



FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS

Media Advisory:

Friday, September 28

10:30am - Friends staff will be loading equipment and gear at 1360 Greg St., #111, Sparks, NV

11:30am – Volunteers who will make the trip will gather for final instructions before heading out into the field

Staff and volunteers will be available for interviews at these times. Friends has a variety of photos (some attached) from previous trips to Soldier Meadows.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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Celebrates Nevada Public Lands Day with Stewardship

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September 26, 2018 - Friends of Nevada Wilderness (having observed National Public Lands Day last week) will celebrate NEVADA Public Lands Day this weekend at the 3rd Annual Desert Dace Days in the Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area. The threatened Desert Dace is a fish species that lives only one place in the world, in the hot spring waters of Soldier Meadows in the heart of the Conservation Area.

Sponsored by the U.S. Bureau of Land Management, Desert Dace Days includes a campout, multiple service projects, a kids camp for children 5 and older, and a Dutch oven cook-off. Friends will provide a camp breakfast Saturday and Sunday mornings.

Three service projects are scheduled: habitat restoration to protect Desert Dace; an educational activity using tools to monitor Desert Dace habitat and water quality of springs, and finally, some cleanup and repair work at the Soldier Meadows Cabin and Campground.

“All Nevadans and all Americans own these public lands, so we feel a sense of duty to take care of what is ours,” said Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director of Friends of Nevada Wilderness. “These lands are there for all of us to enjoy and appreciate. At Friends, we also appreciate our wonderful volunteers who contribute so much of their time and energy to take care of these special places. We encourage more Nevadans to join them as stewards of our public lands.”

Friends Stewardship Team members and volunteers will leave Friday afternoon and return Sunday.

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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/>.



Previous year clean-up at Soldier Meadows Camp



Keeping habitat healthy