



# TRAILS

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Issue

ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS OF NEVADA AND THE EASTERN SIERRA FROM THE TOIYABE CHAPTER OF THE SIERRA CLUB

## In Memoriam

Michael McCurry  
1940 - 2010

Artist, Desert Lover, Conservationist

Michael McCurry was remembered for his fabulous photography, passion for conservation, and free spirit by his friends and colleagues in Reno at the Interpretative Gardens on the banks of the Truckee River last month

Before moving to Tucson, AZ, Mike lived in Reno from 1998 to 2006. In that short time, Mike served on the Executive Committees of both the Great Basin Group and the Toiyabe Chapter and produced the Wild Nevada calendars for both the Sierra Club and Friends of Nevada Wilderness for over 10 years.

McCurry's passions were many, from his glowing art (see [www.MikeMcCurry.com](http://www.MikeMcCurry.com)), to the Black Rock Desert (Burning Man aficionado and founder of the counter-celebration, Smoldering Woman), and protection of the Owyhee Canyonlands, a wild and beautiful place shared by Nevada, Oregon, and Idaho. Mike felt especially close to this area where his grandfather ranched in the late 1800s - early 1900s.

"Mike brought many people closer to desert landscapes through his photographs, his hand-tinted scenes, his dauntless leadership on many trips to desert places, and his constant promotion of conservation of wild places in our state," said David von Seggern, one of the organizers of the memorial celebration.

On a more personal note, Carol Tresner  
*Please see MICHAEL McCURRY, page 2.*



*Endangered Moapa Dace swims in the sparkling clear water of Moapa Warm Springs at the Moapa National Wildlife Refuge. Scientists say that the water supplying the complex of springs comes from desert valleys in eastern Nevada. The springs are the source of Nevada's Muddy River and are threatened by proposed massive interbasin water transfer projects. Please see article, page 6. (Photo: Dennis Ghiglieri.)*

## Grassroots action!

# WATER BUFFALOES MEET TSUNAMI OF PROTESTS

BY ROSE STRICKLAND

Due process opportunity seized! The broad coalition of opponents of proposed massive interbasin transfers in E. Nevada and W. Utah exercised their right to protest water decisions affecting senior water rights and their futures. This was possible due to the Nevada Supreme Court's affirming due process for citizens in this situation.

Anti-pumping allies give assistance to affected areas. Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is proposing rural groundwater pumping to provide water for S. Nevada urban centers. Determined to prevent another Owens Valley disaster, the Sierra Club and its water network allies provided assistance to affected rural and urban areas in the form of information. In addition

to details on how to file a protest and how to raise important issues for the State Engineer to consider if and when future water hearings are scheduled, they supplied a list and map of where applications already had been filed. Protest workshops were held in E. Nevada, Utah, Las Vegas and Reno. Information was posted on the website of the Great  
*Please see SAGE GROUSE, page 12.*

## What, me run for ExCom? (I don't even know what that means!)

YES, YOU. You could be a candidate. Or maybe you know another member who'd like to be more involved in the Sierra Club? Now is the time to start thinking about running for a Toiyabe Chapter elected position. If the Sierra Club is the premiere grassroots, democratic environmental group in Nevada and Eastern California, it is because people like you make the decision to put in time and energy to make it that way.

The Toiyabe Chapter has an ExCom, as does each of our groups (Great Basin, Range of Light, Southern Nevada, and Tahoe Area). ExComs - Sierra Club lingo for Executive Committees - are the teams of people who make your local Sierra Club work. They make decisions and, perhaps even more importantly, do the behind-the-scenes work to carry out those decisions. Questions of policy, resource allocation, priorities, and just about anything else, are handled by volunteer leaders, from Group committee members to ExCom members to the Chapter Chair.

The Chapter Executive Committee is for people with a fair amount of prior Sierra Club experience. Group ExComs, however, mostly require willingness to pitch in and do some work. (Groups are the most local level of the Sierra Club within the Chapter.)

### What you can do

If you'd like to get more involved, and/or have an issue you think the Club should tackle, running for an office in the Club is a great first step.

The bottom line is that to run for an ExCom position, you need to file paper work starting next month, in July 2010. (Our elections take place in November.)

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## Totally paperless Toiyabe Trails not an option

BY JEAN STOESS

IF YOU'VE BEEN WAITING with bated breath to see if Toiyabe Chapter is going to stop mailing hard copies of *Toiyabe Trails* to its members, you can exhale now. The *Trails* will continue to be published in both hard copy and on the website.

When asked if they wanted to continue receiving *Toiyabe Trails* by mail, over 50 members responded with a heartfelt "yes." The responses came via postcards, telephone, written and typed letters, and, yes, e-mail. We appreciate the input.

Hard copies aren't distributed only to Toiyabe Chapter members. They are also sent to or dropped off at libraries, museums, and other high-traffic areas around the Chapter area. Our newsletter helps provide information about the Sierra Club, especially Toiyabe Chapter, to the public.

Having *Toiyabe Trails* on the internet has several advantages over our quarterly hard copy newsletter. For example, it can be updated at any time. Also, anyone

*Please see PAPER TRAILS, page 2.*

## National Sierra Club 2010 Board of Directors election

BY GENE COAN

### Elected

Allison Chin (VA)	38,471
Donna Buell (IA)	33,116
Robbie Cox (NC)	32,959
Jim Dougherty (DC)	30,965
Jared Duval (CT)	30,403

### Runners-up

Jonathan Ela (WI)	27,404
Phil Wheeler (CA)	21,996
Katherine Pendleton (TN)	20,778
Valid returns by Internet	12,705
Valid returns by Mail	38,087
Total valid ballots	50,792
Invalid Ballots	351
Total ballots distributed	514,972

The Board of Directors of the Sierra Club is elected to serve the membership in deciding policy, conducting gover-

nance, and keeping the Club effective in pursuing our key mission to Explore, Enjoy and Protect the planet. The Board is the highest governing body in the Club. It consists of 15 members, of whom five stand for election every year.

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with access to the internet can check up on Chapter and group activities.

To access the *Trails* online and find out about the latest outings and meetings, go to <http://toiyabe.sierraclub.org> and click on "Toiyabe Trails Online" (on the left side of the page) or "Chapter Newsletter online" (in the center, under the group listings).

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## In Memoriam

### Harriet Burgess

#### Public lands lose a good friend

Sierra Club members were saddened to hear from her family of the death of Harriet Burgess, founder of the American Land Conservancy, in April. Harriet was instrumental in acquiring many important parcels of private lands for federal and state agencies all over the country, but we remember her for her work in Nevada, Lake Tahoe, and the Eastern Sierra.

One of Harriet's greatest land deals in our chapter was the acquisition of Mt. Rose, in the Carson Range between Reno and Lake Tahoe. The area, popular with recreationists and in Reno's watershed, was threatened by a proposed ski area, condo, golf course, and residential development, all of which were avoided when the lands were purchased and transferred to the US Forest Service.

Another successful deal protected Bodie State Historic Park from mining development. And Harriet deserves credit for the acquisition of the historic Thunderbird Lodge at Lake Tahoe. Over 30 years, Harriet helped acquire and preserve lands protecting the natural environment at Ash Meadows, High Rock Canyon, Rosachi Ranch, Pah Rah and Peavine Mountains, Red Lake and High Meadows at Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Pyramid Lake, and the Faye-Luther Canyon Trailhead.

According to her fellow workers, Harriet began her career in the early 1970s, volunteering for the Washington DC office of the Sierra Club. She worked as a congressional assistant and for the Trust for Public Lands before founding ALC on Earth Day, 1990.

Her family remembers her natural beauty, vibrant energy and enthusiasm. Those of us who worked with Harriet remember her passion and tireless energy, her creative approaches to land acquisitions, and her breathless phone calls, asking for help to resolve difficulties, contact donors and allies, and answer a million questions, all with urgent deadlines. Harriet will be missed.

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said "If I were asked the one defining quality of this ever-gentle soul, I would reply his intense, pervasive spirituality. I believe it guided his every moment as it was to him like water to a fish. His photographic treatments of cloud formations expressed the divinity of nature."

### WHAT ME?...

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For more information, contact your group chair or Chapter Nominating Committee members. Phone numbers are in the directories on pages 2, 4, 8, and 10.

— thanks to the Bay Chapter's Yodeler newsletter for the "What, me..." template

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## Toiyabe Trails



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& CALIFORNIA'S E. SIERRA

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**Other Sierra Club information** – Call the Toiyabe Chapter Chair or Conservation Chair (see Chapter Directory, this page) or the Sierra Club Information Center in San Francisco (415-977-5653). Also, see group pages for website addresses of groups.

## Sierra Club California Lobby Day in Sacramento

**Sunday-Monday  
August 15-16, 2010**

BY ANNIE PHAM

COME JOIN US in Sacramento for our annual Lobby Day! Be part of a team that will help Sierra Club California pass our priority bills during the most exciting and challenging time of the year at the State Capitol. You'll have opportunities to work with other activists and our professional lobbying staff, as well as with legislators and their staff.

On Sunday afternoon, our advocacy team will train you on how to lobby and brief you on our priority bills so you can effectively advocate for them. On Monday, you'll work the halls of the Capitol as teams, with meetings scheduled from morning through afternoon.

It's possible to have fun and save our environment at the same time! Past participants have found Lobby Day to be an eye-opening and rewarding experience. Participants should expect to pay some costs, but some travel reimbursements will be available, depending on location.

### What you can do

For more information and to register, contact Annie Pham ([lobbyday@sierraclubcalifornia.org](mailto:lobbyday@sierraclubcalifornia.org), 916-557-1100, x 107).

### SAVE THE DATE!

## Sierra Nevada Alliance 17th Annual Conference

**August 27 & 28, 2010  
Lake Tahoe Community  
College, S. Lake Tahoe, CA  
Keeping the Sierra Resilient**

*Strategies and partnerships for helping communities and our natural world thrive in this century!*

A GROWING POPULATION, changing climate, and degrading natural resources mean that the Sierra Nevada needs to be resilient. The Sierra is a foundation of California's and Nevada's prosperity – supplying clean water, energy, and recreational refuge to millions. We need



Carson Pass: A reminder of what the Alliance is about.

to keep alive a strong vision of the beauty and diversity of our region for the future. We need to adapt to changes we cannot predict and adopt smarter policies and programs than in our past.

Join us for our two-day conference! We'll kick off on Friday with our Sierra Legal Services Day. There will be an excellent legal program focusing on the needs of activists & conservationists, and also provide MCLE credit for at-

Please see CONFERENCE, R column.

## Summer-Fall Desert Trips

The CNRCC Desert Committee's purpose is to work for protection, preservation, and conservation of California/Nevada desert.

All Desert Committee activities, unless stated otherwise, are suitable for anyone who enjoys the outdoors. The average car or high clearance vehicle will be adequate for most trips. For a good guide to desert travel we recommend the Sierra Club book, *Adventuring in the California Desert*, by Lynne Foster.

For questions about, or to sign up for, a particular outing, please contact leader listed in write-up. For questions about Desert Committee outings in general, or to receive outings list by e-mail, please contact Kate Allen ([kjallen@wildblue.com](mailto:kjallen@wildblue.com), 661-944-4056).



