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Veterans Work with Conservation Group to Maintain Mt. Charleston Hiking Trails

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Las Vegas, NV – Friends of Nevada Wilderness is teaming up with Team Red, White, and Blue, a veteran’s group that inspires volunteerism. Together they will work to maintain important parts of the Bonanza Trail on the north end of the Spring Mountains Range. Volunteers will complete basic trail work that ensures safety for visitors and longevity of the trail. The Bonanza Trail is the longest trail in the Mt. Charleston area. Its scenic beauty rises over 10,000 feet in elevation and travels through Bristlecone Pine tree forests.

Friends of Nevada Wilderness regularly schedules volunteers projects in partnership with the US Forest Service. These projects help to engage the public in maintaining their hiking trails. “I love getting volunteers that have never done this type of work before,” says Stewardship Coordinator Grace Larsen. “We put a tool in their hand and teach them how to maintain a trail they hike all the time. After a day with us, they always gain an appreciation for the work that’s been put into building and maintaining these trails.” “Partnerships like these are critical because they help connect communities to their public lands, and people become engaged when they have that personal involvement,” said Donn Christiansen, Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Manager. “It also helps us achieve our work goals and creates opportunities for veterans, helping them build their job skills so they can reenter the workforce after they’re discharged.”

Team Red, White, and Blue’s mission is to “enrich the lives of America’s veterans by connecting them to their community through physical and social activity.” They engage in community events and service projects that help build a positive environment for social interaction and networking. This will be their first time volunteering with Friends of Nevada Wilderness. To learn more about the organization and/or join the team, go to www.teamrwb.org or contact anne.rolstad@teamrwb.org.

Founded in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has helped protect over 3 million acres of Nevada’s wild lands. 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.



Volunteer working on a trail in the Spring Mountains
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