



TOIYABE TRAILS

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

From the Chair

BY JEAN STOEISS

Greetings!

CHAIRING THE TOIYABE CHAPTER in 2011 will be truly challenging, especially because this is only my second year on the ExCom, and I don't have much historical and administrative knowledge about local and national Sierra Club activities, events, and members. But here we go . . .

ExCom meeting agendas. Dave Hornbeck, Chair for many years and now Vice-Chair, recently discovered that the Vice-Chair is supposed to prepare ExCom meeting agendas. I am grateful that I got a free ride as Vice-Chair from preparing agendas. This year, Dave and I are working together on the agenda. I plan to get it out at least a week before the meeting and to include some measures, such as a consent calendar, that might shorten our meetings

Chapter challenges. The current economy mirrors some challenges that Toiyabe Chapter must wrestle with. This includes the expenses of printings and mailings, a slight loss of members, and a decrease in income. The letter Tina Nappe and her committee will send you explains what we have achieved over

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The U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service refuses to protect the rare Mt. Charleston blue butterfly as endangered, despite the imminent risk of extinction due to human-caused problems. This species is found only in the Spring Mtns in southern Nevada. Photo: Corey Kallstrom, USFWS (from Flickr). Caption: Dennis Ghiglieri.

2011 national Sierra Club election

The Sierra Club will soon be sending you your official 2011 Board of Directors ballot. As a voting member, we hope you take this opportunity to exercise one of the most important responsibilities of your membership. It will only take a few moments of your time, but the impact to our organization, our mission and our planet will be far-reaching. How you vote will determine how we achieve our collective vision to protect our planet and all the species sharing it.

Your 2011 ballot will include eight candidates for the Board of Directors for the 2011-2014 term. Seven were nominated by a Nominating Committee, chaired by Mark Walters, after it interviewed ten finalists. . . . In addition to those nominated by the Nominating Committee, one additional candidate qualified to run by a petition signed by at least 214 members.

The Board of Directors, composed of 15

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Notable Group Activities

BY JEAN STOEISS

THIS IS THE FIRST of an occasional column about the activities of Toiyabe Chapter Groups that I found notable:

Great Basin Group. This group has had interesting and well-attended meetings in their new location, the Girl Scout Building at 605 Washington in Reno. Their winter survival program for January played to a standing-room-only crowd.

Range of Light Group. The group

Please see GROUP ACTIVITIES, page 12.

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

Clearcutting in the Sierra Nevada

BY ERIK HOLLAND, POLITICAL CO-CHAIR

This may surprise some folks, but clear-cutting is still legal, even in John Muir's Range of Light, the Sierra Nevada!

At issue currently is California's AB 32, which puts together a carbon trading system to limit greenhouse gas emissions. Originally, only healthy forests and ecosystems could be counted as carbon credits. (Trees absorb carbon as they grow) Timber companies, by keeping their forests intact, could trade credit to refineries and other major polluters to help them meet their emission limits.

Incredibly, Sierra Pacific Industries (not the power company, but a lumber company in California), was able to change the law to allow

"even-aged management" practices to qualify for carbon credits. In other words, clear-cutting a forest (and replanting) now qualifies for carbon credits! Yet, clear-cutting works against the goals of the carbon offset program. I'm sure John Muir is rolling over and over and over and over in his grave!

Dr. Malcolm North of the Forest Service states that even aged management is not an efficient way to sequester carbon. He advocates mixed-age forest management,

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NAT'L CLUB ELECTION...

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elected volunteers, is the governing body of the Sierra Club. The Board has the responsibility and authority to oversee all staff and volunteer activities of the Club, to establish the Club's conservation priorities and internal policies, and to adopt and implement the annual budget (approximately \$79 million in 2011). The Board of Directors elects the Club's officers, including the President and the rest of the Executive Committee, and selects the Club's Executive Director. Directors typically also serve on at least one of the Board's advisory committees.

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Aaron Mair (NY)
Liz Walsh (TX)
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Terms expire 2012

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Terms expire 2013

Donna Buell (IA), Allison Chin (VA), Robbie Cox (NC), Jim Dougherty (DC), Jared Duval (CT)

For more information about the candidates, please visit: <www.sierraclub.org/bod/2011election/default.aspx>

Electronic voting. The easiest way to vote is by the Internet. Sign on to <<https://www.esc-vote.com/sierra2011>>. To vote, you must have the sequence numbers from your paper ballot panel in hand. When voting electronically, please do not also send in a paper ballot, or vice versa.

If from now on you wish to save the Club money and to save paper, you can opt-in for electronic notification of election materials. To sign up, go to: <<http://action.sierraclub.org/e-ballot>>.

— Mark Walters, Chair, Nominating Committee; Lane Boldman, Secretary; Deborah Rudy, Chair, Ballot Statement Review Committee; Steve Krieg, Chief Inspector of the Election

YOUR VOTES OR BALLOT MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOON EDT, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20, 2011

EDITOR'S NOTE. This information was taken from "2011 Sierra Club Election" (Sierra Club Bios 11.pdf). To download or print out the whole text of this PDF file, go to <<http://www.sierraclub.org/bod/2011election/default.aspx>>.

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Membership information – There is a membership coupon in each issue of *Toiyabe Trails*. You can also call the Chapter Membership Chair (see Chapter Directory, this page) or the Sierra Club office in San Francisco (415-977-5663).

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.

APRIL 1-3 (FRI-SAT)**WORK PROJECT IN GOLDEN VALLEY WILDERNESS AREA**

Help protect this wilderness area near Ridgecrest, CA, from vehicle trespass. Work Friday, Saturday camouflaging illegal roads. We'll be directed by the Student Conservation Assoc. crew: a group of college-age interns who have been doing restoration work in this area for several months. Friday afternoon, Saturday are workdays; Sunday will be a hike in wilderness area, wherethere may be a lot of wildflowers. Leader: Kate Allen (kj.allen@wildblue.net, 661-944-4056).

CNRCC Desert Committee

APRIL 2-3 (SAT-SUN)**MOJAVE NAT'L PRESERVE EXPLORATION**

Meet Friday pm at Sunrise primitive campground on Cima Road, 11 mi from I-15 on L (just past Teutonia Peak Trailhead, which is on R). Saturday hike to Teutonia Peak, 4 mi RT. Sunday, go to Hole-in-The-Wall visitor center, hike 6 mi on Barber Peak Loop Trail. Want to spend another night? We can camp at Mid-Hill Campground. Fees: \$12/site (\$6 with Senior Access Pass). Bring warm clothes, eves can be cold. Bring lots of water, food for entire weekend. Reservations: contact leader, Carol Wiley (Desertlily1@verizon.net, 760-245-8734).

CNRCC Desert Committee

APRIL 10-16 (SUN-SAT)**ESCALANTE RIVER CANYON: SERVICE TRIP/BACKPACK**

Work with National Park Service Ranger Bill Wolverton on this ongoing Russian olive eradication program. About 40 mi of Escalante River have been cleared. We'll clear more, using loppers, small handsaws, herbicide. Meet in Escalante Sunday am, caravan to trailhead, hike in

Spring 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, 661-944-4056).



Sierra Club California/Nevada Regional Conservation Committee

CNRCC Desert Committee

APRIL 29-MAY 1 (FRI-SUN)**SERVICE TRIP: DEATH VALLEY NAT'L PARK**

Help with wilderness restoration in this beautiful, remote desert national park. Work in Saline Valley, camp at Warm Springs. Subject to change depending on weather/road conditions. Meet Friday at noon, car-caravan to work areas, camping. Happy hour potluck Saturday night. Bring work gloves, camping equipment, food for weekend. Info: contact leader, Kate Allen (kj.allen@wildblue.net, 661-944-4056).