### Sierra Club California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee

#### AUGUST 21-22 (SAT-SUN)

##### BRISTLECONE PINES

Come with us to the beautiful White Mtns to camp, hike, just relax. On Saturday, hike the Ancient Bristlecone Pine Forest on moderate 5 mi RT interpretive trail, followed by picnic lunch and short optional hike to nearby old mining cabin. Back at camp, enjoy Happy Hour, potluck feast, campfire. Sunday, pack up and head home. Group size strictly limited. Info: contact leader, Lygeia Gerard (760-868-2179).

CNRCC Desert Committee

#### OCTOBER 30-31 (SAT-SUN)

##### GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA

What could be more appropriate this Halloween weekend than visiting the

ghosts of California's colorful past? Come with us to this spooky desert landscape near Death Valley. Camp at historic ghost town of Ballarat (flush toilets, hot showers). On Saturday, do challenging hike to ghost town Lookout City with expert Hal Fowler, who will regale us with eerie tales of this wild west town. Later, return to camp for Happy Hour and special holiday potluck feast, followed by midnight visit to ghosts and goblins in Ballarat's graveyard. On Sunday, quick visit to the infamous Riley townsite before heading home. Group size strictly limited. Info: contact leader, Lygeia Gerard (760-868-2179).

CNRCC Desert Committee



## Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park

**July 16-19 • July 30- August 2 • September 9-11 • October 17-19**

Explore the wild, windswept islands of Channel Island National Park. Enjoy the frolicking seals and sea lions. Train your binoculars on unusual sea and land birds. Hike the trails to find blankets of wildflowers and plants found in no other place on earth. Kayak or snorkel the pristine waters--- or just relax at sea.

These live-aboard ecotours depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68-foot twin diesel *Turth*. Fee (\$785 for July trips; \$590 for September and October) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes, call attention to items of interest and present evening programs. Profits support Sierra Club.

**Reservations.** Mail a \$100 check (payable to "Sierra Club") to leader Joan Jones Holtz, 11826 The Wye St., El Monte, CA 91732. Contact leader for more information (626-443-0706; [jholtzhl@aol.com](mailto:jholtzhl@aol.com)). (Photo: Joan Jones Holtz.)

## Clair Tappaan Lodge 6th Annual Fundraiser

**Friday-Sunday  
August 13-15, 2010**

LOCATED AT 7000 FEET off Soda Springs offramp of Highway 80, Clair Tappaan Lodge provides a respite from the summer heat. At last year's fundraiser, we had to move the Sunday breakfast indoors because we were concerned the milk would freeze. Freeze in August?

Yes, our August fund raiser, scheduled this year for August 13-15, offers sunny days, exciting and invigorating hikes, and crisp nights.

**Hikes!** Ernie Malamud, Chair of the event, will once again offer a multitude of guided hikes on Saturday and Sunday. Many hikes will have a theme. In addition, there will be hikes to an alpine lake for lunch and swimming, a few vigorous hikes, and still others for people who prefer an easier, shorter



*This lake hike is one we do each year. It's a short one that ends with a swim and a bag lunch.*

foray into Tahoe National Forest.

Other Saturday activities will include lunch at the historic Warming Hut, watercolor techniques, etc.

Final arrangements are being made and speakers, events, and hike leaders will be announced soon on the Clair Tappaan Lodge website. Watch for prices and details at [www.ctl.sierraclub.org](http://www.ctl.sierraclub.org).

**Reservations!** Consider making a reservation and joining the fun and great camaraderie with fellow lodge enthusiasts. Proceeds will benefit the Lodge and the Sierra Club's Clair Tappaan Lodge Environmental Education fund.

**What you can do.** If you can't join us in August, but want to contribute to the Environmental Education Fund, just write a tax deductible check to "CTL Environmental Education Fund" and mail to Peter Lehmkühl, General Manager, Clair Tappaan Lodge, P.O. Box 36, Norden, 95724.

## CONFERENCE . . .

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torneys. There will be two tracks, a State track and a Federal track, with some overlap.

Saturday will begin with an inspirational keynote speaker, Member Group updates, motivating speakers, excellent networking, informative workshops, and joyous celebration as we explore keeping the Sierra resilient.

**Program & registration information.** Contact Kay Ogden (530-542-4546, x. 304) or go to [www.sierranevadaalliance.org](http://www.sierranevadaalliance.org).

# Range of Light Reflections

## Range of Light Group

### Group News

#### Letter from the Chair

BY MALCOLM CLARK (WMALCOLM.CLARK@GMAIL.COM)

**NEW ROL GROUPE-MAIL.** Our new email is [RangeofLight.sc@gmail.com](mailto:RangeofLight.sc@gmail.com) (the "sc" is for Sierra Club). The address is NOT case sensitive. In case of the chair's extended absence or a new chair, we can simply change the email forwarding setting.

**GROUP MEETINGS.** Our July and August (3rd Tuesday) meetings will be **cook-outs**. E-mail us or check the web for place and time.

This March, we enjoyed a presentation on **Devil's Postpile NM** by Supt. Deanna Dulen, including a letter Deanna recently discovered in which early Sierra Club leaders urged preservation of Devil's Postpile.

In April, Jim Nichols of Kern Kaweah Chapter told us about his experiences leading an expedition to **Nepal** (in the 50s) and later to Mt. Denali.

In May, Ron Leiken of Ormat updated us

on plans to drill new wells and build two new plants that will almost double the output of **Mammoth Pacific Geothermal** plant.

**SUMMER OUTINGS.** Next **highway cleanups**: 8am, July 21 and Sept 21. If the Crestview Rest Area is still closed, meet on east side of Highway 395 intersection and Mammoth Scenic loop. Wednesday evening and Sunday hikes are now underway as well as several special interest hikes (new this year) noted elsewhere in the ROL pages.

**CONSERVATION NEWS.** With the appointment of a new, interim General Manager, the long range solar plans of LADWP (Los Angeles Dept. of Water & Power) in Owens Valley are unclear. ROL and other local groups continue to monitor the situa-

Please see CHAIR'S LETTER, page 5.



## From Your Summer Outings Committee

BY HENNING JENSEN, ROL SUMMER OUTINGS CHAIR

This year, after Bryce Wheeler stepped down as Outings Chair, our summer outings were planned by a committee of seven members.



ROL hikers and friends in O'Harrel Canyon on May 9 2010. The canyon is in the White Mountains; Owens Valley and Sierra in background. (Photo: Malcolm Clark.)

**Our objectives and plans.** We consider outings, together with conservation, the most important parts of Sierra Club activities. It is essential to integrate these two activities so that all outings include elements of conservation. "Protect," together with "Enjoy" and "Explore"!

However, Outings are also a key to the strength and health of our organization. Outings encourage members, activate leaders, and attract new members. In order to meet the many needs of our members and future members, outings planning must do its best to provide a broad variety of outings.

Fortunately, the ROL Outings Committee has wide expertise and experience in many areas, as well as an adequate number of well qualified leaders. (We can always use more leaders, though, so don't hold back!)

**Our summer outings program.** We've planned an exciting variety of outings for this summer, geographically covering both Mono and Inyo counties, from

Independence to Bridgeport. We've done our best to address interests from hiking to birding, nature walks, kayaking, photography tours, day hikes, hikes with car camps, overnight hikes, easy to challenging hikes, outings with dogs, and outings without dogs. We'll have outings every Wednesday night, Sundays, and many Saturdays (except holidays), to accommodate members' different schedules.

We hope this program will result in many new faces among the familiar ones on this summer's outings. However, please let us know if there is anything we've missed, so we can continue to improve the program.

**Thanks!** Finally, a big "Thank you!" to our leaders for their input and for volunteering. And, of course, also to our committee members: Dick Baggett, Malcolm Clarke, Jean Dillingham, Grethe Jensen, Mary K. Prentice, and Ron Stormo.

**PLEASE SEE  
RANGE OF LIGHT GROUP  
CALENDAR ON PAGE 5!**



On May 1, Rosemary Jarrett was staffing the Range of Light and Club information booth at the Tri-County Fairgrounds in Bishop when Smokey dropped by. (Photo: Stephen Kalish.)



### Group ExCom meetings

WE USUALLY MEET on the first Tuesday of the month at 3 pm. All Sierra Club members are welcome. To confirm date, place, and time, contact the Chair, Malcolm Clark (760-924-5639, [wmalcolm.clark@gmail.com](mailto:wmalcolm.clark@gmail.com)). NOTE: We may not meet some months.

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\* Voting ExCom member

### ROL ExCom candidates needed!

BY MALCOLM CLARK

OUR GROUP IS SEEKING CANDIDATES for our ExCom election in November or early December. The three members whose terms end this year are Shalle Genevieve, Henning Jensen, and Malcolm Clark. One or all of the three may run for reelection.

When possible we like to offer a choice by fielding more than three candidates. Please send to any member of our nominating com-

Please see ROL CANDIDATES, page 5.

**ROL Group Website**  
<<http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>>

&  
**ROL Group E-mail**  
<[RangeofLight.sc@gmail.com](mailto:RangeofLight.sc@gmail.com)>

## You're Invited!

Range of Light Group Monthly Meeting  
Everyone welcome!

July 20 (Tues)

**Outdoor Potluck & BBQ 6:30 pm!**  
**Hayden Cabin Museum, Mammoth Lakes**  
(near Old Mammoth Rd/Sherwin Creek Rd)  
Please bring your own non-disposable table setting, something to grill for yourself, and a dish to share.

Join your Sierra Club Friends for a summer get-together. Arrive early to spend some time wandering through the interesting museum exhibits or to stroll down Mammoth Creek or along the bike path. By 6:30 the BBQs will be ready for your use.

August 17 (Tues)

**Outdoor Potluck & BBQ 6:30 pm!**  
**Forest Service Picnic Area, Mosquito Flat, Rock Creek**  
Please bring your own non-disposable table setting, something to grill for yourself, and a dish to share.

Join your Sierra Club Friends for the 2nd summer BBQ at the picnic area at Mosquito Flat near road's end on Rock Creek. Exit Hwy 395 at Tom's Place. Come early to hike the trails. By 6:30 the BBQs will be ready for your use. Check our website and local media for details and possible changes.

September 21 (Tues)

**TO BE ANNOUNCED**

## Range of Light Calendar

July thru August

### "Fun & Fitness Hikes"

#### Wednesday Evenings

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING at 6 pm at ML Union Bank parking lot for a hike to get fit, stay fit for summer fun. Explore local trails, learn about our natural surroundings, geology, wildflowers, trees. All hikes are moderate to easy, completed by dark. Bring water, layered clothes, sturdy shoes. Info: call leader, Dick Baggett (760 934 5749). Dogs Limited.

### Summer outings

BY HENNING JENSEN,  
ROL SUMMER OUTINGS CHAIR

#### JULY 3 (SATURDAY)

**Birding with Nancy States & Sierra Club.** Nancy States is expert birder from Santa Barbara. walk through many eco systems of Mammoth Meadows. See different species inhabiting aspen/conifer forest, open meadow, wetland, Hidden Lake. Bring snacks, binoculars, scopes, bird books, or just come, enjoy. Finish before noon, but you may want to stay with a picnic. Meet 7:30a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Nancy States, Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355). No dogs.

