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Wild Speaker Series Highlights Conservation Issues in Southern Nevada

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Las Vegas, NV - Friends of Nevada Wilderness invites the public to attend the “Wild Speaker Series”, a monthly discussion on current conservation issues in Southern Nevada held on the first Thursday of every month in the REI Boca Park Community Room. Each month, Friends of Nevada Wilderness invites a local expert to present on a current issue in Southern Nevada and cultivate a round-table discussion with the participants. The Wild Speaker Series is a great opportunity to learn more about Friends of Nevada Wilderness, discover upcoming volunteer opportunities on public lands, and socialize with other outdoor enthusiasts.

April’s Wild Speaker Series will feature representatives from the U.S. Forest Service who will examine the aftermath of the Carpenter 1 Fire, one of the largest fires that occurred on Mt. Charleston in decades. Although the Carpenter 1 Fire happened in July of 2013, recovery and restoration efforts are still underway and several areas of Mt. Charleston Wilderness are closed to the public. Suzanne Shelp, the Trails Program Manager and Public Relations Officer for the Forest Service, will discuss the status of these efforts, as well as provide an update on closed wilderness trails in the Spring Mountains including the South Loop Trail.

“Southern Nevada is a hotbed of public land issues that affect those that use and enjoy places like Red Rock and Mt. Charleston every day,” says Jesy Simons, Outreach Coordinator for Friends of Nevada Wilderness, “Our goal was to create a monthly forum where Las Vegans could come together and learn more about the issues they care about. Our first event in early March was a huge success and we hope it will continue to encourage a robust discussion around public lands here in Nevada.”

When: April 2nd, 2015. 7-8:30pm.

Where: REI Boca Park Community Room. 710 S. Rampart Blvd. Las Vegas, NV 89145

Founded in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has helped protect over 3 million acres of Nevada’s wild lands by leading efforts in the expansion or designation of all 70 wildernesses in the state, including the creation of Mt. Charleston Wilderness. Over the past thirty years, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has also grown a nationally recognized and award-winning Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Program, generating over \$1 million of in-kind services to benefit Nevada’s public lands.

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