





FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS

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Join Friends of Nevada Wilderness in Honoring Nevada's Public Lands Volunteers, Land Management Agencies

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Reno, Nevada (November 27, 2017) – Join Friends of Nevada Wilderness at the conservation event of the year! The eleventh annual Wilderness Wingding celebration will take place at the California Building in Idlewild Park on the evening of Friday, December 8, 2017.

The Wilderness Wingding is the community's chance to say thank you for all the great work accomplished by our public lands volunteers, partners, and supporters in 2017. We've had a busy field season this year with 650 new and returning volunteers who donated \$191,247 of in-kind labor, working diligently to protect and preserve America's public lands in Nevada.

This community event is open to the public with a light dinner and refreshments provided, plus live music by the Sierra Sweethearts, great raffle prizes, a silent auction, and plenty of joy and merriment. There will also an awards ceremony honoring the exceptional contributions made by this year's outstanding volunteers, agency partners, and business partners.

When: Friday December 8th, 2017, from 5:30 to 9:30 pm

Awards ceremony will take place 7:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: The California Building at 75 Cowan Drive, Idlewild Park

There is a \$10 suggested donation at the door and participants are invited to dress in their most fashionable western wear. With over 200 attendees expected, this annual event is sure to be a great celebration honoring a year of hard work giving back to Nevada's public lands!

About Friends of Nevada Wilderness

Founded in 1984, Friends of Nevada Wilderness has helped protect over 3.4 million acres of Nevada's wild lands by leading efforts in the expansion or designation of all 70 Wilderness areas in the state. Over the past thirty-two years, the Wilderness Stewardship Volunteer Program has generated over \$1,500,000 of in-kind services to benefit Nevada's public lands. For more information, visit http://www.nevadawilderness.org/.

For photos from last year's Wilderness Wingding, visit our Flickr page.

Attached Photo: Group photo of 2017 Blue Helmet Awardees. Credit: Janice Knight.