#### JULY 4 (SUNDAY)

Holiday. No outing.

#### JULY 11 (SUNDAY)

**Valentine Lake from Sherwin Lakes Trailhead (or shorter option).** Hike to Valentine Lake from Sherwin Lakes trailhead with Sierra Club, Range of Light Group. See some of largest Sierra junipers in region, exceeding 8 ft diameter. About 10 mi RT, 1885 ft gain, moderate to strenuous trail. Short option to Sherwin Lakes, only 4 mi RT, gain 860 ft, easy to moderate trail. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Pat & E.L.Smoogen (760 934 0359), Grethe Jensen (760 934 7176). Dogs limited.

#### JULY 18 (SUNDAY)

**Mammoth Crest with car shuttle.** Views, views, views! Hike from Lake George to top of actual Crest at Mammoth Pass with grand views, then along entire crest to off-trail descent down steep scree slope to McLeod Lake, Horseshoe Lake. Car shuttle. Semi-strenuous trail, 6 mi RT, gain 1650 ft. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355), Brigitte Berman (760 924 2140). Dogs limited.

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mittee your suggestions for someone you think could make a valuable contribution to our ExCom and who might be willing to serve. Don't hesitate to suggest yourself (self-nomination) if you have time and willingness to serve.

**Nominate yourself!** We would appreciate having self-nominations and suggested names of other possible candidates by August 31, though we don't yet know the deadline the Chapter will decide on.

**What you can do.** Please contact any member of our nominating committee with your suggestion/s: Rosemary Jarrett (rosemaryjarrett@gmail.com), Mary Kay Prentice (mkp@npgcable.com), and Wilma Wheeler (wilma.bryce@verizon.net).

#### JULY 24 (SATURDAY)

**Starkweather Lake from Minaret Overlook.** Wildflower hike from Minaret Overlook to Starkweather Lake. See large variety of wildflowers, old mine site while descending 3.5 mi through old red fir forest. Observe result of avalanches on forest. Ride bus back to Minaret Overlook or to other points of interest along San Joaquin River for \$7. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 9a, Minaret Overlook. Leaders: Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109), Wilma Wheeler (760 934 3764). No dogs.

#### JULY 25 (SUNDAY)

**Dana Plateau.** Hike to spectacular Tioga Lake Roadless Area, Dana Plateau in Ansel Adams Wilderness north of Mt. Dana. Group size limited: 15 hikers. See spectacular wildflowers, explore giant wind-sculptured granite boulders distributed over plateau surface, undisturbed by



A preview of this summer's hiking opportunities: ROL hikers and four-legged friends resting along Lower Rock Creek on May 16, 2010. (Photo: Malcolm Clark.)

glaciations that occurred in canyons below. About 9 mi RT, 1500 ft gain, moderate trail, x-c. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:45, Lee Vining Ranger Station on Hwy 120. Leaders: Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109), John Walter (760 934 1767) No dogs.

#### AUGUST 1 (SUNDAY)

**Duck Pass to Deer Lakes & Lake George.** Car shuttle. Strenuous hike partly off-trail, 12 mi RT, 2200 ft gain. From Duck Pass trailhead via Duck Pass, Deer Lakes to Lake George with car shuttle back to trailhead. Interesting variety of terrain, including

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tion. Work continues on a small, pilot solar project on Owens (dry) Lake. The group drawing up a conservation management plan for the lakebed is progressing steadily.

ROL is participating in a renewed push for Bodie area federal protection.

A draft EA has been released proposing United Airlines flights from the Bay area to Mammoth next winter. The EA raises some serious environmental questions.

windswept subalpine ridges, cirque basins, extensive white bark pine Kromholtz stands. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Grethe & Henning Jensen (760 934 7176). Dogs limited.

#### AUGUST 8 (SUNDAY)

**Lakes Basin to Solitude Canyon via Sherwin Red Ridge.** Car shuttle. Strenuous but enjoyable 6 mi trail, x-c up back of Sherwins for spectacular view of lakes, town. Then down Solitude Canyon to end at Sherwin Lakes trailhead parking. Prepare for off-trail adventure. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355), Maurica Anderson (760 932 7175); expert direction, Wilma & Bryce Wheeler. Dogs limited.

#### AUGUST 15 (SUNDAY)

**Crater Meadows from Horseshoe Lake.** Moderate hike, 7 mi RT to Upper, Lower Crater Meadows, Red Cones, from Horseshoe Lake. See lots of wildflowers in meadows. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Leaders: Henning, Grethe Jensen (760 934 7176). Dogs limited.

#### AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY)

**Virginia Canyon.** Beautiful, mountainous hike. About 6 mi RT, 800 ft gain, along Virginia Lakes to Virginia Pass, overlook to Excelsior. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot OR 8:45 am, Lee Vining Visitor Center OR 9:15 at Virginia Lakes trailhead. Leaders: Janet & Davis Carle (760 647 6431) Dogs limited.

#### AUGUST 29 (SUNDAY)

**Kearsarge Pass.** About 10 mi RT, 2600 ft gain from 9200-ft trailhead. Trail passes Little and Big Pothole Lake, with Flower Lake and Heart Lake in between. Kearsarge Pass view into Sequoia/Kings Canyon is spectacular! Lunch at pass. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, sunglasses, hiking boots, raingear, warm clothes, etc. Car pool from Mammoth or Independence. Trailhead is 15 mi up valley from Independence. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot or 9:15 am in Independence at Hwy 395/Onion Valley Road. Leaders: Monica & Ron Stormo (760 876 5401) Dogs limited.

#### SEPTEMBER 5 (SUNDAY)

**Labor Day Weekend.** No outing.

#### SEPTEMBER 12 (SUNDAY)

**Hall Natural Area Reserve.** Explore Hall Natural Area Reserve in shadow of Mt. Conness, in a magnificent glacial lakes basin. About 5 mi RT. Bring food, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot. Some of us will camp at Sawmill campground the night before. You are welcome to join us, but you'll need to get your own camp site. Leaders: Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109), Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355). Dogs limited.

#### SEPTEMBER 19 (SUNDAY)

**Tuolumne Cascades.** This is a lovely day trip along a fishermen's trail with white heather, huckleberries along route. Opportunities for swimming along the way. Easy hike, 6 mi RT.

Please see ROL CALENDAR, page 12.

## Friends of the Inyo SUMMER 2010 CALENDAR

BY STACY CORLESS, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WE HAVE PLANNED another full summer of preservation, exploration, and stewardship for the Eastern Sierra. Please join us for a trail work day, a hike in the hills or for a weeklong stewardship vacation. Get details on all these events at <www.friendsoftheinyo.org>, or email stacy@friendsoftheinyo.org

**Saturday, July 3.** Mammoth Summer of Stewardship (SOS) Lakes Basin Cleanup.

**Saturday, July 10.** Hike to Dry Lakes Plateau in the Bodie Hills.

**Saturday, July 17.** SOS Volunteer Trail Day Crystal Lake Trail.

**Saturday, July 31.** SOS Volunteer Trail Day Coldwater Trails.

**August 1-7.** EVOLVE (volunteer wilderness vacation) Thousand Island Lake.

**August 19-22.** EVOLVE Steelhead Lake (McGee Creek Canyon).

**Saturday, August 28.** SOS Volunteer Trail Day Panorama Dome.

**Saturday, September 11.** SOS Convict Lake.

**Saturday, September 25.** National Public Lands Day project, Owens Headwaters (Glass Creek Meadow Trail); FOI Member & Volunteer Party.

*Editor's Note.* SOS = Summer of Stewardship  
EVOLVE = Volunteer Wilderness Vacation.

## Eastern Sierra Land Trust coming events

BY SARAH SPANO,  
EDUCATION COORDINATOR

### Brown Bag Lunch Series June 30 & August 4, 2010

We are hosting a Brown Bag Lunch series on the first Wednesday of every month. Talks are from 12-1 pm in the ESLT garden, at 176 Home Street, Bishop.

The next two Brown Bag Lunches will be June 30 (first week of July) and August 4. Please visit <www.eslt.org> for the upcoming topics, or call Sarah at 760-873-4554.

### GPS Workshop

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Lands Program Coordinator for a day exploring the world of GPS on Saturday, August 21. Learn the basics of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) including basic GPS use, a cross-country geography walk, and discussion of applications and uses.



Volunteer Kim Forkner teaching participant how to use a GPS device.

Please bring your own GPS unit. Drinks and snacks will be provided. Suggested donation \$15. Space limited. To sign up for the workshop and for more information, please contact sarah@eslt.org or call 760-873-4554.

# CONSERVATION ROUNDUP

## Conservation Briefs

BY MARGE SILL

**California Desert Protection Act of 2010.** Introduced by Senator Dianne Feinstein, the Act includes several areas in Inyo County which lie in Toiyabe Chapter. This legislation would add two small areas to Death Valley National Park and designate three additional areas in the Park as wilderness. It would also establish 7871 acres of wilderness at Great Falls Basin and add a small section to the Amargosa Wild & Scenic River designation.

Support for this legislation is necessary if the bill is to be passed in this session of Congress. Please contact Ryan Henson (rhenson@calwild.org) for further information.

**Logging & mining moratorium.** The Obama administration has extended the moratorium on most logging and mining on the 58.5 million acres of Forest Service roadless inventory lands for one more year. This will give the Secretary of Agriculture time to study what should be done in certain situations and also give the courts time to decide verdicts on the many suits that have been filed.

Many hearings have been held on the roadless rule since it was first issued during the Clinton administration. The public has overwhelmingly supported the moratorium on logging and mining in roadless areas.

**Travel Management Project DEIS.** The Mountain City, Ruby Mountains, and Jarbidge Ranger Districts of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has released the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Combined Travel Management Project.

The proposed action would add an additional 1151 miles of unauthorized, user-created routes to the existing 1103-mile forest transportation system on the three ranger districts. Toiyabe Chapter has requested an extension of time for comments so that (1) routes can be studied and (2) a better map made showing which routes are user-created, particularly in inventoried roadless areas.

For further information, please contact Karen Boeger (kboeger@juno.com) or Marge Sill (msill@juno.com.)

## Ruby Pipeline decision petitioned at FERC

BY DAVID VON SEGGERN

Toiyabe Chapter has filed a "petition for rehearing" of the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) decision\* to accept the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) and approve the Ruby Pipeline project. The project would put a 4-inch natural gas pipeline across northern Nevada and in three other states.

The Nevada segment is especially worrisome because it lies in fairly pristine high desert land -- one of the largest contiguous wildlife and scenic areas of the lower 48 states. Our petition for rehearing includes nine major points in which we argue why the order was improper.

Basically, FERC not only has ignored our comments on this pipeline, but

the input of many other individuals, organizations, and even government agencies. Our stance is that we don't oppose the pipeline per se, only the selected route.

On June 2 FERC ruled that they needed more time to consider our petition for rehearing. If they ultimately deny it, our only option then is litigation in court to achieve rerouting of the pipeline. This

## Spring meeting report

### Sierra Club CA/NV Wilderness Committee

BY VICKY HOOVER,  
WILDERNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR

THIS GALA THREE-FOLD EVENT with the Sierra Club's Southern CA Forests Committee and Great Old Broads for Wilderness in San Diego County on May 22-23, 2010, was a great success. In addition to the joint meeting Saturday, the gathering featured a service project in the Cleveland National Forest, improving a trail in the Agua Tibia Wilderness, and a fine hike in the proposed Beauty Mountain Wilderness.

**California Desert Protection Act of 2010.** The groups heard news of Senator Dianne Feinstein's new bill which adds several new California desert wilderness areas, expands several other areas, and establishes two national monuments. Several wilderness additions are in Inyo County, within the domain of the Range of Light group.

Though Sierra Club supports good land protection, it has serious concerns about the bill's legislative mandate for five off-road vehicle recreation areas and omission from wilderness of high priority areas like Cady Mountains and Conglomerate Mesa. The bill had just had a hearing in the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee only two days earlier, so meeting

assumes that the Record of Decision (ROD) will be signed at some point by the BLM.

Events which have strengthened our case. First, even though the U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service (USF&WS) declined in March to list the sage grouse as threatened or endangered, it did rule it a "warranted" species. This means the sage grouse deserved to be listed, but was not listed for lack of resources within the agency.

Second, the BLM head office in Washington, D.C. issued an Instructional Memorandum which, in recognizing the USF&WS non-action, requests more measures to protect the sage grouse in its jurisdictions. Our interpretation of this memorandum is that rerouting the Ruby Pipeline to a corridor of lesser impact would be a logical implementation.

Third, the BLM has so far refused to sign the ROD allowing Ruby Pipeline to proceed with its project on the BLM portion of the preferred route. The Nevada part of the route is mostly through BLM land. Many mandated items must be finished before the BLM can legally sign the ROD.

**What you can do.** Contact David von Seggern (vonseg1@sbcglobal.net), Ruby Pipeline Task Force, for further information or if you want to help in this very important Chapter issue.

\* April 5, 2010

"So extraordinary is Nature that the beauty of lilies falls on angels and men, bears and squirrels, wolves and sheep, birds and bees ...."

— John Muir

participants were asked to express their concerns to the Committee staff while the hearing record remains open.



Beauty Mountain in background, Toiyabe Chapter member, Lois Snedden, on left. (Photo: Vicky Hoover.)

### Nevada wilderness management.

The Draft Management Plan is out for eight wilderness areas in Clark County. Comments are sought until mid-July. These eight areas are all or in part in the Lake Mead National Recreation Area; the National Park Service has prepared the plan. The Bureau of Land Management is also involved, as three of the eight areas are jointly managed.

It's generally a good plan, but Sierra

Please see page 7, top left column.

## Duplication of expenditure in Nevada predator management

BY DON MOLDE



THE NEVADA BOARD of Wildlife Commissioners has for the first time approved controversial expenditures of nearly \$500,000 from its Heritage Fund to try enhancing mule deer numbers by killing

coyotes and cougars. Representatives from most county advisory game boards objected to this action, pointing out the questionable nature of the premise, the lack of opportunity for their members to consider the matter in detail, and the tradition of using Heritage Fund monies for nobler purposes. Requests for a delay of the vote were rejected by the commission at its May, 2010 meeting.

**A duplication of expenditure?** This controversial move by the Wildlife Commissioners does not seem to

Please see PREDATOR MANAGEMENT, page 11.



*"Now I see the secret of making the best persons. It is to grow in the open air and to eat and sleep with the earth."*

— Walt Whitman

Club volunteers are uneasy about the division of the wildernesses into "zones." Zoning could lead to more permissive management and reduced wilderness character in some places.

The Ely office of BLM is also doing scoping for the new Worthington Mountains and Weepah Springs wildernesses in Lincoln County, Nevada.

**San Diego County wilderness.** The event also highlighted the bill by Rep Darrell Issa (R-CA 49) for two areas as new wilderness in northern San Diego County. The bill would expand two existing wildernesses.

## Hopeful news for Walker Lake

BY MARGE SILL



THE FIRST purchase of water rights from a willing seller in Nevada as part of the Walker Basin Restoration Program was recently announced by the National Fish & Wildlife Foundation. The acquired water rights – over 2000 acre feet per year\* – will be used to begin restoring flows to Walker Lake.

The Walker Basin Restoration Program was established in 2009 through legislation introduced by Senator Harry Reid, a long-time advocate for Walker Lake, as part of the Desert Terminal Lakes program established and funded by Congress in 2002. At this time, everyone realized that Walker Lake was dying, along with its fish and birdlife, because almost no fresh water was reaching the lake from the Walker River.

The Sierra Club has carried on several campaigns to "Save Walker Lake" in the last decade because of the important environmental, scenic, and economic values of this unique terminus lake. All of us who have fished, birdwatched, photographed, or floated Walker Lake understand how wonderful a place it is and why it has to be saved.

The first acquisition of water rights is a signal of hope for the lake and could encourage other willing sellers to do the right thing.

\* For comparison, it is estimated it would take 80,000 acre feet of water per year to reduce the total dissolved solids in the lake water to a point where a high quality fishery would be possible. A fishery would include Lahontan cutthroat trout and chub, both of which are doing very poorly at present. Apparently, the lake hasn't had any significant river inflow since 2005. (This additional information contributed by Dennis Ghiglieri.)

**DEADLINE!**  
**SEPTEMBER 1**  
**FOR OCT-NOV-DEC ISSUE**

## Lake Tahoe Basin Management Plan Revision

BY GAIL FERRELL,  
SNOWLANDS NETWORK

**Tell the Forest Service what you want changed!**

**Send your comments by July 30, 2010**

THE LAKE TAHOE BASIN Management Unit (LTBMU) current management plan is 20 years old and out-of-date with respect to winter recreation. The LTBMU is now revising their Management Plan. The Revised Plan needs to consider the huge increase in demand for winter recreation and the affects of new technologies such as high power snowmobiles.

Many of you have experienced negative effects when both snowshoers/skiers and snowmobiles vie for the same lands. More often than not, skiers and snowshoers are pushed out as they seek quiet, pollution-free and safe places to recreate.

Please tell the Forest Service that you want more areas set aside for quiet, pollution-free and safe human-powered winter recreation. It took 1200 letters and e-mails to the Forest Service to create a snowmobile FREE Tahoe Meadows. We need 2000 letters and emails sent to the LTBMU to improve human-powered winter recreation!

Snowlands Network advocates that the area east of Highway 267 and north of Highway 50 be designated a Quiet Quadrant where all NO motorized snow travel is allowed. This includes the Martis Peak area east of Highway 267 and the areas on both sides of the Mt. Rose Highway.

This closure of a broad area is required because of the constant snowmobile trespass into the Mt. Rose Wilderness and other non-motorized areas. Also, snowmobile pollution (noise, air, and snow) spreads over a large area.

**What you can do.** Write a letter giving site-specific comments if you are familiar with the areas.

In any case, you can mention . . .

- any experiences that have negatively impacted your enjoyment of the forest
- snowmobile use is incompatible with your ability to enjoy quiet, pollution-free and safe winter recreation

- any trespass by snowmobile users into non-motorized areas that you've seen

- more areas need to be designated non-motorized in winter to provide opportunities for people needing quiet, pollution-free and safe areas for NON-MOTORIZED winter recreation.

E-mail your comments to: [comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us](mailto:comments-pacificsouthwest-ltbmu@fs.fed.us). Also send a copy of your comments to Snowlands Network at: [alerts@snowlands.org](mailto:alerts@snowlands.org).

You can send written comments to: Forest Supervisor Terri Marceron, LTBMU Forest Supervisor's Office, Forest Plan Revision Team, 35 College Drive, South Lake Tahoe, CA96150. Don't forget to include your name and address (required).

For more information, go to [www.snowlands.org](http://www.snowlands.org).

## Washoe County Sprawl Report

BY ERIK HOLLAND

Non-contiguous annexation is currently illegal under Nevada State law. This is recognized in our current Washoe County regional plan, which instructs our local government to go to the State Legislature to change the state annexation law to allow non-contiguous annexation.

Our local governments tried in 2007 and LOST, facing vigorous opposition from Voters for Sensible Growth, PLAN, the Nevada Conservation League, the Sierra Club and other groups. Despite this, Sparks included non-contiguous annexations in its seven-year plan and the Regional Planning Commission approved them.

A perusal of the May 11, 2009 Sparks City Council minutes clearly shows that council members were aware that the Stonefield annexation, leapfrogging 10 miles beyond current Sparks city limits, did not conform to state law. However, for the majority, it was more important to honor commitments to their developer friends than to follow state law.

Julia Ratti, who stated that sound fiscal policy for the people of Sparks was



more important, was the shining exception. Thank you, Ms. Ratti! You give hope that government in the Truckee Meadows can be of, by, and for the people, rather than of, by, and for the developers!

When the matter was appealed to the Regional Planning Commission and Regional Planning Governing Board, both entities, the latter comprised of elected officials, decided they did not have jurisdiction over their own actions! Therefore, Voters for Sensible Growth, with the support of the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, has been forced to file suit to enforce existing state annexation law!

Please stay tuned for more on this theater of the absurd!

## Gold Butte Proposal is making progress

BY YUKI TAKAGI

On May 4 Clark County Commission passed a resolution in support of designating the Gold Butte Area a National Conservation Area (NCA) with Wilderness (the resolution had previously been tabled twice). The vote was 6-1. This could not have happened without support from our members ... you!

Special thanks to those who attended the hearing, telephoned commissioners, signed a letter of support, and signed the online petition. Your passion and determination to protect natural, cultural, and historical resources in the Gold Butte area really helped create momentum leading up to the vote.

While the resolution is non-binding, it is a crucial step in our efforts to show our congressional delegation that there is strong support for protecting the Gold Butte area from? local communities.

The next hurdle is the federal legislative process. U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, Rep. Shelley Berkley, and Rep. Dina Titus have publicly announced their willingness to work together in designating the Gold Butte area as an NCA with Wilderness. This is a most encouraging

way to start the federal process for the Gold Butte 2010 campaign.

With your unflagging support, we can continue the momentum during the federal legislative process and turn this proposal into reality.

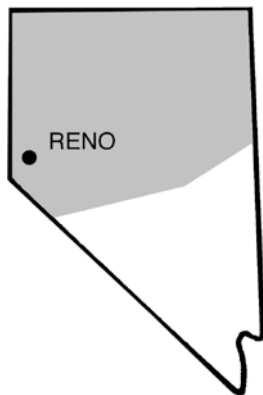
Next steps. At press time, Gold Butte legislation has not yet been introduced. Please call Rep. Dina Titus (702-387-4941) and Sen. Harry Reid (702-388-5020) and urge them to introduce a bill that will designate the Gold Butte Complex as a NCA with Wilderness.

It is important that we emphasize that a bill should contain not only an NCA designation but also wilderness components in order to provide maximum protection for fragile natural and cultural resources as well as protect pristine areas from further degradation.

