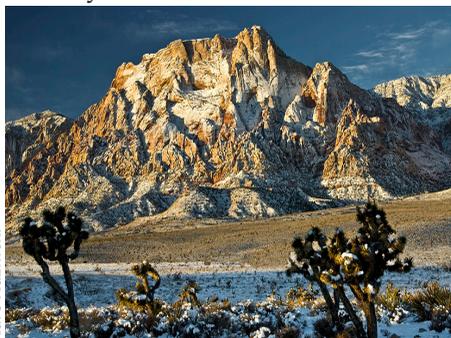
Friends' volunteers conduct citizen inventory to identify lands with wilderness characteristics.



Kurt Kuznicki

1993

Draft map work by Friends helps expand Red Rock Canyon NCA to 195,000 acres.



1996

Friends works to continually keep the public and Congress engaged by advocating for qualified wild lands throughout Nevada.

1998

Marge Sill, founding member of Friends of Nevada Wilderness, is awarded "Conservation-ist of the Year" at the High Desert Conference.



Continued on Page 4

Mike Sevon



The Desatoya Wilderness Study Area (pictured left) is just one of several Wilderness Study Areas under consideration for designated wilderness in the sage-grouse campaign.



Kim Toulouse

Sage-Grouse Campaign Turns into Reality

One little bird has been creating quite the stir across the West lately and wilderness designation has been part of the conversation here in Nevada. In 2015, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife will be making a decision on whether or not they should add the greater sage-grouse species to the Endangered Species list. The listing of the sage-grouse could prove detrimental to Nevada's economy, hampering local economies, and creating numerous restrictions.

However, in every crisis there's opportunity and Nevada has the opportunity to conserve critical sage-grouse habitat while potentially staving off a listing or lessening the impacts of one. With the recent

cooperation of Senator Heller and Senator Reid on what we're dubbing the "sage-grouse" bill, it looks like this crisis has offered yet another opportunity: bipartisanship, where both parties are working together to find a Nevada-based solution.

At the end of 2013, our Nevada Senators submitted a discussion draft of the Nevada Sagebrush Landscape Conservation and Economic Development Act. This draft is not just about the sage-grouse, as you can gather by its very title. The sage-grouse is one of the few species entirely dependent on sagebrush for both food and shelter year round. Therefore, protecting the sage-grouse means protecting their habitat.

Using the best available data from

the Fish & Wildlife Service, the BLM, Forest Service and citizen inventories, we have identified the largest wildlands with high-density sage-grouse habitat in some of the last remaining, unfragmented country in Nevada.

When this draft becomes a bill, it could propose permanently protecting these areas - unresolved Wilderness Study Areas (WSA) and Inventoried Roadless Areas (IRA) that directly overlap sage-grouse habitat. Designating them as permanent wilderness would proactively preserve a portion of the sagebrush steppe that the sage-grouse relies on.

Designating these WSAs that overlap sage-grouse habitat as wilderness will also help resolve the

Continued on Page 5

1999

The Black Rock Desert - High Rock Canyon Wilderness campaign gains momentum with the formation of the Nevada Wilderness Coalition, including Friends of Nevada Wilderness as a key member.



Brian Beffort

2000

After two years of effective campaigning, the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trail National Conservation Area Act of 2000 is signed into law, creating ten new wilderness areas and an NCA.

2002

Friends' volunteers and staff help spearhead the successful Southern Nevada wilderness campaign culminating in The **Clark County Conservation of Public Land and Natural Resources Act**. The Act designates 17 new wilderness areas, expands the Mt. Charleston Wilderness Area, and creates the Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area.



The North Fork of the Little Humboldt River Wilderness Study Area provides critical habitat for the greater sage-grouse. PHOTO: BRIAN BEFFORT

the WSA issue and provide certainty to stakeholders across Nevada; designating WSAs as wilderness involves little change in regulations.

How many acres of WSAs and IRAs overlap sage-grouse habitat? Almost 3 million acres, which means that if the legislation is a success, we could potentially double the amount of Nevada wilderness areas in just one year!

Of course, we understand that wilderness is just one part of the solution for an effort to both preserve sagebrush habitat and grow our economy. This bill would also create a special account to fund the restoration and rehabilitation

of sage-grouse habitat while also setting aside land for development purposes.