CNRCC Desert Committee

MAY 7-8 (SAT-SUN)**WORK & PLAY IN OWENS PEAK WILDERNESS**

about 7 mi. Expect knee to thigh deep river crossings, some bushwhacking. Work 4 days, day hike 1 day, hike out Saturday morning. Participants must follow work-clothing requirements, provide own food and gear on trail, travel expenses to trailhead. Info: contact leader, Paul Plathe (209-476-1498).

Delta-Sierra Group

APRIL 16-17 (SAT-SUN)**BIRDS, FLOWERS, FENCES IN CARRIZO: SERVICE TRIP & HIKE**

Opportunity to explore, aid outstanding, relatively unknown national monument. Saturday, assist monument staff in removing fence wires to allow pronghorn antelope freer access to range. Sunday reserved for sightseeing. Views from Caliente Mountains are spectacular; spring flowers may still be blooming; this monument is known for number and variety of raptors. Info: contact leader, Craig Deutsche (310-477-6670, craig.deutsche@gmail.com).

Mostly service to preserve boundary of Owens Peak Wilderness Areas. Work with Marty Dickes from Ridgecrest BLM office to camouflage illegal roads, place signs, barriers along wilderness boundaries. We'll be joined by an SCA crew: college age interns doing restoration work in this area for several months. Car camping, potluck dinner, story telling in eve. Info: contact leader, Craig Deutsche (310-477-6670, craig.deutsche@gmail.com).

CNRCC Desert Committee

MAY 14-15 (SAT-SUN)**LONE PINE LAKE & MANZANAR: CAR CAMP & HIKE**

Join us at beautiful creek-side camp in high desert near Lone Pine. Saturday, hike mod. 6 mi RT, 1600 ft gain from Whitney Portal to beautiful Lone Pine Lake, followed by Happy Hour, potluck feast, campfire. Sunday, caravan to Manzanar, a WWII Japanese internment camp (now one of Nat'l Park Service's Nat'l Historic Sites) to visit museum with its moving tribute to internees held there during war. Group size limited. Info: contact leader, Lygeia Gerard (760-868-2179).

CNRCC Desert Committee

JUNE 18-19 (SAT-SUN)**TELESCOPE PEAK: CAR CAMP & HIKE**

Enjoy beautiful forest campsite at 8000 ft in Panamint Mts. Saturday, hike highest peak in this desert range, with views of highest (Mt. Whitney), lowest (Badwater) points in contiguous U.S. About 14 mi RT, 3000 ft gain. Mod./slow pace for well-conditioned hikers only. NO TIGERS. After hike, enjoy Happy Hour, potluck feast, campfire. Group size limited. Info: contact leader, Lygeia Gerard (760-868-2179).

CNRCC Desert Committee

ESLT EVENTS...*continued from page 5*

Kim Forkner of Inyo National Forest teaches a group the basics of GPS at an ESLT Brown Bag Lunch.

dinner with your friends at Whiskey Creek Restaurant in either Mammoth or Bishop and ask your server to donate the profits of your dinner to ESLT. Contact Hillary (hillary@eslt.org or 760-873-4554) to reserve your table today.

JUNE 25 (SATURDAY)

ESLT Extravaganza! We invite you to join us for our 3rd annual Extravaganza, hosted by Rusty Gregory and Mammoth Mountain. Check our website for details (www.easternsierralandtrust.org).

Island hopping in Channel Islands National Park

Reserve early for 2011!

May 8-10 • July 16-19 August 6-9 • September 11-13 October 16-18



California's Channel Islands are Galapagos USA! Marvel at the sight of whales, seals, sea lions, rare birds & blazing wildflowers. Hike the wild, windswept trails. Kayak the rugged coastline. Snorkel in pristine waters. Discover reminders of the Chumash people who lived on these islands for thousands of years. Or just relax at sea.

These fundraisers benefit Sierra Club political programs in California. Cruises depart from Santa Barbara aboard the 68-foot Truth. The fee (\$590 for May, September, and October; \$785 for July and August) includes an assigned bunk, all meals, snacks, and beverages, plus the services of a ranger/naturalist who will travel with us to lead hikes on each island and point out interesting features.

Make a reservation! Contact leaders Joan Jones Holtz and Don Holtz for

more information (626-443-0706, jholtzhl@aol.com).



MONO LAKE NEEDS YOU! Join the volunteer program at Mono Lake this summer!



The Mono Lake Committee, U.S. Forest Service, Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association, and California State Parks are teaming up to sponsor a volunteer program at Mono Lake this summer.

Volunteers will have the opportunity to meet people from all over the world and share their knowledge of the Eastern Sierra. Participants may staff information desks and/or rove and answer questions at the lakeshore.

Free training will be held on May 25 & 26 as well as June 1 & 2 and 8 & 9 in Mono Basin (Wednesday and Thursday afternoons).

Info & signup. Please contact Erika (erika@monolake.org, 760-647-6595). You will be sent details and a training schedule.

— contributed by Janet Carle

High Sierra Camp & Workshops

Golden Trout Camp, just so. of Mt. Whitney, 3 mi. hike-in wilderness camp at 10,000 ft. Natural history & B&W photo sessions start 6/19, 6/26, & 7/3. \$525 for a full week.

Contact Paul at 805-688-8344 or GoldenTroutWorkshops@Gmail.com
www.GoldenTroutWorkshops.org

Range of Light Reflections

Range of Light Group

Group News



Letter from the Chair

BY MALCOLM CLARK (wmalcolm.clark@gmail.com)

ExCom Meetings. The next ExCom meeting is Tuesday, April 19th, 1 pm, at Mary Kay Prentice's home (this is two weeks later than the normal date).

Conservation Committee. Normal meeting time is 2nd Tuesday of each month, 11 am, at Mary Kay Prentice's home (mkp@npgcable.com). Conservation issues should be brought to the Conservation Committee before being put on the ExCom's action agenda.

Program Meetings. In January, Mark Bagley played documentary "extras" from the 2009 DVD re-release of the movie Chinatown. Mark was a consultant for the extras (dealing with the Owens Valley river issues). In February, Curtis Milliron, Sr. Biologist of the California Dept. of Fish & Game, presented a program on the endangered mountain yellow-legged frog in the Sierra Nevada. In March, ExCom member and geologist, Brigitte Berman, along with local historian, Evanne Jardin, enlightened us about the Bodie Hills.

Outings. Winter ski and snow shoe outings continue through April (and perhaps Saturdays in May, depending on the snow). Summer hikes begin in May (Wednesday evenings, and Sundays). See calendars.

Group ExCom meetings

WE USUALLY MEET on the first Tuesdays of January, April, July, and October at 1 pm. All Sierra Club members are welcome. To confirm date, place, and time, contact the Chair, Malcolm Clark (760-924-5639). *Note that the April meeting will be on April 19 rather than April 4.*

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Conservation.

Bodie update. ROL Group sent alerts to members, who responded with letters, phone calls to supervisors, and attendance at the Feb 15 presentation by Cougar Gold. The company is demanding release of Bodie WSA as a prerequisite to continued development of a mine. The company was unwilling to provide any specific information as to their possible mining plans. It's likely that some proposal will come before the Supervisors for release of the WSA in March or April. Watch for further alerts!

Owens Dry Lake Bed. The master planning process is aiming at spring completion.

Inyo County proposed General Plan Amendment & Map. An overlay of areas suitable for renewable energy projects has been developed. ROL Group has submitted comments, contending that some areas are inappropriate for the proposed use and that the county is apparently trying to bypass what we believe to be legally required environmental reviews.

Americorps funding support. ROL Group has signed on to a letter opposing efforts in the House to eliminate Americorps funding (There were 27 Americorps interns in the Sierra Nevada last year).

