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## **Local Volunteers to Celebrate National Trails Day in the Spring Mountains**

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**Las Vegas, NV** – June 4<sup>th</sup> is National Trails Day, the country's largest celebration of trails. Friends of Nevada Wilderness, in coordination with the Bristlecone Chapter of Back Country Horsemen, United States Forest Service, and REI, will be celebrating National Trails Day in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.

20 volunteers will spend the weekend of June 4<sup>th</sup> improving trails at the top of Lovell Canyon. They will maintain the Griffith Shadow trail and work to connect its northern and southern sections into a loop. Tucked between Mt. Charleston and Red Rock National Conservation area, this trail provides hikers, backpackers, and equestrian users an excellent opportunity to experience the quiet of La Madre Mountain Wilderness. Griffith Shadow trail is currently the only place where hikers can legally enter the Carpenter One Burn Zone. Friends of Nevada Wilderness will host the group for a camp out on Saturday night. Volunteers will learn about Wilderness and the effect of 2013's Carpenter One Fire while enjoying a gourmet camp dinner and Dutch oven desserts.

Nevada's wilderness trails provide opportunities to explore, experience solitude, breathe fresh air, and escape our stresses, but can't take care of themselves. Volunteers will spend Saturday and Sunday doing basic tread maintenance and repair, improving drainage structures, and brushing and logging-out the routes. All of this will keep the trail safe and enjoyable. People volunteering their time and working together to construct and maintain trails helps to create, build, and solidify partnerships.

**WHEN:** June 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**WHERE:** Lovell Canyon in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

**WHY:** To build and maintain a local trail on National Trails Day

Anyone interested in signing up for this event should visit [www.nevadawilderness.org](http://www.nevadawilderness.org) or call the Southern Nevada Office at (702) 515-5417.

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 designation of La Madre Mountain Wilderness. Over the past thirty-two years, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has grown to be a nationally recognized and award-winning Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Program, generating over \$1 million of in-kind services to benefit Nevada's public lands.



**Volunteers maintaining Trail Canyon Trail in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area.**

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