



Friends of Nevada Wilderness STEWARDSHIP DISPATCH

November/December 2012

ONE MILLION DOLLARS OF VOLUNTEER LABOR TOWARDS NEVADA'S PUBLIC LANDS



Since 2007, 3,577 volunteers have given 49,164 hours of their time to improving wildlife habitat and keeping Nevada wild with Friends of Nevada Wilderness. As of October 15, 2012, the total in-kind value of their labor is \$1,007,198. Strong partnerships with all four land management agencies made this possible, including generous support both financially and on-the-ground.

2012 FRIENDS OF NEVADA WILDERNESS AWARDEES



Agency Partner of the Year
Southern Nevada Agency
Partnership (SNAP)

2012 Volunteers of the Year
Dorothy Hudig and Mike Thorson

Agency Team Player of the Year
Sandi Gracia,
BLM Winnemucca Dist.

Corporate Partner of the Year
GSI Outdoors

Group Partner of the Year
Great Basin Institute

2012 Youth Steward
Levi Smyth

Wilderness Legacy Award
Marge Sill

Blue Helmet Awardees

Brenna Archibald, Merre Bacot, Kelli Belmont, Lyndsey Bohall, Sam Coleman, Rob Conley, Jessica Davis, Gary Frye, Ting Hammond, Monica Hanley, Andy Hart, John and Hermi Hiatt, Dorothy Hudig, Lucy Hunt, Devin Kalfayan, Chris Kindler, Ann and Dylan Kuhn, Dan Lauritzen, Emily Linnell, Merry Mathers, Jeanette Matison, Dan Monterro, Scott Moore, Barry Morgan, Susan Murphy, Blake Ohlin, Alyson Smyth, Levi Smyth, Rita Smyth, Graham Stafford, James Thompson, Mike Thorson, David von Seggern, Cody Wilson, and Heather Witt.

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BLACK CANYON TAMARISK REMOVAL

Volunteers canoe to reach invasive in Southern Nevada



Volunteers braved chilly temperatures and challenged the current of Colorado River to remove young tamarisk plants in Black Canyon.

The ten-person team suited up in safety vests for the long canoe to four different patches of the invasive weed. The in-kind worth of their labor? Almost \$1,500.

After hours of pulling weeds, the

team took a detour to a local hot springs along the river, and dipped their feet in.

“Canoeing and hot springs? Definitely worth a little weed pulling!” said one member of the anti-tamarisk team.

Tamarisk poses a large threat to native species. The weed is also quick to invade an ecosystem,

spreading through random root generation or submerged stems, or via the thousands of tiny seeds each flower releases that are dispersed by wind and water.

The hardy invasive also brings up salt via its meters-deep tap root, which is then deposited in surrounding soil to limit growth of native species.

CONTEST WINNERS ADD NATIVE COLOR IN GOLD BUTTE

Ten volunteers from across North America were treated to a trip to Las Vegas courtesy of Lush Cosmetics! The winners joined Friends of Nevada Wilderness to plant natives along the Falling Man petroglyph trail in Gold Butte in November.



COMING UP IN 2013...

- Reseeding areas damaged by wildland fires
- Spring Monitoring in the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon National Conservation Area
- Alternative Spring Break 2013 with UNR and UNLV
- The Final Fence Pull in the Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge