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**National Public Lands Day with Friends of Gold Butte and  
Friends of Nevada Wilderness**

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**Bunkerville, Nevada (September 30, 2017)** – On Saturday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting southern Nevada volunteers in a collaborative effort between Friends of Gold Butte and Friends of Nevada Wilderness for National Public Lands Day at Gold Butte National Monument. These volunteers will rehabilitate fragile desert habitat, install signs for the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway, and re-enforce the boundary of Lime Canyon Wilderness by removing illegal roads.

Gold Butte National Monument is one of Nevada's two National Monuments. Located in northeastern Clark County, the nearly 300,000-acre monument is 2 hours north of Las Vegas nestled between the northeastern border of Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument. Friends of Gold Butte has worked tirelessly over nearly a decade to drive awareness and protection of Gold Butte while leading hikes, stewardship events and monthly meetings on behalf of this majestic piece of Nevada.

National Public Lands Day, the nation's largest, single-day volunteer event for public lands, is held annually on the last Saturday in September. The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) is hosting dozens of events from coast to coast to restore our public lands and educate participants on the value these majestic sites hold. Friends of Nevada Wilderness and Friends of Gold Butte are proud to partner with the BLM and other government agencies to steward our public land.

The National Public Lands Day volunteers will meet Bureau of Land Management (BLM) officials at the Gold Butte Backcountry Byway (junction of State Rte. 170 and Gold Butte Road) at 8am and begin the hour drive to the restoration sites together as a group. Volunteers are encouraged to carpool to this event.

All interested volunteers should call the Friends of Nevada Wilderness office at 702-515-5417 for more information or visit the website at: <http://www.nevadawilderness.org/npld2017>.

## About Friends of Nevada Wilderness

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 Mt. Rose Wilderness and Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conversation Area. Over the past thirty-two years, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has grown a nationally recognized and award-winning Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Program which has generated over \$1 million of in-kind services to benefit Nevada's public lands.

For more information about Friends of Nevada Wilderness, visit <http://www.nevadawilderness.org/>



**Students volunteering at Friends of Nevada Wilderness' 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Alternative Spring Break, Gold Butte National Monument, April 2017.**

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