We're working with all stakeholders on this effort but democracy belongs to those who speak up. If you haven't yet, please take a moment to thank your Congressional leaders for their work in protecting Nevada's greater sage-grouse and its habitat, while preserving wilderness. Of course, support doesn't end there - we need everyone on board with this campaign.

To take action on wilderness protection, visit [www. NevadaWilderness.org](http://www.NevadaWilderness.org)

and follow the "Take Action" links to support the sage-grouse campaign and other wilderness bills.

As this bill and our other campaigns develop, we will be sure to keep you updated. Sign up for our e-mail newsletter list :

www.nevadawilderness.org/sign_up_to_get_updates to receive the latest news on what's happening with sage-grouse in Nevada.

If you have further questions on how to get involved, e-mail Shevawn at shevawn@nevadawilderness.org or call the office at (775) 324-7667.

2003-2004

The Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2004 is signed into law on November 29 which creates 14 new BLM wilderness areas, totaling 768,294 acres.



Ron Hujter

2006

The White Pine County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2006 designates 13 new wilderness areas, totaling 558,133 acres. The Act is also known as the Pam White Wilderness Bill, commemorating Friends' staff organizer who was killed in a tragic auto accident.

2006-2008

Friends' Wilderness Stewardship Program's work with the Humboldt Toiyabe National Forest is awarded the prestigious national Bob Marshall Award, "Champions of Wilderness Stewardship".

Continued on Page 8

BOOTS ON THE GROUND: Making a Difference Across Wild Nevada!

RESTORING SAGE GROUSE HABITAT

As concern over the sage-grouse grows, our volunteers' efforts in restoring their habitat carries on, from native seedling plantings and invasive weed removals to removing decommissioned fences and adding reflector tags to others.

Due to the long generation time of sagebrush, meaningful restoration of sagebrush habitats requires a larger concerted effort with all partners involved. Thanks to our wonderful partnerships with the U.S. Forest Service, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the Bureau of Land Management, our volunteers are



Tanner Hatch preps his sagebrush seedlings before planting.

RENEE ALDRICH

able to effectively restore habitat in fire-stricken areas and continue to monitor the success and growth rates of their work biannually.

The sage-grouse heavily rely on the sagebrush steppe ecosystem but so does every wild animal that calls this place home - mule deer, pronghorn, pygmy rabbits, and so many more and it is up to us to protect their habitat from current and on-going threats. Stay tuned for more projects throughout 2014!



Families in the sagebrush steppe.

PHOTO: DIANE McALLISTER

In 2013, Friends' volunteers have completed the following for sage-grouse habitat:

- Planted 12,560 native sagebrush and bitterbrush seedlings
- Removed over 15 miles of fence

DEVELOPMENT REMOVALS



Kurt Kuznicki

Jake hiking out an old trough in the Little High Rock Canyon Wilderness.

This spring, our volunteers have spent nearly 300 hours cutting up and removing decommissioned range developments in select wilderness areas in the Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area. Approximately 3,000 pounds of metal were packed out from the Little High Rock Canyon Wilderness and the North Jackson Wilderness areas.

One development area at Cherry Springs took over 46 trips for the volunteers to pack everything out. "It was hard work but so rewarding to be out there at night in these wild, remote places with nothing but the coyotes' howls to break up the silence," said Kurt Kuznicki, Friends' Associate Director.

A hearty wild thank you to everyone who has been instrumental in these removals!

Sign up for our electronic newsletter!

Want to be updated year-round on what's happening in wild Nevada? Join our once-a-month e-mail newsletter list. Visit www.nevadawilderness.org/sign_up_to_get_updates or e-mail shevawn@nevadawilderness.org to be on our list! We promise not to flood your inbox or sell your information.

Great job, volunteers!
Thanks for making
Wild Nevada better.

LIKE US!



FOLLOW US!



WATCH US!



