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Celebrating Citizen Science Day in the Spring Mountains

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Las Vegas, NV— Friends of Nevada Wilderness is kick-starting this year's Spring Monitoring Program on Citizen Science Day, April 16th 2016. This spring monitoring training is an opportunity for volunteers to get their feet wet in by measuring water resources in Mt. Charleston. U.S. Forest Service Botanist, Jennifer Brickey, will be along for the training to help identify plant species of interest. Learning about the natural resources on our public lands is an ideal way to spend a day recognizing citizen science.

The Spring Monitoring Program started the summer of 2015 with funding from the Mt. Charleston License Plate. Powered by volunteers from the community, this program aims to analyze the health of the springs in the aptly named Spring Mountains National Recreation Area. Volunteers are trained to collect water quality and quantity data from spring sites all over the Spring Mountains. This year we hope to build on the success of last year by getting volunteers involved early and providing a fun way to be of service to our public lands.

Anyone interested in joining the team of volunteers monitoring springs should contact the southern office of Friends of Nevada Wilderness at (702) 515-5417. With over 200 springs to survey the program needs all the help it can get!

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 68 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.

For more information about Friends of Nevada Wilderness and to see a list of upcoming volunteer events throughout the state visit http://www.nevadawilderness.org/calendar_of_events



Volunteers in the Spring Mountains learning to measure flow rate as part of the Spring Monitoring Program.

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