*Nestled between federally protected Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona, the Gold Butte area represents an important wildlands linkage between the two protected areas. (Photo by Howard Booth.)*



# Great Basin Gatherings



## Great Basin Group

### Group News

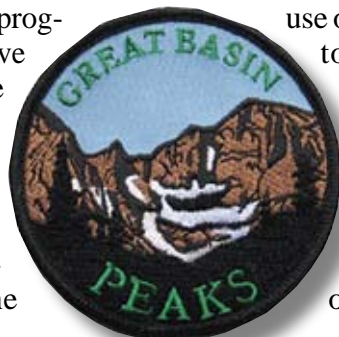
#### The Great Basin Peak Section is up & running

BY SHARON MARIE WILCOX

As you saw in the last *Toiyabe Trails*, the Toiyabe Chapter now has its own peak section. For details on membership, recognition categories, patch design, and peak list, check out the Great Basin Peak Section at <http://toiyabe.sierraclub.org/GBPeaksSection.html>.

This is still a work in progress. Soon we will have a membership list page and pages for each level achieved. We also plan to have a trip report page set-up.

Thanks to Erik Holland for donating the



use of his Wheeler Peak sketch to use for our patch and to Dennis Ghiglieri for his work setting up the website link. And of course, thanks to the entire Great Basin Peak Section Committee for all of their hard work.

#### "Who will keep Tahoe blue?"

BY JANICE HOKE, GREAT BASIN OUTDOOR SCHOOL

After us, who will keep Tahoe blue? The next generation of environmentally conscious citizens is learning how at Great Basin Outdoor School at Camp Galilee on the shore of Lake Tahoe. The school teaches natural sciences to elementary and middle school classes from nearby counties in four-day camps. But they not only learn about Tahoe's water quality, they also work to preserve it.

On the research vessel *Prophet*, operated by Marine Research and Education, students perform various experiments, including measuring water clarity, taking water samples, and examining zooplankton through microscopes. Many of the hands-on GBOS activities are funded by a grant from



Fifth graders from Virginia City and Lake Tahoe schools measuring water clarity.

the Bureau of Water Quality Planning of the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection.

"Students learn that their habits and behaviors have an impact on water quality, and part of their responsibility is to keep it clean," said Mary Kay Wagner, a NDEP environmental scientist. "We believe in the GBOS mission of outreach to school districts in northern Nevada and especially the effort to reach students in need of support to attend."

#### What you can do.

To learn how you can help support GBOS programs and ensure that more students can attend, contact Sue Jacox at [suejacox@nvcbell.net](mailto:suejacox@nvcbell.net) or 849-1890. For more info on GBOS, go to <http://greatbasin-os.org>.

#### Great Basin Group ExCom

We meet on the first Monday of the month. Info: David von Seggern 775-303-8461.

#### GREAT BASIN GROUP

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ExCom members: \*, 2009-10; +, 2010-11

#### BLM Wilderness Service trip July 23-26, Eastern Nevada

The CA/NV wilderness committee's culvert-digging-up and carrying service trip last summer with Wilderness ranger John R. Miller from Ely BLM was so much fun that we're taking John up on his offer of another chance farther north in eastern Nevada's Mt Grafton wilderness. This is about an hour's drive south of Ely, just off U.S. 93. We'll hike uphill 2 miles to carry out pieces of an old, unneeded guzzler (aka artificial wildlife water development).

Please see SERVICE TRIP, page 12.

## Great Basin Group Calendar

All phone numbers are 775 unless otherwise noted.  
ALL events include conservation education activities.

CST Nevada Tour Operator – Registration Information, Nevada Tour Operator  
Ref. No. 2008-0041 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

#### JULY 1 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** Join us for conditioning hikes of 3-5 mi at moderate pace with gain under 1000 ft. Discover trails in, around Truckee Meadows. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

#### JULY 3 (SATURDAY) 7 A

**Leader's choice in Black Rock.** Join Friends of Black Rock for long weekend in Black Rock Desert. Last quarter moon will mean good stars. Not sure what we'll do, but trip may include easy service project, hot springs, wide open spaces, possible hike to top of Black Rock Point, famous landmark on Emigrant Trail. Learn about Black Rock Desert. DL. Leader: David Book (775-843-6443; dbook@gbis.com). Easy.

#### JULY 3 (SATURDAY) 8 A

**Schneider Cow Camp Loop at Carson Pass.** Ato hikelternative route to, from Showers Lake through wildflower areas, with great vistas. About 10 mi, 1800 ft gain. Learn some history of area. High clearance vehicle needed or possible ride share. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Moderate.

#### JULY 5 (MONDAY) 5:30 P

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See April 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

#### JULY 6 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Join us on after-work hikes for about 2 hr in Truckee Meadows. Hikes geared for beginners or folks who want more relaxed pace. Trips 2-4 mi, up to 500 ft gain. Learn about flora, fauna, new places to go. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

#### JULY 7 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Join us each Wednesday to hike different places in Truckee Meadows. About 4-5 mi RT, possible 800 to 1800 ft gain, brisk pace. Bring trail shoes, water, clothing for weather. Learn about flora, fauna, new places to hike. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

#### JULY 8 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** Join us for conditioning hikes of 3-5 mi at moderate pace with gain under 1000 ft. Discover trails in, around Truckee Meadows. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

#### JULY 10 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A

**Jamison Lake Day Hike.** Hike from Jamison Mine to Jamison Lake. Beautiful lake is great for swimming. Traditional after-hike stop for ice cream in Graeagle. About 7 mi RT, 980 ft gain. DL. Leader: Craig Mastos (348-1862; maquis@softcom.net). Co-Leader: Melinda Subbiefield (636-5388). Moderate.

#### JULY 11 (SUNDAY) 8 A

**Ebbett's Pass Hike.** Follow Pacific Crest Trail N toward Pennsylvania Creek, off Ebbett's Pass. Incredibly scenic high Sierra views, going through summer snow fields. Gain less than 1000 ft, starting at about 8000 ft. About 8 mi RT. Moderate hike, but high altitude. DL. Leader: Lucretia Belancio (775-851-9279; lunature@hotmail.com). Moderate.

#### JULY 12 (MONDAY) 5:30 P

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** Join in effort to sustain our parks each Monday 5:30-7:30 (Apr-Oct); call hike hotline for location (473-1445 option #4). Meet at variety of regional parks, open space locations, to bag trash. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring work gloves, water. Learn about challenges parks face from illegal dumping and volunteer opportunities with local non-profits. ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

#### JULY 13 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details on 7-6-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd

(473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

#### JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Truckee River Afternoon-Evening Digital Photography Instruction.** Meet retired professional photographer Graham Stafford in front of California Bldg. in Idlewild Park at 5:30 p. Wed, July 14. Walk along Truckee River as Graham gives instruction on proper use of digital camera, general photography. Graham will also spend time with each person and their camera. Bring camera with battery/ies fully charged, empty memory card, instruction book. All levels of photography experience accepted. Beginners encouraged. View some of Graham's work on his website ([www.grahamstafford.com](http://www.grahamstafford.com)). ND. Leader: Graham Stafford (775-686-8478; graham@grahamstafford.com). Easy.

#### JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-7-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

#### JULY 15 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

#### JULY 17 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A

**Davis Meadows.** Climb up Thomas Creek Trail and over headwaters to this high Sierra meadow land at 8800 ft elevation. Should see lots of white bark pine along way, lots of wildflowers at our destination – blue grouse if we're lucky. Route mostly on historic trails as well as a little on future trails. About 9 mi RT, 2500 ft gain. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055; edc@unr.edu). Co-Leader: Chuck Oliveira (786-2988). Mod. Strenuous.

#### JULY 18 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A

**Spooner to Marlette Lakes.** Hike from Spooner Lake to Marlette Lake, back. About 9.5 mi, 1200 ft gain. Beautiful scenery, lots of wild flowers (we hope). Dogs on leash. DL. Leader: Donna N. Inversin (775-315-6763; d\_inversin@yahoo.com). Moderate.

#### JULY 18 (SUNDAY) 8 A-4 P

**West Wing of Relay Peak Loop.** On this LOOP version of West Wing hike, cross Relay Peak at 10,330 ft, then visit West Wing's rocky knob for lunch. After, hike S on Tahoe Rim Trail to descent near Incline Lake several miles further. About 12 mi, 1800 ft ascent. DL. Leader: Gary Hanneman (775-336-7698; gphanneman@charter.net). Mod. Strenuous.

#### JULY 18 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A

**Wildflowers & Photography: Carson Pass Hike.** Join wildflower expert, Joy Bridgeman, retired professional photographer, Graham Stafford, in one of most beautiful wildflower areas in Sierra Nevada. Learn about, view, many varieties of alpine flowers of Sierra on hike from Carson Pass to Winnemucca Lake. Mod. easy 5

Please see GB CALENDAR, page 9.

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mi RT, 600 ft gain. Optional: continue to Round Top Lake. For those who wish, Graham will give instructions on proper way to photograph wildflowers. View Graham's work at [www.grahamstafford.com](http://www.grahamstafford.com). ND. Leader: Graham Stafford (775-686-8478; [graham@grahamstafford.com](mailto:graham@grahamstafford.com)). Co-Leader: Joy Bridgeman (775-746-1313; [joybridge3@yahoo.com](mailto:joybridge3@yahoo.com)). Mod. Easy.

**JULY 19 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**JULY 20 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-6-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**JULY 21 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-7-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**JULY 22 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Easy.

**JULY 24 (SATURDAY) 8 A**

**Little Round Top at Carson Pass Area, Meiss Ridge.** Scenic, mostly off trail, about 1800 ft gain, mostly at beginning, about 8 mi in loop. Summit several crests at about 9400 ft elevation along Meiss Ridge. Narrow route with severe drop-off at beginning of hike. Experienced, conditioned hikers only. Learn some history of area. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Moderate.

**JULY 24 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A**

**Pah Rah Range Peak Ramble.** Ridge ramble to two of highest summits of Pah Rah Range, Virginia Peak (8366 ft), Pah Rah Mtn (8240 ft). Both peaks on GBPS peaks list. Panoramic vistas of Pyramid Lake, points N. Mostly x-c over rolling volcanic terrain. About 8 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055; [edc@unr.edu](mailto:edc@unr.edu)). Co-Leader: Sharon Marie Wilcox (852-5075). Moderate.

**JULY 26 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details. ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**JULY 27 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-6-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**JULY 28 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-7-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**JULY 29 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Easy.

**JULY 31 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A**

**Mt. Elwell, Sierra Buttes Weekend.** Join us for adventurous weekend of hiking, camping. Car camp in Lakes Basin area, hike Mt. Elwell on Saturday. About 8 mi RT, 1800 ft gain. Wildflowers should be pretty fantastic. Sunday, hike Buttes, 6 mi RT, 2380 ft gain. Incredible views of Yuba River Canyon. Call by 7-21 to secure spot. Trip limit 12. DL. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leaders: Bill & Gail Myatt (233-3186). Mod. Strenuous.

