



## FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS

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### Friends of Nevada Wilderness Invites Locals to Celebrate National Public Lands Day

Volunteer projects provide opportunity to give back to the great outdoors...  
and have fun doing it

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**Reno, NV.** – Compete in a Dutch oven cook-off, send the young ones to Kids Camp and help protect our precious public lands, all in one action-packed weekend to celebrate National Public Lands Day September 27 – 29 in the greater Black Rock Desert National Conservation Area (NCA).

Friends of Nevada Wilderness is partnering with the Bureau of Land Management, Friends of Black Rock, the Nevada Outdoor School and a team of adventurous volunteers to do some needed cleanup at the end of another busy outdoor season and have some fun while giving back to our public lands. Projects will include pulling invasive plants from the area's unique springs that are home to the endemic and threatened Desert Dace and cleaning up the Soldier Meadows Campground.

All work and no fun is not a celebration, though, so volunteers will also enjoy two great camp breakfasts and a Saturday night pot-luck, including a delicious Dutch Oven cook-off. Outdoor gourmets are encouraged to bring their best Dutch Oven dish.

The Outdoor School will hold a day-long Kids Camp on Saturday to keep the young ones busy while parents pitch in on the projects.

Participants need to provide their own campaign gear and lunches. More details will be provided after signing up at [https://www.nevadawilderness.org/northern\\_nevada\\_calendar\\_of\\_events](https://www.nevadawilderness.org/northern_nevada_calendar_of_events).

The National Environmental Education Foundation promotes National Public Lands Day events across the country. Events are designed to connect people to public lands and their communities, inspire environmental stewardship, and encourage use of public lands for education, recreation, and general health.

For more information about Friends of Nevada Wilderness and to RSVP for the National Public Lands Day event at the Black Rock Desert NCA, visit [nevadawilderness.org](http://nevadawilderness.org) or call 775-324-7667.

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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/>.



Volunteers help manage threatened Desert Dace habitat in 2018



Volunteers line up for some great campfire Dutch Oven grub after an exhilarating day of work in 2018