Friends of the Inyo volunteer trip to Saline Valley

APRIL 1-7, 2011 (FRI-THU)

TAKE A SPRING BREAK to Saline Valley with Friends of the Inyo and help in monitoring, treating, and eventually controlling the invasive plant tamarisk (salt cedar), in partnership with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Please see SALINE VALLEY, page 12.

ROL Group Website
<<http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>>
&
Chapter website
<<http://toiyabe.sierraclub.org/>>

Range of Light Calendar

ALL OUTINGS INCLUDE CONSERVATION EDUCATION ACTIVITIES!

All phone numbers are 760 unless otherwise noted.

CST 2087766-40. Registration as a seller of travel does not constitute approval by the State of California.

Spring skiing, snowshoe conditioning, & exploration tours

BY JOHN WALTER, ROL WINTER OUTINGS LEADER

April

AS LONG AS THE SNOW LASTS, there will be short conditioning trips on Thursdays with everybody welcome regardless of skill level, then longer, more demanding trips on Sunday requiring at least strong beginner skills.

Trip info will be published in the local media, in the ROL e-newsletter, and on the ROL website <http://nevada.sierraclub.org/rolgroup/>. Also, you can call or e-mail John Walter (salt1143@gmail.com, 760-934-1767) or Jean Dillingham (760-648-7109, jdill@qnet.com).

Equipment. Most track or touring cross-country skis will do fine, but waxless pattern skis seem to be easiest. The new lightweight snowshoes are generally preferred. Rental equipment is available all over Mammoth if you can't find the pine tar for those old boards. Note: abominable weather cancels.

Conservation education. All trips will give participants a chance to familiarize themselves with the natural history of the area and with local conservation issues.

Thursday morning snow shoe & cross-country ski. Both Thursday and Sunday trips meet at 10a at the parking lot behind Union Bank in Mammoth. There may be a secondary meeting area closer to the trailhead, so check your ROL e-mail newsletter, the ROL website, or call a leader. Trips will run every Thursday, as long as the snow lasts.

We usually cover 3-5 miles and are out about 2.5 hours. However, we're flexible, depending on the strength and desires of the group. We concentrate on conditioning, technique, and learn-

Please see ROL SNOW CALENDAR, page 5.

Highway cleanup

May 18, July 20, & Sept. 21, 2011

WILL BUD LIGHT, DESIGNER WATER, or Red Bull win the "drink of slobs" award this year?

Find out when you join Range of Light Group members in the Mammoth area to clean "our" section of Hwy 395 north of Mammoth in May, July, and September.

The cleanups are on Wednesday morning after our third Tuesday eve monthly group meeting: May 18, July 20, and September 21. Meet at the Crestview rest area, about 5 miles north of town at 8 am. We provide required reflective vests, hard hats, and trash bags – along with picker-uppers and gloves.

When 10-12 people show up, we normally finish by 10:30 and then enjoy some light refreshments together. If the State is too broke to open the rest stop, we'll meet at the junction of Scenic Loop Road and 395, about 2 miles south of the rest stop.

Info. Contact John Walter (760-932-1767, salt1143@gmail.com).

You're Invited!

Range of Light Group Monthly Meeting Everyone welcome!

April 19 (Tues)

Potluck & Social 6:30 pm!

New Crowley Lake Community Ctr
(next to Crowley Lake Store)

Please bring your own non-disposable table setting and a dish for 6-8 people.

Program 7:30 pm

"The Sierra Nevada Red Fox"
with Sherri Lisius, Wildlife Biologist,
Bridgeport Ranger District

The red fox has long thought to be extinct in the Sierra Nevada, but it is now clear that a remnant population exists. Sherri will discuss the status of this rare creature and the ongoing multi-agency monitoring and research efforts, as well as updating us on FS projects and activities in the Bridgeport district.

June 21 (Tues)

Potluck & Social 6:30 pm!

See above for details of place,
food, and table settings.

Program 7:30 pm

May 17 (Tues)

Potluck & Social 6:30 pm!

New Crowley Lake Community Ctr
(next to Crowley Lake Store)

Please bring your own non-disposable table setting and a dish for 6-8 people.

Program 7:30 pm

"Llama Packing in the Sierra Nevada"
with Grace Lohr, resident llama expert
and packer

Grace has packed in the Sierra with her llamas for 18 years. She'll share some of her experiences hiking with these gentle creatures and acquaint you with the benefits of having them carry your load. Grace will bring a couple of llamas for us to get up close and personal with.

PROGRAM
TO BE
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Range of Light Snow Calendar

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ing about our local natural history and conservation issues. All skill levels welcome. We like to help beginners get started.

Bring water, snack, ski equipment or snowshoes, sunscreen, sun glasses, hat, gloves, and layered clothing.

Sunday ski & snowshoe tours. The tours are held every Sunday, running through April if the snow lasts. We generally cover 5-7 miles and are back about 3 pm.

Intermediate or advanced beginner skill levels and endurance required. Snow shoers must be able to keep up. Based on past experience, this is usually not a problem -- particularly when going uphill. Most trips will spend some or most of their time off groomed trails.

Dress in layered clothing and be prepared for changeable weather. Bring sunscreen, sunglasses, hat, gloves, lunch, water, and ski or snowshoe equipment.

May

LOOKS LIKE THE SNOW WILL LAST to July, so we're planning a series of higher altitude skis in May. These skis will be held on Saturdays so as not to conflict with the Sunday hikes. We'll meet at 9 am so we can travel further.

Tentatively, the areas will be around Tioga Pass (Dana Meadows, Bennetville, Saddlebag), Little Lakes Valley from Rock Creek Road, and somewhere off Conway Summit.

The exact wheres and whens depend on the snow gods and the Cal Trans clearing schedule. Watch the local papers and visit the ROL web site for postings as the situation clarifies.

Dates. May 7, 14, 21, 28.

Equipment, conservation education, & meeting places. See April. Bring an extra quart of water and pint of suntan lotion cuz of the sun and altitudes over 10,000 ft.

Start time & distance. Begin at 9 am instead of 10 am. Prepare for 8-10 mi.

E. Sierra Land Trust News

BY HILLARY BEHR, EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Eastern Sierra Land Trust earns national recognition

We are pleased to announce that the Land Trust Accreditation Commission, an independent program of the Land Trust Alliance, has awarded Eastern Sierra Land Trust *accredited status*.

This distinction has been awarded to only 130 out of the 1700 land trusts in the country. Being an accredited land trust indicates to the public that ESLT meets national standards for excellence, upholds the public trust, and ensures that conservation efforts are permanent.

Earning accreditation is a great way to start our 10th year! Join us as we continue to preserve the vital lands of the Eastern Sierra. ESLT relies on the generous support of its members and there are many ways to give. Learn more at <www.easternsierralandtrust.org>.

UPCOMING EVENTS

APRIL 6 (WEDNESDAY)

Brown Bag Lunch. ESLT is kicking off its second year of monthly brown bag lunches held in the garden at our office in Bishop. On the first Wednesday of each month, ESLT hosts a guest speaker and the public is invited to eat their lunch and listen to the presentation. We hope you will join us on April 6, May 4, and June 1!

APRIL 23 (SATURDAY)

Wild at Home. Join Eastern Sierra Audubon Society, Inyo-Mono Master Gardeners, and Eastern Sierra Land Trust from 9am-12pm to learn how native plants, garden features, and smart planning can make your yard a healthy habitat for birds, butterflies, and beneficial wildlife. Suggested donation: \$10 for ESLT or ESAS



A hummingbird and a praying mantis face off in the ESLT garden.

Please see ESLT EVENTS, page 3.

Welcome to Ed Armenta

INYO NATIONAL FOREST'S NEW Supervisor is Ed Armenta. Currently, Armenta is the District Ranger of the Payson District of the Tonto National Forest in Arizona.

Born and raised in Southern California, Armenta began his career with the Forest Service in 1981, working over time in the Plumas National Forest, Sequoia National forest, (both in California), and the Prescott National Forest. Since 2000 he has been District Ranger on the Tonto National Forest as well as serving as Acting Forest Supervisor on the Lincoln and the Kaibab National Forests. Jon Regelbrugge will continue to serve as Acting Forest Supervisor until Armenta arrives.

Forest Service officials have noted that Armenta is particularly strong in working collaboratively to find common ground solutions and working in team settings.

"I am really excited to be coming to the Eastern Sierra to serve as the Inyo National Forest Supervisor," Armenta said. "I spent much of my early years fishing, camping and hiking there with my family, and it has been a lifelong dream to live and work in the Eastern Sierra."

Note also that Nancy Gibson has been appointed Forest Supervisor of the Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit.

— contributed by Malcolm Clark,
from a Nat'l Forest Service
Press Release (March 1, 2011)



Range of Light Spring Hike Calendar

BY HENNING JENSEN, ROL SUMMER OUTINGS CHAIR

May thru August "Fun & Fitness" Wednesday Evening Hikes

JOIN US EVERY WEDNESDAY EVENING AT 6 PM at ML Union Bank parking lot for 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. For more information call leader: Dick Baggett (760 924 5749). Dogs limited.

MAY 1 (SUNDAY)

Lower Rock Creek.

Enjoy wildflowers, large Jeffrey pines along beautiful stream. Learn about geology, ecology of area. Start at Hwy 395 for brisk 7.5 mi, 1900-

ft descent to Paradise, then car shuttle back to Hwy 395. Shorter option will shuttle back to Hwy 395 from halfway point. Bring lots of water, lunch, hat, sun block, hiking boots, camera, optional hiking sticks. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot, or 8:30 am at Hwy 395, top of old 395 just S of Tom's Place. Leaders: Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355) Shalle Genevieve (760 934 9668). Dogs limited.

MAY 8 (SUNDAY)

Spark Plug Mine. Explore historic Jeffery Mine, commonly called "Spark Plug Mine." It is located on W flank of White Mountain near Hammil Valley. Restored mining camp is 2 mi in, 1600 ft above trailhead. Study geology, talk about history of camp and mine it served. After lunch, hardy hikers can go an additional mi 1400 ft above camp to see actual mine. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, camera. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot, or 8:45 at White Mountain Ranch Rd off Hwy 395 in Bishop or 9 am at Red Rock Canyon turnoff on Hwy 6, 6.5 mi N of Chalfant, 15 mi S of Benton. Leaders: Dave Pedersen (650 388 6581), Brigitte Berman (760 924 2140). Dogs limited.

MAY 15 (SUNDAY)

Granite, Cow Track Mountains, & Dexter Canyon. After surveying pillar of stone constructed about 1890 on Cow Track Mountain, hike eastward 4-7 mi, 1 mi on road, along Granite Mountain Ridge. This beautiful area became a new Wilderness Area last year. Opportunities for hardy hikers to climb several modest peaks along way, 1200 ft potential gain. Great views of Mono Lake, Dexter Canyon, and Glass Mountain. Car shuttle necessary. Bring lunch, water, hiking boots, insect repellent, hat, sunscreen. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:45 am at Hwy 395, 120 intersection to Benton. Leaders: Mary K Prentice (760 934 0355), Shalle Genevieve (760 934 9668), John Walter (760 934 1767). Dogs limited.

MAY 22 (SUNDAY)

Grouse Mountain. Hike is loop with top of Grouse Mountain (8083 ft) as focal point. Wonderful views, weather permitting, of Buttermilk Country, Mt. Humphrey, Basin Mtns, Mt. Tom, Mt. Emerson, off to White Mtns, Table Land. Cross McGee Creek a couple of times. About 7 mi RT, mod. up, down. Some easy rock climbing. Prepare for



Come to the ROL's May program meeting to learn about the Sierra's nearly extinct red fox. Photo: Sherry Lisuis.

hot weather, may be quite windy at points. Start at about 6000 ft. Bring lunch, plenty of water, sun screen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 9 am in N end parking lot

of Cerro Coso College (along Hwy 168, about 5 mi SW of Bishop). Leaders: Kathy Duvall (760 387 2122), Dave Pedersen (650 388 6581). Dogs limited.

MAY 29 (SUNDAY)

Memorial Day. No outing.

JUNE 5 (SUNDAY)

Mono Craters from Pumice Flat. Hike in Mono Craters – volcanoes with great views. Talk about vulcanism, economic use of volcanic products. Mod. 8-mi hike with car shuttle, half on dirt road, half by mod. X-C. Bring lunch, plenty of water, sunscreen, hat, hiking boots etc. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:30 am at N. June Lake Loop, Hwy 395. Leaders: John Walter (760 934 1767), Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109). Dogs limited.

JUNE 12 (SUNDAY)

Kayak/Canoe from Benton Crossing to Crowley Lake. Float, paddle, bird watch about 4 mi along Owens River. See, learn about wide variety of birds, particularly waterfowl. Bring boat, paddle, lunch, water, hat,, sunscreen. Personal floating device mandatory. Waterproof bag for camera, binoculars, recommended. Car shuttle required. Some space in boats may be available. Call to reserve space, if you don't have a boat. Meet 9 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 9:30 am at Benton Crossing Bridge. Leaders: John Walter (760 934 1767), Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109). No dogs.

JUNE 19 (SUNDAY)

Bodie Hills to Bodie Peak. Join us for spectacular, mod. hike, about 7 mi RT, 1200 ft gain, to top of Bodie Peak, from where there are panoramic views of Sierra. Bring Lunch, plenty of water, hat, sunscreen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:45 am at Lee Vining Visitor Center, or 9 at Bodie turnoff on Hwy 395. Leaders: Brigitte Berman (760 924 2140), Mary K Prentice (760 934 0355). Dogs limited.

JUNE 26 (SUNDAY)

North Dome. Starting at Porcupine Flat, hike 4 mi on excellent trails in dense forest, to emerge at North Dome, with spectacular view of Half Dome across Yosemite Valley. Bring lunch, plenty of water, hat, sun screen, hiking boots, etc. Meet 8 am at ML Union Bank parking lot or 8:45 at ranger station on Hwy 120. Leaders: Brigitte Berman (760 924 2140), Jean Dillingham (760 648 7109). No dogs.

CONSERVATION ROUNDUP

*The mountains
are calling and
I must go.*

— John Muir

How can you help?

BY MARGE SILL

AS A SIERRA CLUB MEMBER, you understand the importance of the volunteer in our campaigns and activities. Many of you have asked me how you can help. There are many ways you are needed, depending on your time and circumstances.

If you are young (or not so young) and active, you may want to lead outings, which are so important to many of our members. If you like politics, you may want to join our **Political Committee** or our **Legislative Committee** or to correspond with our elected officials.

If you care about clean air and

clean water, you can get involved in campaigns on these important issues. If wildlife is your passion, you can join our **Wildlife Committee** and work for the animals you love. If you are worried about climate change, you can join our **Energy Committee**, which is working to substitute renewable energy for coal-fired power plants. If you care about national parks and wilderness, your talents are needed to help preserve our magnificent wild lands by becoming part of our **Public Lands, Wild Lands, or Wilderness Committees**. If you live in the Tahoe

Basin or in the Eastern Sierra, those groups need you.

What you can do. Please look at the Chapter Directory on page 2 of this issue and select something that you are interested in and where you feel that you can be of help. Then contact the person who is leading the effort.

I think you will be surprised at how much you will be appreciated. As someone who has worked for 60 years as a volunteer for the Sierra Club, I know how much it has meant to me.

Club praises new Nevada clean energy power line

The ON Line project got a major boost recently as Senator Harry Reid (D-NV) and Energy Secretary Steven Chu joined CEOs Michael Yackira of NV Energy and Mike Segal of LS Power to announce the final financing piece that will allow the important transmission line to begin construction.

When completed, the ON Line project will, for the first time ever, connect the northern and southern electrical grids in Nevada. The project will bring the potential to transmit thousands of megawatts of clean geothermal, solar, and wind energy around the state, as well as an expanded potential to export to California.

Will reduce need for unhealthy coal plant

The Sierra Club has vocally supported the line's construction throughout its development. Sierra Club regional organizer, Vinny Spotleson, released the following statement in reaction to today's announcement.

"This project is a major turning point for the clean energy economy

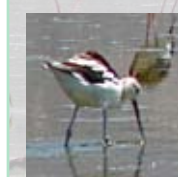
in Nevada. The ON Line project will literally serve as the backbone for developing Nevada's vast clean-energy resources. This line will create 400 construction jobs and even more jobs in the long run through the construction and maintenance of clean energy projects that will now have the opportunity to connect to our homes and businesses. In the very near future, these clean energy sources can replace old, dirty, and unhealthy coal-fired power like the Reid Gardner plant in Moapa.

The Sierra Club applauds Senator Reid, Secretary Chu, NV Energy and LS Power on each of their work to make this important progress.

— contributed by Jean Stoess, from Sierra Club News Release (February 15, 2011)

2011 Owens Lake SPRING BIG DAY

Tuesday, April 19, 2011



COME OVER TO THE EAST SIDE, THE RIGHT SIDE, THE OTHER SIDE, and join us for a fun Spring Big Day at Owens Lake! The lake will be surveyed for all birds of all species during the peak of spring migration. Small groups will census every bird habitat at Owens Lake in order to have a "snapshot" of a single day.

Expect to see thousands of shorebirds – so be prepared. Past counts have totaled 40,000 - 60,000 birds!

Meet at Diaz Lake County Park parking lot at 7 am (3 mi south of Lone Pine on Hwy 395). Tally at 4 pm at the Prather home. Our survey this year is on a Tuesday, which is a change. Also, we'll have help from LADWP staff, which helps with our coverage.

Info. Contact survey coordinator, Mike Prather (mprather@lonepinetv.com, 760.876.5807 home, 760.715.0692 cell).



DEADLINE!

JUNE 1



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STOP-per the pipeline!

BY ROSE STRICKLAND

In big cities and little towns, Nevadans and Utahns are flocking to water protest workshops and consulting the website of the Great Basin Water Network to find information on how to file a protest against the massive water grab proposed by the Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA).

Thanks to our Supreme Court victory last year, the State Engineer is re-noticing SNWA's 1989 applications in four basins — Spring, Cave, Delamar, and Dry Lake Valleys — thus reopening the protest period until late March. Until that time, any citizen can raise concerns and be heard in water hearings scheduled Fall 2011. For more information on protests, follow this link: <www.greatbasinwaternet.org>.

Conservationists are also preparing to analyze and comment on the draft Environmental Impact Statement being developed by the Bureau of Land Management on the pipeline project due for release in June or July 2011.

The draft EIS must include a rea-

Wildlife Breakfast a success

BY TINA NAPPE

DESPITE SNOW, ICY ROADS, and the early hour of 7 am on February 17, legislators and representatives from a variety of conservation and sportsmen organizations mixed at the Wildlife Breakfast held at the Nevada State Legislature.

Many thanks! Along with other sponsoring organizations, the Toiyabe Chapter provided a display. I want to thank David Von Seggern and the Great Basin Group for loaning us the display board and some very nice photos, Jane Feldman for providing handouts and a hard hat, and Dennis Ghiglieri for some excellent photos as well as text highlighting Walker Lake, Lahontan Wetlands, rural springs, and Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge.

A special thank you to everyone who donated money. Your contribution enabled us to be a co-sponsor and partner.



sonable range of alternatives to the pipeline and a credible analysis of the environmental impacts of pumping and exporting up to 65 billion gallons of groundwater from rural Nevada to Las Vegas every year. These potential impacts include dust storms from dried-up valleys in down-wind areas and severe groundwater drawdowns throughout eastern Nevada.

These pumping impacts would affect springs with endangered fish as well as wildlife habitat for deer, antelope, birds, and fish. Removing groundwater could also harm not only public lands and national and state parks and wildlife areas, but also the local economies of rural tribes and communities.

Those who dwell among the beauties and mysteries of the earth are never alone or weary of life.

— Rachel Carson

Bigger trucks threaten Nevada's environment

BY TAJ AINLAY, S. NEVADA GROUP CHAIR & SAMANTHA GALING GADDY, CABT STATE DIRECTOR

A SERIOUS ENVIRONMENTAL threat to Nevada that is often overlooked is the hazard of heavier and longer trucks. For years, there have been efforts to increase the weight and size of trucks traveling our roads. Most recently, in February 2011, H.R. 763 was introduced in Congress; this bill would increase the weight of semi-trucks to 97,000 lbs from the current limit of 80,000 lbs.

More efficient transport needed. Allowing bigger trucks diverts freight from other, more efficient, modes of transportation – such as rail, thereby increasing energy consumption, creating more pollution, and exacerbating existing highway congestion.

Heavy trucks account for one third of U.S. mobile source NOx emissions and nearly a quarter of mobile source PM-10 emissions. As a case in point, the Las Vegas Valley already has pollution levels that exceed federal and state limits several days throughout the year – increasing truck weight will only add to that problem.

Cost of big trucks. What's more, increasing truck size and weight is not fiscally responsible. At the current weight limit, commercial trucks are paying for only 80% of the infrastructure damage they cause, forcing taxpayers to pick up \$1.9 billion in damage. If 97,000-lb trucks were allowed, those vehicles would pay only 50%, leaving taxpayers with a \$63 billion bill, much of which would fall on residents of Western states.

Nevada cannot afford such costs – neither monetary nor environmental.

Campaign against bigger trucks. The Coalition Against Bigger Trucks (CABT), a national nonprofit, grassroots organization, is leading the public campaign against increases in truck size and weight. Through the BlueGreen Alliance, a national partnership of labor unions and environmental organizations, the Sierra Club has joined CABT in opposing

Toiyabe Chapter & Bears

BY TINA NAPPE

The Tahoe Group's opposition to the bear hunt in Nevada* may reflect the thoughts of a majority of Sierra Club members. Most Sierra Club members don't hunt. However, even Sierra Club members displace wildlife to build homes, schools, grocery stores, and roads. In short, we are displacing nature and our wildlife — worldwide.

How permit programs started. Saving wildlife within this human assault on the earth is not easy. In 1936, some people, including Teddy Roosevelt, supported legislation placing a tax on guns and ammunition. The proceeds were to be returned to a state, if the state established a state wildlife agency and matched the federal funds. The result was the system we have today where people purchase licenses, tags, and other fees to hunt wildlife.

The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) was created in 1947; the reliable income derived from hunting since that time has been used to learn about "game" species, prevent poaching, acquire key habitats, provide education, and, more recently, improve habitat. Without this steady source of income, state wildlife agencies would not have the foundation of wildlife management and the knowledge of wildlife that we, as residents of Nevada, have today.

Toiyabe Chapter's position. Toiyabe Chapter's purpose is always to protect wildlife and water sources. NDOW data is essential when the Chapter is opposing the Ruby pipeline, protecting water in rural communities, responding to a flood of project proposals for transmission lines, renewable energy development, roads, the Winnemucca Ranch proposal, and other urban expansion projects.

To date, the best information on Nevada bears is available through NDOW, using a patchwork of funds now drying up. According to NDOW, biological data supports hunting bears.

The Chapter did not oppose the bear hunt, but did take offense at the manner in which the proposal was made. The Chapter also made a number of recommendations, one of which was that income derived

such increases since 2009.

Our stated position on this issue is: "The facts are clear: heavier trucks would be dirtier and would unnecessarily contribute to air pollution and global warming."

What you can do. For more information about the fight against bigger trucks and to learn how you can help, contact CABT State Director, Samantha Galing Gaddy (sgaddy@cabt.org, 702-530-2583).



from the bear hunt be used to continue learning more about bears and protecting them.

Bear advocates may be looking at a larger role for themselves in protecting bears. This is good news. The challenge for all of us who do not hunt is to replace the income from hunting to manage our wildlife, before the wildlife disappears.

* See "Nevada Wildlife Commissioners approve black bear hunting," in January-February-March 2011 *Toiyabe Trails*, page 7, for details.

-- from *Sierra Club Insider* (March 1, 2011)

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which means selective logging. I knew a logger in Salcha, Alaska who practiced selective logging. When he was done, one hardly knew a harvest had taken place! That's the way it should be.

California limits clearcuts to 20 acres, which doesn't seem like a big deal until you see the pictures of our Sierra from the air. Check this website – <www.thebattlecreekalliance.org> – and take a deep breath. Or check our own Sierra Club Mother

9 myths about electric vehicles

(to be continued)

Myth 1: Switching to an electric vehicle will mean that the same amount of pollution comes from electricity generation rather than from the tailpipe — I'll just be switching from oil to coal. **Reality:** According to a range of studies, an electric car leads to 35 to 60% less carbon dioxide pollution from electricity than the CO₂ pollution from the oil of a conventional car with an internal combustion engine.[1][2][3]

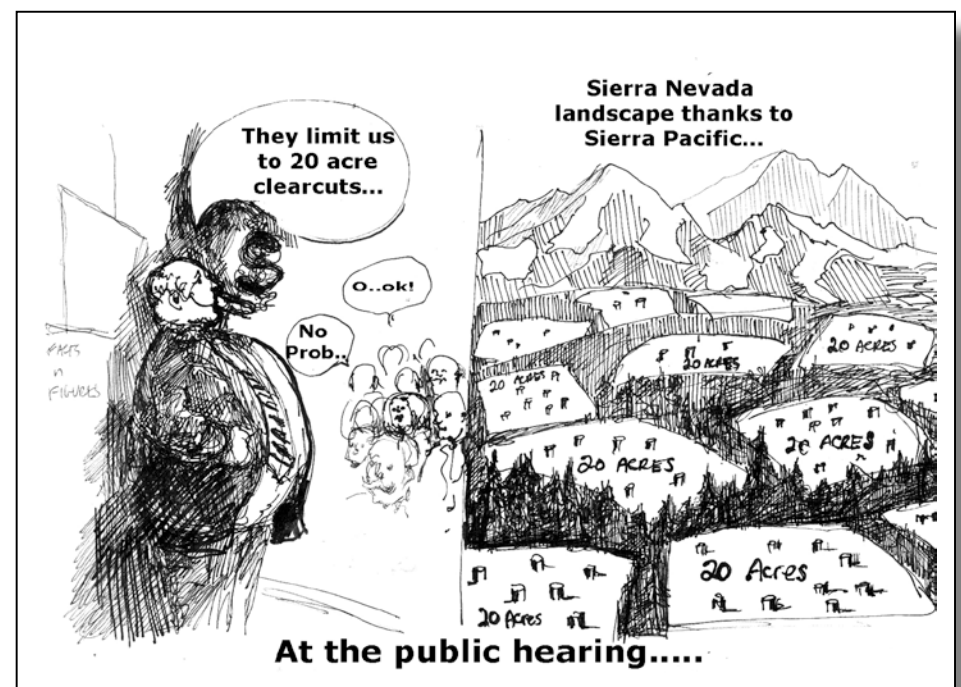
In some areas, like many on the West Coast that rely largely on wind or hydro power, the emissions are significantly lower for EVs. And that's today. As we retire more coal plants and bring cleaner sources of power online, the emissions from electric vehicle charging drop even further. Additionally, in some areas, night-time charging will increase the opportunity to take advantage of wind power -- another way to reduce emissions.

A caveat to consider, according to some studies, is that when coal plants supply the majority of the power mix in a given area, electric vehicles may emit more CO₂ and SO₂ pollution than hybrid electric vehicles.[4] Learn where your electricity comes from, what plans your state or community has for shifting to renewables, and whether you have options for switching to greener power.

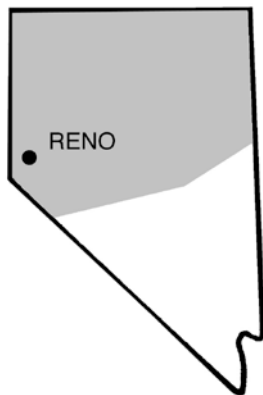
Lode Chapter's website at <www.motherlode.sierraclub.org>.

What you can do. As part of the Resilient Habitat campaign of the Sierra Club, we are asking California residents who would be willing to contact their state legislators up to six times a year to sign up for a database. We need to take clear-cutting out of AB32!

If you can help, please e-mail me at erikreno@aol.com or call 775-322-3582. Thanks, everyone!



Great Basin Gatherings



Great Basin Group

Group News

BY CATHERINE SCHMIDT, GROUP CHAIR

New ExCom members. The Ex Com for the Great Basin Group would like to introduce our new members who have stepped up to serve for the next two years. Thanks and welcome to Sue Jacox, John Davis, and returning David von Seggern. They will be joining Martin Mace, Jeff Hardcastle, Graham Stafford, and I at our monthly meetings. All members are invited to attend.

Group ExCom meetings. The Ex-

ecutive Committee of the Great Basin Group meets monthly, September through May, to discuss local conservation issues, plan for group events, and to check in on membership, energy, and budget items.

Meetings typically last an hour or so and are usually held on the first Monday of the month at 6:30 pm. Please email or call Cathy Schmidt (cathsch256@aol.com, 240-3785) for location and directions.

Great Basin Peak Section News

BY SHARON MARIE WILCOX

The Great Basin Peak Section has its emblem patch complete and available to Emblem Level members. Dennis, our webmaster, has posted a picture of the patch along with other updates on our website.

Upcoming trips.

The GBPS plans to climb Kumiva Peak in April. Check out the Great Basin outings schedule for this and other trips.

The Desert Peak Section will climb GBPS peaks including Grapevine Peak in April, plus Hayford Peak and



Mt. Stirling in June. (Check out DPS outings at <http://angels.sierraclub.org/dps/>).

Sad news. One of our members, John Sparks, passed away in January. We will miss his gentle nature and enthusiasm on the trail, but he'll always hike with us in spirit. Join us! For details on membership, recognition categories, peak list, our new emblem patch, and trip reports, check out Great Basin Peak Section at <http://toiyabe.sierraclub.org/GBPeaksSection.html>.

GREAT BASIN GROUP 2ND THURSDAY PROGRAM MEETINGS

BY GRAHAM STAFFORD, PROGRAM CHAIR

All programs open to the public

APRIL 14 (THURSDAY)

Program to be arranged. For info, go to the Great Basin Group website (see address, this page) or contact Graham Stafford (graham@grahamstafford.com, 775-686-8478).

MAY 12 (THURSDAY)

Program. "Mother Nature's Child," a film inspired by *Last Child in the Woods*, the best-selling book by Richard Louv. Meet at 7 pm, Girl Scout Building, 605 Washington Street, Reno.