**Triangle Lake, Echo Peak, Angora Lakes Loop.** Challenging adventure on unmaintained trails, off trail, including steep, x-c descent to Angora Lakes. Visit both Desolation Wilderness, nearby Angora Resort. Good place to see, examine management aspects of each. Wildflowers, views will be highlights. About 8 mi, almost 2000 ft gain. Limit 10. ND. Leader: John Ide (321-525-2050; [johnide1@yahoo.com](mailto:johnide1@yahoo.com)). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 2 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 3 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Join us for 2-hr hikes after work in Truckee Meadows. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**AUGUST 4 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

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**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** After-work hike in hills surrounding Truckee Meadows. Trips about 4-5 mi, may be over 1000 ft gain. Learn about flora, fauna, places to go. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 5 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Easy.

**AUGUST 7 (SATURDAY) 8 A**

**Hawkins Peak near Carson Pass.** Hike up 10,020-ft Hawkins Peak near Carson Pass. About 1500 ft gain in 5-mi loop. Mostly off trail. Scenic. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Moderate.

**AUGUST 7 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A**

**Stanislaus Peak (11,239 ft).** Trek along crest of central Sierra, just N of Sonora Pass. Most above 10,000 ft on existing trail, but final summit ascent is x-c over rocky terrain. Learn about volcanic geology of Sonora Pass area. Great vistas. About 10 mi RT, 1800 ft gain. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055; [edc@unr.edu](mailto:edc@unr.edu)). Co-Leader: Sharon Marie Wilcox (852-5075). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 8 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A**

**Granite, Grouse Lakes Day Hike.** From Blue Lakes, hike to two beautiful, remote lakes. This hike will help us be mindful of water resources, conservation. Superb scenery throughout route. Length of hike makes it a strenuous endeavor for conditioned hikers only. About 13 mi, 1500 ft gain. Limit 10. ND. Leader: John Ide (321-525-2050; [johnide1@yahoo.com](mailto:johnide1@yahoo.com)). Strenuous.

**AUGUST 9 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 10 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 8-3-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Truckee River Digital Photography Instruction.** Meet retired professional photographer Graham Stafford in front of California Bldg. in Idlewild Park. Walk along Truckee River as Graham gives instruction on proper use of digital cameras, general photography. Graham will also spend time with each person and their camera. Bring camera with battery fully charged, empty memory card, instruction book. All levels of photography experience accepted. Beginners encouraged. Contact Graham 775-686-8478 [graham@grahamstafford.com](mailto:graham@grahamstafford.com) to let him know you'll be attending. View Graham's work at [www.grahamstafford.com](http://www.grahamstafford.com) ND. Leader: Graham Stafford (775-686-8578; [graham@grahamstafford.com](mailto:graham@grahamstafford.com)). Easy.

**AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details on 8-4-10 DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 12 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 14 (SATURDAY) 7:30 A-4 p**

**Christopher's Loop Above Lake Tahoe.** Ascend about 1700 ft on Tunnel Creek Rd to intersect southbound Tahoe Rim Trail. Within 3 mi, the rising and falling TRT leads us over ridge at 9100 ft, to reach spectacular view of Lake Tahoe's turquoise Sand Harbor from our white-granite vantage point 0.5 mi directly

above. About 12 mi RT, 3400 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Gary p

Hanneman (775-336-7698; [gphanneman@charter.net](mailto:gphanneman@charter.net)). Co-Leader: Elias Dechent (775-825-7472). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 15 (SUNDAY) 8 A**

**Flowers at Ebbett's Pass.** Follow Pacific Crest Trail N toward Pennsylvania Creek, off Ebbett's Pass. Incredibly scenic high Sierra views, with wildflowers blooming at their peak. Gain less than 1000 ft, starting at about 8000 ft. Distance about 8 mi RT. High altitude hike. DL. Leader: Lucrecia Belancio (775-851-9279; [lunature@hotmail.com](mailto:lunature@hotmail.com)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 16 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 17 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 8-3-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**AUGUST 18 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See trip details on 8-4-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 19 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 21 (SATURDAY) 9 A-3 P**

**Tamarack Peak & Waterfall Loop.** After hour on northbound Tahoe Rim Trail to waterfall, go OFF-trail and up on steep western slope of Tamarack Peak to reach large rock outcrop for lunch and full view of Lake Tahoe 0.5 mi below. Then continue

OFF-trail over Peak's 9900-ft. summit, descend gradual eastern ridgeline to finally rejoin TRT. About 6 mi RT, 1300 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Gary Hanneman (775-336-7698; [gphanneman@charter.net](mailto:gphanneman@charter.net)). Co-Leader: Donna Inversin (775-315-6763; [d\\_inversin@yahoo.com](mailto:d_inversin@yahoo.com)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A**

**Galena Creek Day Hike.** Start with 4-mi RT hike from picnic spot at Galena Creek. Identify some flora along way. Bring water, trail shoes. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Gary Hanneman (425-3742). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY) 11 A**

**Great Basin Group Annual Picnic.** Mark your calendars for afternoon of fun, good eats, socializing, in beautiful setting of forest at Galena Creek. Picnic at Manzanita Group site, S entrance to park. Group will provide soft drinks, water, hot grilled burgers. Bring potluck dish to share. To conserve on trash bring your own place setting. Play volleyball, horseshoes, Mexican Train, other games. Fun! DL. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Graham Stafford (775-240-8722). Easy.

**AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 23 (MONDAY) 6:30 P**

**Outings Meeting.** All members welcome to plan trips for October, November, December. Learn what it takes to become a Sierra Club outings leader. Potluck dinner at Holly's home. All beverages, plates, cutlery provided. Call for directions. ND. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Easy.

**AUGUST 24 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details

8-3-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY)**

**The Day PRIOR to Mt. Whitney Day Hike.** Accepting names for possible alternates on DAY HIKE up Mt. Whitney, back in one day. About 22 mi RT total; 6000 ft gain. Whitney at 14,494 ft is highest peak in "Lower 48." STRENUOUS; hikers MUST be fit, experienced. Due to way applications/permits by Rangers are handled, group members had to be pre-determined and limited, with fees paid in advance. If any of present hikers cancel, I will consider alternates for their reserved slot. Contact me early for all details and to get on list of possible alternates. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Strenuous!

**AUGUST 25 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See trip details 8-4-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 26 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 27 (FRIDAY) 6:30 P**

**Moonlight Picnic Supper.** Hike up into hills above Washoe Lake to view night lights of Reno for potluck picnic supper. About 6 mi RT, less than 1000 ft gain. Fun! ND. Leader: Donna N. Inversin (775-315-6763; [d\\_inversin@yahoo.com](mailto:d_inversin@yahoo.com)). Mod. Easy. **AUGUST 28 (SATURDAY) Emigrant Lake in Mokelumne Wilderness hike.** Hike along Caples Lake 2.5 mi, then follow beautiful stream through alpine forest up to Emigrant Lake. Emigrant Lake is one of those glacier formed alpine jewels. It sits in bowl with cliffs, will probably still be surrounded with wildflowers. About 8 mi RT, 800 ft gain. Moderate. DOK. Leader: Graham Stafford (775-686-8478; [graham@grahamstafford.com](mailto:graham@grahamstafford.com)). Moderate.

**AUGUST 29 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A**

**Chimney Beach to Marlette Lake.** Less traveled route to Marlette Lake with fantastic views of Lake Tahoe. Climb from Highway 28 to Marlette Lake Dam, then follow lake S to trail to Spooner Lake. Turn off Spooner Lake trail to curve around N again, meet up with trail back to cars. About 9 mi, 1500+ ft gain. DOK. Leader: Donna Inversin (775-315-6763; [d\\_inversin@yahoo.com](mailto:d_inversin@yahoo.com)). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 30 (MONDAY) 5:30 P**

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

**AUGUST 31 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 8-3-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

**SEPTEMBER 1 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See trip details 8-4-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

**SEPTEMBER 2 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P**

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; [myoki@att.net](mailto:myoki@att.net)). Moderate.

**SEPTEMBER 7 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Easy-paced Conditioning Hike.** Hike about 2 hr after work in Truckee Meadows. About 3-4 mi, 600 ft gain. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

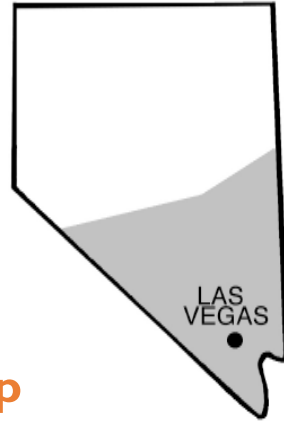
**SEPTEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Truckee River Digital Photography Instruction.** Meet retired professional photographer Graham Stafford in front of California Bldg. in Idlewild Park at 5:30 p Wednesday, Sept 8. Walk along Truckee River as Graham gives instruction on proper use of digital cameras, general photography. Graham will also spend time with each person and their camera. Bring your camera with battery fully charged, empty memory card, instruction book. All levels of photography experience accepted. Beginners encouraged. View some of Graham's work at [www.grahamstafford.com](http://www.grahamstafford.com). ND. Leader: Graham Stafford (775-686-8478; [graham@grahamstafford.com](mailto:graham@grahamstafford.com)). Easy.

**SEPTEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P**

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See trip details on 8-4-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

# The Mojave Monitor



## Southern Nevada Group

### Group News

#### Monthly meetings

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS** for the second Wednesday of every month (except August OR when the first Monday is a holiday) for the **MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING** at 7:30 pm. Come socialize, learn what's going on in the environmental community, and hear and see an interesting, educational slideshow program. See the Calendar (pages 10-11) for dates and details.

**GROUP EXCOM MEETINGS** are 6 - 8:30 pm on the first Monday of each month, except August, when the first Monday is a holiday. Location: Sierra

Club Office, 732 S. 6th St. (at Gass Ave.), Suite 220B (upstairs), Las Vegas. The next **ExCom meeting dates** are Mondays, **April 5, May 3, June 7**. All members welcome. Info: Kristine Cunningham (285-6832).

There will be **no NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION MEETINGS** in July, August, and September.

Also, there will be **no CONSERVATION MEETINGS** in July, August, and September.

### Kalaupapa National Historic Park Service Trip

BY LINDA NATIONS

Nine Sierra Club members traveled to the remote peninsula of Kalaupapa, Molokai, Hawaii, as National Park Service (NPS) volunteers, April 26-30, 2010. Over 350 hours were contributed to a variety of intertidal, cultural resource, and native Hawaiian plant projects. The work was strenuous, the companionship outstanding, and the result was an unforgettable week.

Kalaupapa NHP is unique among NPS units. This park is home to patients with Hansen's disease (leprosy). Nineteen patients still reside in the former "isolation" settlement. Patients are now free to leave but from 1866 until 1969 Kalaupapa was a prison to the "inmates" afflicted with the disease. Modern drugs can arrest symptoms and destroy the bacillus that causes it. The Park Service manages the cultural history and natural resources of the community through cooperative agreements with the State of Hawaii.