ALTERNATIVE SPRING BREAK



College students and volunteers restore critical wildlife habitat in the National Desert Wildlife Refuge. PHOTOS: JOSE WITT

Despite chilly mornings and evenings, 50 mph winds, and a flat tire on their departure, seven UNLV students along with five additional volunteers, gave four days and four nights in service to the National Desert Wildlife Refuge. Thanks to a generous grant from REI, this was the fourth annual Alternative Spring Break. With high spirits and infectious enthusiasm, volunteers restored habitat in the fragile desert ecosystem that lies within the refuge through native plantings, habitat naturalization, and old development removals.

Believe it or not, Alternative Spring Break gave most of the students their first ever camping experience... but that's not all! The students gained on-the-ground experience in the management and restoration work of desert landscapes. Alternative Spring Break serves as a fantastic complement to their studies, adding practical experience to their resumes. Guest speakers from UNLV, the College of Southern Nevada and the state of Nevada traveled each night to the Refuge to lecture on various related topics to the students, including plant life zones of the Refuge, climate change, and the effects of solar radiation on plant distribution in the Desert Refuge and Spring Mountains.

"Being in the desert with such passionate people is something amazing," said Natasha Kotte, one of the students who attended Alternative Spring Break, "I feel more grounded...we're doing things that make a difference!" All in all, the volunteers donated 667 hours of in-kind labor, planted native plants in sensitive riparian habitat, removed trash and traces of old development, and naturalized disturbed areas of habitat. Way to go, Southern Nevada!

MT. CHARLESTON TRAIL CREW

Improving Trail Access

This summer as you beat the Las Vegas heat in the Mt. Charleston wilderness, you may just run into our Bonanza Trail crew who will be working hard this season to improve trail access for hikers and horseback riders.

If you've attempted to hike the Bonanza Trail in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area as of late, you may have come across the eighteen fallen trees blocking the path for users.

Using funds from the Mt. Charleston license plate grant, we were able to hire and train a four-person trail crew and one crew leader to remove these fallen trees and restore the trail. The crew's work will allow for increased public access for hikers and horseback riders alike, as well as protect the ecosystem from future soil erosion.

In addition, on National Trails Day (June 7th) youth volunteers from the community will help the crew construct and place a 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act commemorative trail head kiosk, which will be funded by the National Wilderness Stewardship Alliance.

The Bonanza Trail is a strenuous, 17 mile trail that runs along the crest of the Spring Mountains, connecting the Bristlecone Trail with the Bonanza Peak Trail. Much of the trail is forested with ponderosa pine, white fir, and aspen at lower elevations and ancient bristlecones at higher elevations.

Due to the length of the trail, we will be partnering with the Bristlecone Chapter of the Back Country Horsemen and the Cowboy Trail Rides packing service to help support the trail maintenance efforts. The pack strings and the crew's use of hand tools is in direct spirit with the Wilderness Act of 1964.



Last summer's trail crew packing their tools into Table Mountain Wilderness. PHOTO: KURT KUZNICKI

30 Years of Keeping Nevada Wild

Continued from Page 1

agencies in getting volunteers on-the-ground in wilderness areas and works with the Congressional delegation in advocating for qualified public land for wilderness designation.

Founded in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness began as a small group of passionate individuals who volunteered endless amounts of time, energy, and enthusiasm for preserving Nevada's wild lands so that future generations would be able to enjoy them just as they were. Since then, this core group of advocates grew Nevada's wilderness areas from one (Jarbidge Wilderness) to a staggering sixty-eight.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is honored that some of our founding Board Members are still with us today - just as active as ever in advocating for wilderness and caring for it, too.

In celebration of our 30th Anniversary, we're launching our first ever comprehensive fundraising campaign with a goal of \$300,000. Listed below are our 2014 top priorities:

- \$75,000 for our sage-grouse wilderness campaign advocacy efforts.
- \$50,000 for our statewide stewardship program
- \$25,000 for Friends' endowment
- \$25,000 for our outdoor education program

Friends of Nevada Wilderness wishes to thank Eugene Brigham, Patagonia, Bill Thornton, Karen Boeger, and Marge Sill for their generous anniversary gifts.

2014 is a very special year for Friends with so much at stake. Please consider a special gift to Friends of Nevada Wilderness this year by contacting Connie Howard:
(775) 324-7667 or connie.howard.nv@gmail.com

Join us in achieving our mission to keep Nevada wild!

Gift to Wilderness: A Fence-free Sheldon!



12 years in the making: Sheldon will be fence-free after June 2014!

PHOTO: BRIAN BEFFORT

What better anniversary gift than a fence-free Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge? Since the early 1990s, several partner groups (including the Sierra Club and various sportsmen groups) have worked together to remove fence in the Refuge. We're now set to host the final fence removal this June!

Be part of Sheldon history and join us in removing the last fence standing in the Refuge. In partnership with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife, we'll be celebrating in style with a luau - including a chuck wagon BBQ, bad Hawaiian shirt contest, and Dutch Oven desserts (there's even rumor of a roasted pig).

This is an all ages event - the fence pulling site is on easily accessible level terrain - bring the entire family to join the fun!

June 27-29, 2014

- RSVP on our website for more details:
- E-mail pbruce@nevadawilderness.org or
- Call (775) 324-7667

Sheldon Accomplishments:

- Removed nearly 200 miles of fence
- 2014 marks our 2nd Americorps crew working exclusively in Sheldon

2010

The Pine Forest Range process kicks off with Trout Unlimited, the Humboldt County Commission, and a large group of interested stakeholders which results in unanimous support for protection of BLM's **Pine Forest Range Wilderness**. Legislation is introduced in both the House and Senate.

2011

Friends is recognized by the Department of Interior for the national "Partners in Conservation" award and, in the following year, its Stewardship Director, Pat Bruce, is presented with the BLM's national "Making a Difference" award.

2013

Our Stewardship volunteers hit **\$1 million dollars**



Brian Beffort

of in-kind donations given back to Nevada's wild lands. Wilderness bill introduction and reintroduction for **Pine Forest Range, Wovoka/Lyon County, Burbank Canyons/Douglas County and Gold Butte NCA/Wilderness**.

Continued on Page 9

LET'S CELEBRATE WILDERNESS

50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act

By Shevawn Von Tobel

Fifty years ago, the Wilderness Act was signed into law, creating the National Wilderness Preservation System and defining what "wilderness" is. The Wilderness Act also immediately designated 54 wilderness areas in 13 states, including our very own Jarbidge in northern Nevada. Yep, Jarbidge is now 50 years old!

Many activists and

wilderness enthusiasts worked long and tirelessly to see this Act through and probably no one worked harder than Howard Zahniser, the principle author and number #1 fan of the Wilderness Act. He lived and breathed wilderness and knew that the Wilderness Act would only become law if it was able to effectively capture the spirit during the time - 1964, "the era of hope".

Zahniser emphasized the societal and cultural benefits of wilderness - that wilderness is part of our national heritage, it belongs to everyone, and that values like solitude and "primeval" land were inherent to the American experience.

Addressing the public's growing concerns about outdoor recreational opportunities while weaving (see page 10)

**Celebrate 50 Years of Wilderness!
4th of July Weekend
Steven's Camp, Black Rock Desert**

Celebrate the 50 years of the Wilderness Act in this patriotic camp out!

- Guided hikes & guest speakers
- Writer's workshop
- Photography contest
- Dutch oven cook-off
- Special awards ceremony

Contact shevawn@nevadawilderness.org for more information. RSVP today - RV space limited.

Viva La Wilderness!

By William Huggins

When I moved to southern Nevada in 1992, I never thought I might be heading into my third decade in the Silver State. It took me about a year to adjust to Vegas' weirdness, and what made that possible was simple: wilderness.

At a meeting several years ago, I heard an activist from San Francisco comment that Las Vegas was the ultimate urban wilderness. He's absolutely correct. Nowhere

else in the contiguous United States will you find such a vast acreage of open public space literally right on the edge of town. It is the single best thing about living here.

When I'm out in one of our protected areas I'm always amazed that there are so few people taking advantage of this opportunity. The diligent work of a hard core group of wilderness lovers created something unique and magical. If this were

California or Utah, I believe the trails would be crammed. On the one hand I appreciate being able to find such solitude; on the other I worry that without sustained support what is so wonderful about these places may not only be ignored by the masses that live here but could even be taken for granted, which would be tragic. As we celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Wilderness Act, we should not allow ourselves to be (see page 10)

2013

Friends' sage-grouse wilderness concept becomes a reality at the end of 2013 when Senators Reid and Heller introduce a draft of the **Nevada Sagebrush Landscape Conservation and Economic Development Act** of 2013. If passed, this legislation would nearly double the amount of existing wilderness in Nevada.