The Group is hosting a free public screening of this film, a just-released exploration

of nature's powerful role in children's health and development.

"Mother Nature's Child" marks a moment in time when a living generation can still recall childhoods of free play outdoors; this is not true for most children growing up today.

The effects of "nature deficit disorder" are being noted across the country in epidemics of child obesity, attention disorders, and depression. Like the book, the movie toggles between negative and positive, between what we stand to lose if kids don't spend enough time outside and what we gain if they do.

"Mother Nature's Child" asks these questions: Why do children need unstructured time outside? How is play a form of learning? Why are teachers resistant to taking students outside? How can city kids connect with nature? What does it mean to educate the 'whole' child?

After the 57-minute film, we'll discuss resources and ways to

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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.

APRIL 3 (SUNDAY) 9:30 AM

Lahontan Petroglyphs. Visit prehistoric rock art on E shore of Lake Lahontan near Silver Springs. About 6-8 mi, 500 ft gain. All x-c over rolling volcanic terrain. With any luck, see lots of wild flowers, wild horses. Trip limit 20. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055, edc@unr.edu). Co-Leader: Lu Belancio (851-9279). Moderate.

APRIL 5 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. Easier-paced, weekly, evening conditioning hikes, about 3-4 mi, minimal to mod. gain. Get acquainted with trails in Reno-Sparks foothills, taking time to discuss history, flora, fauna, of areas. Call hike hotline for time and place on Sunday before the Tuesday hikes. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

APRIL 7 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. Conditioning hikes of 3-5 mi, mod., pace, gain under 800 ft Discover trails in, around Truckee Meadows. Info, including if dogs are permissible, will be posted on hike hotline previous Sunday. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

APRIL 9 (SATURDAY) 8 AM

Two Ladies, Two Gentlemen. Hike to summits of three peaks of about 6000 ft. Learn about Rose, Kate, Grosch brothers. Near Virginia City. About 1000 ft gain, 3 mi, in sort of loop. Mostly off trail, some rock scrambling. ND. Leader: T A Taro (775-530-2935). Moderate.

APRIL 10 (SUNDAY) 8:30 AM

Lagomarsino Loop. A 9-mi loop hike through beautiful red rock side canyon in Lagomarsino area E of Sparks. About 1000 ft gain. Wild-horse sightings almost guaranteed. Also, several historic points of interest along route. Hope to see wildflowers, too. DL. Leader: Pat Kleames (359-5089, patkleames@charter.net). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (851-3043, sjerome@att.net). Moderate.

APRIL 12 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

APRIL 13 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM
Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. Join us in

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Party at Whole Foods to get kids outdoors!

June 10, 5-7 pm

BY SUE JACOX, SUEJACOX@NVBELL.NET

Whole Foods Market in Reno invites us for another great tasting event to help send children to Great Basin Outdoor School science and nature camps at Lake Tahoe. Many children have never seen Tahoe, never hiked in the forest, never had the chance to look at the stars and connect with nature.



Students from Alice Maxwell Elementary School in Sparks consult field guide to identify insect. All benefited from community program support. Photo: Sue Jacox.

Come & party! On Friday, June 10, from 5-7 pm, sample beer, wine, spirits, and appetizers at Whole Foods Market at South Virginia and Neil Road. Your \$10 donation will fund scholarships and fee reductions so that children in need may attend with their 5th and 6th grade classes. Invite your friends and have a great evening.

Upcoming kids' programs. Great Basin Outdoor School's winter, spring, and fall programs expose children to our Sierra snowpack as the source of

help parents, grandparents, and teachers reconnect children with the natural world and the benefits not only to the children but also to the community and the environment. You can see more at www.mothernaturesmovie.com.

our water, wholesome outdoor recreation, standards-based lessons, and projects to help keep Tahoe blue. This May and June, classes will stay for four-day programs of hands-on science, nature journaling, hiking, research boat lessons on Tahoe, and volunteer conservation projects.

What you can do. See more at www.greatbasin-os.org, and email us to arrange a visit or to see how to get involved. Refer a young adult cabin leader, arrange for your company or organization to provide financial or in-kind support, encourage teachers to bring classes, or share your own special skills.

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hills of Truckee Meadows. Each week, hike in different area. Get conditioned for tougher weekend outings. About 3-5 mi, 500-1200 ft gain in 2 hrs. Hikes get tougher during season. Learn about flora, fauna, or history of different places. Always bring water, clothing for weather, hiking boots. Call hike hotline for all details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

APRIL 14 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

APRIL 16 (SATURDAY) 10 AM River Walk. Celebrate Spring with stroll along Truckee River near Rock Park. Learn about local birds, riparian ecology. About 6 mi RT. DL. Leader: Lucrecia Belancio (851-9279). Co-Leader: Vicki Toy Smith (826-0932). Easy.

APRIL 17 (SUNDAY) 10 AM Spanish Springs Peak. Day hike/peak bag (7406 ft). Expect lots of glorious wildflowers. If lucky, also see a few antelope, golden eagles. About 5 mi, 1500 ft to summit, half x-c across volcanic terrain. Learn local geology, wildlife. Mod. hike, not for beginners. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055, edc@unr.edu). Co-Leader: Vesna Koracin (853-1863). Mod. Strenuous.

APRIL 19 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

APRIL 20 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

APRIL 21 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

APRIL 23 (SATURDAY) 8 AM Celebrate Earth Day on Lower Carson River. Day hike from Buckland Station, S of Silver Springs. About 10 mi loop on flat ground. Start at historic Buckland Station, proceed downstream along Carson River, enjoying riparian habitat. Return on segment of Pony Express Trail route. Learn history of area. State Park walk-in fee: \$1/person. Option to tour remains of Fort Churchill after hike. Learn history of area. ND. Leader: T A Taro (775-530-2935). Mod. Easy.



APRIL 23 (SATURDAY) CALL Map & Compass Class. Get ready for spring and summer hiking with easy map & compass class! Spend morning talking about maps in "classroom," then take easy, local walk to "put it into practice." If you don't know map & compass, your fancy GPS will be almost worthless! Also info on gear, and staying out of trouble when you hike! Finish by early afternoon. DOK. Leader: David Book (775-843-6443). Easy.

APRIL 24 (SUNDAY) 8 AM Hike Wondrous Lava Beds. "Lava beds" is a misnomer for a granite area with a plethora of spectacular granite formations, including famous elephant head. Learn about how granite weathers. About 6 mi RT, 1500 ft gain. Some x-c. Great photography opportunities. DL. Leader: David von Seggern (775-303-8461). Co-Leader: Ileana Tibuleac (imtseismic@yahoo.com). Moderate.

APRIL 26 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for

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weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

APRIL 27 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

APRIL 28 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

APRIL 30 (SATURDAY) 8:30 AM Archaeology: Cultural Outing. Start at Churchill County Museum for movie on discovery, exploration of Hidden Cave, then have a private tour of cave and shelter sites near Fallon, NV. Next, go on to Grimes Point Petroglyph site to follow trail, then have lunch at the shelters. From there, car pool to nearby Stillwater Reservation to visit Adam Fortunate Eagle's artist studio (www.onlinenevada.org/Adam_Fortunate_Eagle). Limited to 20-30 participants. Must have commitment no later than April 15. Fee: \$2/person. ND. Leader: Donna Inversin (775-315-6763, d_inversin@yahoo.com). Easy.

APRIL 30 (SATURDAY) 8 AM

Hackett Canyon & Vicinity in Pine Nuts. Drive a short distance E of Carson City on rough Brunswick Canyon Rd to begin hike on side road near hidden reservoir. Hike about 2 mi on this road, then go in loop x-

c, part in narrow section of Hackett Canyon. Rugged x-c in places. About 9 mi RT, 1200 ft gain. May see wild horses, wildflowers. High clearance vehicles preferred. DOK. Leader: Jackie Stroud (775-267-9522, jt-bear33@gmail.com). Mod. Strenuous.