We assisted our co-sponsors, Eric Brown, Ph.D., marine ecologist, and Kaohulani McGuire, cultural anthropologist, with a variety of work. We helped with data collection for a master's study of opihi (limpets) habitat preferences, monitored endangered Hawaiian monk seals,



Crew: (Standing rear, l to r): Ursula Wilson Booth, Howard Booth, Sonya Wilson, Stan Peyton, Mike Thorson, Linda Nations, John Harrington; and (front, l to r) Grace Mitchell and Jack Sawyer. (Photo: Eric Brown on Stan Peyton's camera.)

removed invasive algae, hefted 306 lbs. of beach trash, cleaned the interior of a historic home, and did yard work at a patient's home

*The Hawaiian monk seals are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act, and their population is currently around 1000 individuals. Kalaupapa's remoteness provides an ideal sanctuary for these beach-loving creatures. (Photo: John Harrington.)*



## Southern Nevada Group Calendar

All phone numbers are 702 unless otherwise noted.

(Please use email when leaders state that they prefer email, especially if you have a long distance telephone number.)

ALL EVENTS INCLUDE CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES

Nevada Tour Operator - Registration Information, Nevada Tour Operator Ref. No. 2008-0041.

#### JUNE 29-JULY 5 (TUESDAY-MONDAY)

**\*Coyote Gulch, Escalante UT.** Leave Las Vegas about 6 am, June 29, with only gasoline stops, one at visitor center in Escalante to pick up permit. Lunch at trailhead, then backpack 4 mi to first campsite in alcove next to creek. Each day we will be in awe as we hike along Coyote Creek (one day possible along Escalante River). Easy to moderate over mostly flat canyon bottom; total backpack about 30 mi Cottonwood, willows in most of canyon. Campsites in cool shade. Enjoy water (bring swimsuit) at lower end of Coyote Creek. Christmas in July -- what are all these lights after dark that sometimes move, sometimes not? moving? Learn about origin of water, springs here as well as how canyon was formed. Limit 12. David Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; e-mail preferred).

#### JULY 3-4 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)

**\*Beginner Backpack: Bristlecone Trail, Lee Canyon, SMNRA.** Enjoy all the fun of backpack into the wild without long mileage to get to camp! Walk about 1 mi up Bristlecone Trail to try out new boots, tents, stoves, etc., swap wilderness experiences. How would you protect your food if this trip were in Sierra Nevada? Leader: Jack Sawyer (lvsawyer@hotmail.com).

#### JULY 12 (MONDAY)

**Group ExCom Meeting.** Time & Place: 6-8:30p; local Sierra Club office, 732 S. 6th St. (at Gass Ave.) Ste. 200B. All members welcome. Contact: Kristine Cunningham (285-6832, kris-sysjake@gmail.com).

#### JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)

**No Conservation Meeting.** All ConsCom meetings have been canceled until further notice.

#### JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)

**General Program Meeting.** Time & Place: 7:30 pm; NV Energy Bldg., 6226 W. Sahara (E. entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: "Recycle Las Vegas!" Learn latest on local commercial, residential, industrial recycling. Bob Coyle, VP with Republic Services, Rob Dorinson, President of Evergreen Recycling, will discuss how their companies are helping Nevadans live greener. Also, we'll hear from our very own Eric "Appleseed" King about High Efficiency Composting/Vermicomposting! All members, general public are welcome. Refreshments, announcements, free literature, too. Info: Eric King (677-4751).

#### JULY 17 (SATURDAY)

**\*PI (Photo Improvement) Hike, Valley of Fire State Park.** Love to hike, take pictures along the way? Hike will emphasize photography during enjoyable, short hike on beautiful White Domes Loop in Nevada's oldest state park, Valley of Fire. Bring camera(s), together we'll discuss how to make our hiking photos more appealing. When do you need tripod? Are landscape photos better with people in them? loop is 2.25 mi, with some shade. We'll go slow to give everyone time to take LOTS of photos. After returning to car,

and at the lighthouse.

With Scott Williams, archives manager, we relocated library shelving and books, inventoried part of the archival collection, and entered newspaper citations into the archival database. With Luana Kaaihue, native Hawaiian plant specialist, we did garden maintenance and plant propagation. With Paul Hosten, Ph.D., terrestrial ecologist, we removed invasive weeds from settlement sites.

On our last day, we were invited to a special mass at historic St. Philomena Catholic church, which was constructed by St. Damien (canonized in October 2009). The Park Service staff was very good to us. We send big "Mahalo nui loa" to all our Kalaupapa friends.

we'll enjoy some cold watermelon, then head home to our computers. Next, we'll e-mail our five favorite photos from the day for private website posting. Those who participated will have the opportunity to both critique, be critiqued --, to learn what worked, how to do it better. Top-rated shots will be featured on our SNG website! Leader: Par Rasmusson (215-9119, Par@mvdsl.com). Level 1-2.

#### JULY 18 (SUNDAY)

**\*Charleston Peak, SMNRA.** To reach highest point in Spring Mountains, we'll hike South Loop, return on North Loop. About 20 mi, 4500 ft gain (7500-12,000 ft). Be prepared for any kind of weather (that includes cold wind or rain). If thunderstorms are expected, start time will be super-early to be off ridge before lightning begins. Why are there no trees on highest elevations? Leader: David Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; Email preferred). Level 6.

#### JULY 24 (SATURDAY)

**\*High Meadows, SMNRA.** Look for wild flower display at 10,000 ft level in these sky-filled fields along approach to peak on South Loop trail. Why is the other side greener? About 8-10 mi RT, 2500 ft gain (8000-10,500 ft). Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 4.

#### JULY 31 (SATURDAY)

**\*Beginner Hike to Stanley B. Springs, Kyle Canyon, SMNRA.** About 1.5 mi to first spring. Some may want to go up, over; others can rest, lounge in wait for the gung ho. Which flowers are columbine, which wild rose? Leader: Jack Sawyer (lvsawyer@hotmail.com). Level 1 or 3.

#### AUGUST 1-6 (SUNDAY-FRIDAY)

**\*Service trip to Glacier NP, MT.** Five days (Mon-Fri) doing trail or facility maintenance near Polebridge area. Expect to put in 40 hours of labor making this park even more welcoming, beautiful than we find it. Learn about challenges Glacier NP is facing. Easy to moderate. Co-Leaders: Yuki Takagi (263-7327, yuki.takagi@toyabe.sierraclub.org), Ed Rothfuss.

#### AUGUST 7 (SATURDAY)

**\*Bonanza Peak, SMNRA.** Starting from Cold Creek, switchback up to ridge for views of vast desert valleys off toward Test Site. Elk from Yellowstone NP were reintroduced to Spring Mountains in 1930s. How do you tell elk from deer? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 4.

#### AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY)

**No General Program Meeting.**

#### AUGUST 14 (SATURDAY)

**Hidden Forest/Deadman Canyon, DNWR/ Sheep Mtns Range.** Hike "other" sky island with forests ponderosa pines, white fir trees -- across Highway 95 from Spring Mountains. Lunch on picnic tables at 5.7 mi then hike in another 0.5 mi to check on Wiregrass Springs (which may be dry). An easy backpacking trip for some if they wish. Moderate, about 11 mi RT, 2000 ft gain (6000- 8000 ft). Leader: Eric Blumensadt (370-1836, 7speeder@cox.net). Level 3-4.

#### AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY)

**\*Mummy Mountain, SMNRA.** From Trail Canyon head to North Loop, then at 10,000 ft leave trail to climb steep scree slope, scramble

Please see SN CALENDAR, page 11.

Don't forget to visit the Chapter website <<http://toyabe.sierraclub.org>>

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up to top at 11,500 ft High mountains can create their own weather, especially if it's humid, so be prepared. Threat of lightning will require earlier than usual start for safety. What are fossils on top? About 10 mi, 4000 ft gain. Leader: David Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; Email preferred). Level 5.

### AUGUST 28 (SATURDAY)

**\*North Loop to Lee Canyon Overlook, SMNRA.** Come up into pines for some cool mountain air. What factors contribute to bristlecones doing well on this ridge? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 3-4.

### SEPTEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY)

**No Conservation Meeting.** All ConsCom meetings have been canceled until further notice.

### SEPTEMBER 8 (WEDNESDAY)

**General Program Meeting.** Time & Place: 7:30 pm; NV Energy Bldg., 6226 W. Sahara (E. entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: "Protecting Desert Biodiversity," with Rob Mrowka, Nevada Conservation Advocate of Center for Biodiversity. Rob will discuss how he, his solid team of biologists are protecting a range of species such as desert tortoises, their habitat, while siting large projects such as proposed Large Solar thermal Array south of Las Vegas! All members, general public welcome. Refreshments, announcements, free literature, too. Info: Eric King (677-4751).

### SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY)

**\*Griffith Peak, SMNRA.** Up South Loop to one of best views of Las Vegas region. Why is it hard to catch your breath up here? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 4.

### SEPTEMBER 12 (SUNDAY)

**Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up, RRCNCA.** Let's polish up southern approach to our local jewel Red Rock Canyon. From cars, bikes, people honk, wave to show appreciation for our efforts. Please join us by meeting at Pizza Hut (Antelope on West Charleston) at 8a. Back to Pizza Hut for lunch. Bring water, hat, sunscreen. Co-Leaders: Sandee Gogatz (248-4443), Jack Sawyer (228-3857).

### SEPTEMBER 13 (MONDAY)

**Group ExCom Meeting.** Time & Place: 6-

8:30p; local Sierra Club office, 732 S. 6th St. (at Gass Ave.) Ste. 200B. All members welcome. Contact: Kristine Cunningham (285-6832, kris-sysjake@gmail.com).

### SEPTEMBER 26 (SUNDAY)

**\*Fletcher Loop, SMNRA.** Start at Trail Canyon (7500 ft). About 2 mi later (9300 ft), leave trail, drop into Fletcher Canyon. First part of drop is steep but becomes less so. There is minor obstacle rock to climb down, then rabbit hole in middle of fine narrows. Where did the green go? About 7 mi. Leader: David Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; Email preferred). Level 2.

### SEPTEMBER 23-26

#### (THURSDAY-SUNDAY)

**\*Right Fork, Lamoille Creek & Canyon, Ruby Mtns near Elko, NV.** Hike 4 mi into this "dramatic hanging valley," camp for two days at same spot while exploring, fishing small alpine lakes, climbing nearby valley peaks -- your choice. What are long "humps" running on each side of valley? Drive to Lamoille Creek Thursday, Sept. 23. Car camp near parking lot ("car camping"). Hike in Friday morning, explore all afternoon if you like. Saturday, explore, peak bag, fish, or lay around camp. Sunday morning hike out, drive home. Leader: Eric Blumensadt (370-1836, 7speeder@cox.net). Level 2-3 backpack.

### OCTOBER 2 (SATURDAY)

**\*Family Hike: Cathedral Rock, Kyle Canyon, SMNRA.** All ages (babies, too!). Friendly dogs welcome. Cool fall temperatures, autumn colors (golden aspen trees), awesome view of canyon and surrounding mountains at top of "Rock." Learn a little geology, too. About 2.8 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. Leader: Gary Beckman (648-2983). Level 2.

### OCTOBER 10 (SUNDAY)

**Pine Creek, RRCNCA.** North Fork of Main Fork requires usual rock scrambling of canyons in Red Rock. Some water flows here and there in canyon bottom. Why is it so cool in this canyon compared to where we start hike? About 6 mi. Leader: David Hardy (875-4549, hardyhikers@embarqmail.com; email preferred). Level 3.