2014

Friends celebrates its 30th Anniversary, the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act and Nevada's 150th Anniversary of statehood in this exciting year of new wilderness potential and opportunity.

Two Thumbs Up for Gold Butte

Thank You, Lush!



Lush employees earn gold stars for their love of Gold Butte.

PHOTO: KURT KUZNICKI

We can't think of a more passionate company that is continually excited about Gold Butte than the folks at Lush Cosmetics. From their generous donations through their Charity Pot program and hosting events at their stores to highlight the work we do in Southern Nevada, Lush Cosmetics has been an upstanding partner through it all.

Lush is not an armchair activist either - they want to be knowledgeable about the organizations they support and be on-the-ground to know what they're campaigning for. Which is why, every now and then, you'll see a smiling, happy group of their employees out in Gold Butte with us - oohing and aahing at the ancient petroglyphs, gasping at their first tortoise sighting in the wild, and exploring the labyrinthine columns of Hob Goblin. Not only do these folks have the style, they have the heart and passion it takes to effectively advocate for wilderness. "Our wilderness is a connection to our past and a vital key to understanding our future," said Crystal Owens, an employee of Lush. Thanks, Lush!

Lush Cosmetics is a nationwide company with storefronts worldwide, including their two shops in Las Vegas. Their Charity Pot products donate 100% of the proceeds to grassroots organizations throughout the world.

Let's Celebrate Wilderness

From Page 9

in poetic and eloquent language throughout the bill, Zahniser was not only successful in penning legislation that defined wilderness as such but was also able to capture its more intangible characteristics:

"A wilderness....where the earth and its community of life are untrammelled by man, where man himself is a visitor who does not remain."

The Wilderness Act was overwhelmingly popular in Congress. In the Senate, it was approved 73 to 12. The House approved the Act 373 to 1 and that one opposing vote was a Congressman who was for wilderness but believed the bill compromised too much. Unfortunately, Howard Zahniser was not present when Lyndon Johnson signed the bill into law - he had passed away due to a heart attack just a few months before. Zahniser had given his life to the idea of wilderness, and we want to ensure his legacy lives on.

I hope during this year of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act, our Congress will return to the reason why the bill passed in the first place - that conserving these lands is a bipartisan effort and that they are for the use and enjoyment of everyone, not just a select few.

Viva Las Wilderness!

From Page 9

idle in our advocacy. This is the work of generations. My wife and I have already had our 1-year old on several excursions, hoping that she will take to the wild as we have.

For without those small booted feet exploring these areas, who will take up the torch when it comes time to celebrate the legislation turning 100?

William Huggins is a long-time supporter of Friends of Nevada Wilderness.

DONATE TODAY, AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

Your tax-deductible gift to Friends of Nevada Wilderness is an investment in the future of Nevada's air, water, healthy wildlife, community health and quality of life, and opportunities to explore and discover for the children of the future.

Please consider Friends of Nevada Wilderness in your charitable giving and estate planning. Tax ID: 88-0211763



2013 Wingding Award Winners!



Our outstanding volunteer award winners! PHOTO: ANDY HORSTMANSHOFF

- **Volunteer of the Year:** Lucrecia Belancio
- **Youth Steward:** Logan Beffort
- **Wielder of the Torch:** Dean Whitlock
- **Partner Organization of the Year:** Friends of Gold Butte
- **Agency Team Player of the Year:** Boyd Hatch
- **Agency Partner of the Year:** U.S. Forest Service, Santa Rosa Ranger District
- **Corporate Partner of the Year:** Lush Cosmetics
- **Marge Sill Wilderness Legacy Award:** Roger Scholl

Our seventh annual Wilderness Wingding was a huge success! We want to congratulate our 2013 volunteer award winners and thank each and every one of our stunning volunteers for their hard work in Nevada. During 2013, our volunteers donated over

7,500 hours of in-kind labor in 72 individual restoration projects across the state! Their hard work resulted in the construction and improvement of over 21 miles of trails, plantings of over 12,000 native plants, and the removal of 7,000 invasive weeds. Our volun-

teer of the year, Lucrecia Belancio, gave 129 on-the-ground hours for wild Nevada! Why does she do it? "It feels spiritual," Lucrecia said, "You get so much back." Thanks to the dedication of volunteers like Lucrecia, Nevada remains a wild refuge for all!

Keep Nevada Wild!



Brian Beffort

Become a Member



50th Anniversary Wilderness Pin



Greeting Cards
Blank. Set of 8

Local artists



Wild Nevada: Testimonies on Behalf of the Desert

Order today at www.NevadaWilderness.org/shop
Or by calling (775) 324-7667

Or send this form with your check to Friends of Nevada Wilderness, PO Box 9754, Reno, NV 89507

Membership _____ x \$25.00 = \$ _____
 Pin _____ x \$7 = \$ _____
 Greeting cards _____ x \$12 = \$ _____
 Wild Nevada _____ x \$18 = \$ _____
 Subtotal \$ _____
 Additional donation \$ _____
 Total \$ _____

(Prices include tax + shipping)

Payment by: _____ check _____ charge (Visa & Mastercard only)

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____

Phone (day): _____ E-mail: _____

Card No.: _____ Exp. Date: _____

Signature: _____ 3-digit code on back: _____

Donations (not purchases) are tax-deductible! Proceeds benefit wild places across Nevada!



NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
RENO NV
PERMIT NO. 318

RETURN SERVICE
REQUESTED

UPCOMING TRIPS AND EVENTS

May 2-6, Park Range WSA

Experience this remote gem of wild Nevada and help restore critical habitat. kurt@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

May 3, Mountain Crest Park, Las Vegas

Join us for our annual Southern Nevada Volunteer Appreciation Picnic with food, games, awards, and salsa contest! RSVP in advance: jesy@nevadawilderness.org.

May 9-10, Captain Training, Reno

Learn how to be a volunteer lead in this captain training. pbruce@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

May 10 & 17/ June 3, 7, & 10 Mt. Rose Wilderness. Help protect wildlife habitat by removing noxious weeds in this series of weed removals. renee@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

May 23-26, Black Rock Desert

Join Friends at Black Rock Rendezvous for fun, stewardship, kids camp, and guided tours! renee@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

June 7, Mt. Charleston Wilderness

Beat the heat and join us for National

Trails Day to work on trails and build a kiosk. jose@nevadawilderness.org or (702) 839-5569.

June 14, Dog Valley Meadows

Help prevent a sensitive riparian habitat from future vehicle incursions. Renee at renee@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

June 27-29, Sheldon Wildlife Refuge

Help remove the last miles of fence in the Sheldon! BBQ and luau celebration to follow. pbruce@nevadawilderness.org, or (775) 324-7667

July 4-6, Black Rock Desert NCA

Celebrate the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act at Steven's Camp with guided hikes, speakers, awards, and artist workshops. Contact shevawn@nevadawilderness.org, or (775) 324-7667.

July 12, Artown Wild Nevada Reception

Join Friends for opening night of our "50 Years of Wild Nevada" art exhibit or stop by M-F, July 12-31, 8am-4pm. 1360 Greg St., #111 in Sparks. Contact shevawn@nevadawilderness.org, or (775) 324-7667.

Sept. 13, Galena Creek Recreation

Area. The year long celebrations of the 50th Anniversary of the Wilderness Act will culminate in this celebratory picnic and wilderness walk in Galena Creek Recreation Area. shevawn@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

Nov. 13, Wild & Scenic Film Festival, Las Vegas.

Inspire your activism and support Wild Nevada with these nature and adventure films, at the Historic 5th St. Schoolhouse. shevawn@nevadawilderness.org or (775) 324-7667.

Dec. 5, Wilderness Wingding, Reno

Friends' annual tribute to the great volunteers who do good for wilderness. California Bldg. in Idlewild Park.

To sign up for alerts and e-newsletters, e-mail fnw@nevadawilderness.org, or call (775) 324-7667. For info on southern events, call (702) 203-1720.

**CHECK OUR WEBSITE FOR MORE
EVENTS! UPDATED SCHEDULES ARE
POSTED AT:
WWW.NEVADAWILDERNESS.ORG**