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### SEPTEMBER 9 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY) 7:30 A-5 P

**Anderson Peak on Pacific Crest Trail.** First, hike over 0.5 mi rough granite. Then, for several hours follow PCT S along crests and saddles with endless vistas. Finally, ascend Anderson Peak's plateau-top, near famous Benson Hut. Return same way. About 14 mi RT, 1900 ft total ascent. DOK. Leader: Gary Hanneman (775-336-7698; gphanneman@charter.net). Co-Leader: Lucrecia Belancio (775-851-9279; lunature@hotmail.com). Mod. Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY) 8 A

**Machado Postpiles Day Hike.** Fire and ice on Machado Postpiles day hike in Carson Pass area. Existence and location of these natural hexagonal basalt columns, similar to, but believed to be millions of years older than, Devils Postpile near Mammoth. This was not confirmed until about 1990. That's "fire"; "ice" is evidenced by numerous large erratics and glacial striations near beginning of hike. About 5 mi in and out, about 800 ft gain. Not on trail. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Mod. Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 13 (MONDAY) 5:30 P

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 14 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 9-7-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 15 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See 8-4-10 for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 16 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 18 (SATURDAY) 8 A

**Three 10,000-Foot Peaks Day Hike.** Hit the tops of three peaks each over 10,000 ft. Just S of Lake Tahoe are Freel, Jobs Sister, and Jobs peaks. Ascend all three in one day! Loop of about 10 mi, 4400 ft gain. Experienced, conditioned hikers only on this fast-paced event. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 19 (SUNDAY) 8:30 A

**Fourth of July Lake Day Hike.** This fabulous hike winds by several lakes, including Frog, Winnemucca, Round Top, and finally 4th of July Lake. About 10 mi, 1000+ ft gain, loss. Learn about local flora, fauna. End our adventure at Grover's Hot Springs for soothing soak. Trip limit 12. DL. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Elias Dechent (825-7472). Mod. Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 19 (SUNDAY) 8 A-4:30 P

**Castle, Basin Peaks Loop.** Hike northbound Pacific Crest Trail past Peter Grubb Hut to OFF-trail ascent up Basin Peak's western slopes. Following cliff-edge saddle trail, cross over to Castle's first two Peaks at 9100 ft and peek at third. Steep, mostly on-trail descent back to PCT. About 13 mi RT, 2000 ft gain.

DOK. Leader: Gary Hanneman (775-336-7698; gphanneman@charter.net). Co-Leader: Bill Myatt (775-233-3188; bill.myatt@gmail.com). Mod. Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 20 (MONDAY) 5:30 P

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 21 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P

**Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 9-7-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 22 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Please See trip details 8-4-10. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 23 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Moderate Conditioning Hike.** See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 25 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A

**Biz Johnson Mountain Bike.** Bike out of Susanville on great trail from old railroad bed. Trip about 25 mi RT, one small hill, rest is relatively flat. Scenery landscaped with pines. Optional stop at Black Bear Diner afterward for treat. ND. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Mike Sullens (331-7488). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 25 (SATURDAY) 7:30 A

**Leavitt Peak Day Hike.** Hike up Leavitt Peak (11,569 ft), near Sonora Pass. About 13 mi RT mostly above 10,000 ft elevation; in and out hike on PCT. About 1900 ft gain. Learn some history of area. Hikers should be experienced, conditioned. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Strenuous.

### SEPTEMBER 26 (SUNDAY) 9 A

**Tahoe Rim Trail South from Spooner Summit.** Hike alternate trail heading E through grove of aspen trees. Turn S and W to Tahoe Rim Trail heading S, for lunch at beautiful site overlooking both Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe. Return on Tahoe Rim Trail. If we're in luck, aspens will be in full fall color. About 8 mi, 1200 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Donna Inversin (775-315-6763; d\_inversin@yahoo.com). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 27 (MONDAY) 5:30 P

**Monday Night Parks Cleanup.** See July 12 for details ND. Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 28 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P

**Last Tuesday Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike.** Last Tuesday conditioning hike for 2010. See trip details 9-7-10. DOK. Leader: Karen Todd (473-1445). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

### SEPTEMBER 29 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P

**Last Wednesday Conditioning Hike.** Last for 2010. Please See trip details on 8-4-10. Get-together after hike for dinner in near-by location. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

### SEPTEMBER 30 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P

**Last Thursday Moderate Conditioning Hike.** Last Thursday after-work hike for 2010. See trip details 7-1-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.



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have taken into account that Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) had already planned an expenditure of over \$550,000 for FY 2010 for the same purpose. The monies were available through the \$3 predator fee that sportsmen pay when they purchase a license and tag. Over the past 10 years (FY 00 - FY 10), NDOW and the commission have spent an estimated \$3 million killing predators.

**Does killing predators enhance mule deer numbers?** Here's the record on

predator kills vs. deer numbers for the past 10 years. Using reasonable extrapolation for FY 09 - FY 10, about 85,000 coyotes have been killed in Nevada from all causes (Wildlife Services, fur trappers), as well as about 2000 cougars (sportsmen/Wildlife Services). Meanwhile, statewide mule deer numbers in FY 00 were estimated at 133,000, descending to a low of 105,000 in FY 04, with the current 10-year average standing at 110,000.

These figures don't seem to support

## OUTING WAIVERS

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the Wildlife Commissioners' hope that its only enhancement strategy -- killing predators -- will see mule deer numbers rise to about 200,000!

Concerned sportsmen and the general public need to work together to effect change.

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# Bookshelf

## HIKING NEVADA'S COUNTY HIGH POINTS

BY BOB SUMNER

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A NEW GUIDEBOOK by Sierra Club desert peaker, Bob Sumner, describes the adventure, beauty and solitude found on Nevada's highest county summits while also illuminating some of the state's lesser known wild places.

Central Nevada resident and author, Bob Sumner, has put his lifelong love of the desert into his new historic adventure guidebook, *Hiking Nevada's County High Points*. Sumner shares his favorite scenic hikes to the highest mountain summits in each of Nevada's 16 counties and the state capital, Carson City.

Many readers will recognize the familiar summits of Charleston Peak near Las Vegas and Mount Rose above Reno. However, hiking Nevada's County High Points goes far beyond the known. Into the most remote depths of Nevada's rural counties, Sumner's routes cross the Great Basin, where mountain ranges seem to float like earthen islands above the desert valleys, to the beautiful world

of Nevada's wilderness, remote and seldom visited -- the big sky country of sagebrush and pine.

The book's trails meander through bristlecone pines, the oldest trees on the planet, to the summits of Boundary Peak, Nevada's highest, and Wheeler Peak, in Great Basin National Park, to the historic overlook of Mount Davidson above Virginia City; along alpine lakes and cliffs to Ruby Dome; past herds of pronghorn antelope to Mount Jefferson in Nye County; around the old Pony Express trail in the pursuit of Desatoya, Churchill County's high point.

Hiking Nevada's County High Points is a comprehensive driving and hiking guide to the summits of Nevada's 16 counties and Carson City. Author Sumner describes each backcountry adventure in abundant detail with chapters that include:

- Driving and route instructions
- Camping and lodging locations
- A "bonus" peak which can be combined with the county high point

- A side trip to a nearby point of interest
- Historic background for each high point

Outdoor enthusiasts from all over the country will appreciate the journeys contained in this "must have" guide to the state's diverse and challenging high points. Alpine scenery, towering limber pines, lush riparian canyons, wind-sculpted rock walls with hundred-mile vistas are here for the exploring in Sumner's book.

**About the author.** Central Nevada resident and Hiking Nevada's County High Points author, Bob Sumner, has been hiking and climbing throughout the West for more than 25 years and has summited more than 1400 peaks.

Editor of the venerable Desert Peaks newsletter, The Desert Sage, Sumner has contributed hiking articles for various publications. On any given weekend, Bob can be found exploring the most remote regions of the Silver State.

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was posted on the website of the Great Basin Water Network: <http://greatbasinwaternetwork.org/pubs/index.php>

Staggering results! The Great Basin Water Network (GBWN) analysis of the protests posted on-line on the Nevada State Engineer's website (<http://water.nv.gov/>) show over 2300 protests were filed before the tight deadlines.

Thanks to a generous contribution, the Toiyabe Chapter was able to protest dozens of applications in targeted valleys in Nevada. A large number (150) of individuals and families from all over Nevada and Utah filed over 600 protests of water applications by the SNWA and other water purveyors hoping to mine groundwater from the ancient carbonate aquifer underlying E. Nevada and W. Utah.

Eight other conservation groups, including GBWN, Sierra Club Utah chapter, Center for Biological Diversity, Defenders of Wildlife, Audubon Council of Utah, and Trout Unlimited, filed over 400 protests. Ten counties in three states filed protests, along with other local government agencies and irrigation companies. Twelve civic and religious groups, including the LDS church, filed protests on applications in eastern and southern Nevada. Three state agencies and five federal agencies filed over 600 protests. Ranchers, businesses, and other groups rounded out the massive wave of protests.

The waiting game. All are now awaiting clarification by the Nevada Supreme Court of its due process ruling on which applications and/or water rights are affected and how the implementation of its ruling will proceed.

**What you can do.** For more information on the chapter water campaign, contact Rose Strickland, Water Campaign Coordinator (775-329-6118).

## ROL CALENDAR...

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**swimming along the way.** Easy hike, 6 mi RT. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:45 at Lee Vining Ranger Station on Hwy 120. Leaders: Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109), John Walter (760 934 1767) No dogs.

**SEPTEMBER 25 26 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)**

**Big Pine Campout or Day Hike near Third Lake.** About 12 mi, with 3000 ft gain in first 5 mi. Option for alternate 8 mi day hike to Third Lake and back. South of this lake basin are imposing Temple Craig, Mt. Sill, North Palisade (the latter two both 14,000-ft peaks). North Palisade Glacier south of Third Lake is nearly 2 mi in length, several hundred feet thick. Parking limited at road's end, 10 mi up canyon. Meet Saturday, 8a, ML Union Bank parking lot for drive. Owens Valley hikers meet in Big Pine by 9a, Hwy 395/Crocker Ave. (Glacier Lodge Road). Begin hike around 10a. Day hikers and campers need raingear, hiking boots, warm clothes. Also needed are food, sun glasses, sunscreen, water purifiers (or plenty of water for day hikers). Bring camera. Those with fishing gear are welcome. Leaders: Monica & Ron Stormo (760 876 5401), Grethe & Henning Jensen (760 934 7176). Dogs limited.

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To make toting downhill easier, a frame backpack should work well to strap guzzler pieces to. Probably two carries per day, except one only on first and last days. Central commissary optional; \$20; three dinners and three breakfasts. High clearance recommended.

As John Miller says: "I would suggest that everyone who is coming start training/ walking regularly. Remember we're at elevation and merely walking can be more strenuous. I am looking forward to entertaining my favorite Stakeholders. We'll do our best to carry all the guzzler pieces out of there."

Reservations. Contact leader, Vicky Hoover (415-977-5527, [vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org](mailto:vicky.hoover@sierraclub.org)).



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**Toiyabe Chapter ExCom Meeting**

**July 10, Mammoth Lakes**

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