MAY 3 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

MAY 4 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

MAY 5 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

MAY 7 (SATURDAY) 8 AM McClellan Peak along V C Flume. Day hike along historic Virginia City flume system near Carson City. Go along part of circa 1870 wooden box flume route which brought water from Carson Range to Virginia City. About 10 mi, less than 800 ft gain. Some off-trail. High clearance 4-wheel drive vehicle necessary; possible ride share. Learn some history of area. ND. Leader: T A Taro (775-530-2935). Mod. Strenuous.

MAY 8 (SUNDAY) 10 AM

Prison Hill Day Hike. Mountain overlooks Carson City, Carson River. Visit Devil's Backbone rock formation. About 6 mi RT, 800 ft gain. Learn about flora, fauna. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Moderate.

MAY 10 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

MAY 11 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

MAY 12 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

MAY 14 (SATURDAY) 8 AM Petersen Mountain Spring Hike. North of Reno, the early wildflowers will be out. Learn about former cattle grazing in this range and about fire recovery. About 8 mi RT, 2000 ft gain DL. Leader: David von Seggern (775-303-8461). Co-Leader: Lucrecia Belancio (lucreci-anature@gmail.com). Moderate.

MAY 17 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

MAY 18 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

MAY 19 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

MAY 21 (SATURDAY) 9 AM Fay-Luther Trail System. This is an 8.8-mi network of linear and loop trails. Minimum 5 mi, maybe more, 500-800 ft gain. Trail begins in high desert, moves into forested habitats where we can learn about big sagebrush, bitterbrush, rabbitbrush, curlleaf mountain mahogany, Jeffrey pine, pinyon pine, white alder. Dogs allowed on trails, but you must clean up after pooches with baggies. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Dale Mericle (828-4941). Moderate.

MAY 22 (SUNDAY) 8 AM Dogskin Peak. Climb to top of Dogskin Peak, N of town. Serious 2000 ft gain on 8 mi RT hike. Great views of surrounding mountains, Winnemucca Ranch area. Discuss proposed changes for valley, see many springs. Also hope to get glimpses of wildlife, lingering wildflowers. DL. Leader: Pat Kleames (359-5089, patkleames@charter.net). Co-Leader: Yvonne Jerome (851-3043,

sjerome@att.net). Mod. Strenuous.

MAY 22 (SUNDAY) 9 AM

Hunter Falls Hike. Follow poorly maintained trail to edge of Mt. Rose Wilderness, where falls should have good flow of water. Look for wildflowers, signs of wildlife, along this perennial water source. About 7 mi RT, some off-trail. ND. Leader: John Ide (321.525.2050, johnide1@yahoo.com). Co-Leader: Donna Inversin (775.315.6763, d_inversin@yahoo.com). Moderate.

MAY 22 (SUNDAY) 10 AM

Pond Peak Day Hike. Desert peak bag of highest summit (8300 ft) at S end of of Pah Rah Range, W of Wadsworth. About 11 mi, 2500 ft gain, mostly dirt road, some x-c on rocky terrain. Bring usual essentials. Expect to see lots of bird life, maybe wild mustangs. Trip Limit 12. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8055, edc@unr.edu). Co-Leader: Karen Todd (kmtodd@gmail.com). Mod. Strenuous.

MAY 23 (MONDAY) 6:30 PM

Outings Meeting. Join us as we plan outings for July, August, September. Potluck dinner with all beverages provided. Place TBA. ND. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Easy.

MAY 24 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

MAY 25 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

MAY 26 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

MAY 27-30 (FRIDAY-MONDAY)

Black Rock Rendezvous. Join Friends of Black Rock, other outdoor groups, for weekend of tours, speakers, food, music held on edge of Black Rock Desert. Go to www.blackrockrendezvous.com to sign up and for more info. Last year included hot springs tours, bike race across playa, speakers, fun! Sign up, join other Sierra Clubbers on this great outing. DOK. Leader: David Book (775-843-6443). Co-Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Easy.

MAY 29 (SUNDAY) 9 AM

Carson River Through Brunswick Canyon. Meet in Carson City at mouth of Brunswick Canyon, 9 am. Crossroad is at Deer Run Rd and Brunswick Canyon Rd. Shuttle to Santa Maria Ranch Estates in Dayton, then follow course of Carson River back to Deer Run Rd. Beautiful vistas of river, canyon area. Must leave river twice to climb up and over mesas, but gain is minimal. About 9.5 mi RT. ND. Leader: Donna Inversin (775-315-6763, d_inversin@yahoo.com). Co-Leader: John Ide (321-525-2050, johnide1@yahoo.com). Moderate.

MAY 31 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

JUNE 1 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See April 13 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

JUNE 2 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5 mi at mod. pace. Under 750 ft gain. See April 7 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge

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Group News

Monthly meetings

MARK YOUR CALENDARS MONTHLY PROGRAM MEETINGS. Our monthly meetings are the first Monday of every month (except August and holidays) at 7 pm. Find out what our current service and educational projects are. Come socialize, learn what's going on in the environmental community, and hear and see an interesting, educational slideshow program. See the **Calendar for dates and details.**

CONSERVATION COMMITTEE MEETINGS (if scheduled) precede the General Meeting in the same

room from 6-7 pm. **Info.** Jane Feldman (janefeldman@cox.net).

GROUP EXCOM MEETINGS are 6 - 8:30 pm on the last Monday of each month, except August. Check the website for meeting location, as we are moving our offices. Upcoming **ExCom meeting dates** are **April 25, May 23, and June 27.**

The next **NEW & PROSPECTIVE MEMBER ORIENTATION** is TBA. When scheduled, it precedes the general meeting in the same room at 7 pm. **Info:** please call Taj Ainlay (682-9361).

In memory of Billie Jean James

ON BEHALF OF THE SIERRA CLUB SHE so loved, I will be taking up a collection for a Red Rock dedication stone to commemorate Billie Jean's love for the earth, Red Rock, and Sierra Club.

The stone will be laid at Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center. To the left of the entrance there is a large patio picnic area with engraved pavers commemorating many people. Our own Fred Treat has a stone there.

All proceeds go to Friends of Red Rock to help preserve Red Rock. Any overage above cost will be used for Sierra Club conservation purposes. The dedication and installation of the stone will be in May 2011.

If you would like to donate in Billie Jean's memory, please make your check out to "Sierra Club Southern Nevada Group" and mail to: Desiree Saporito, P.O. Box 159, Blue Diamond, NV 89004. Thanks!

Annual Service Trip to Death Valley Nat'l Park

BY LINDA NATIONS

OUR GROUP'S DEATH VALLEY TRIP went well, if not quite according to plan, on February 24-26, 2011. We spent three days wielding McLeods to eradicate old mining road berms and accelerate the natural drainage disrupted by the roads. Used like a pick axe, a McLeod is a dual hoe and rake often used in fighting wildfires.

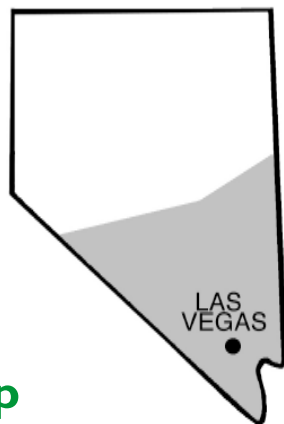
A storm was moving in on Thursday, and on both Friday and Saturday we worked in gale force winds and blowing dust. According to Charlie Callagan, NPS Wilderness Ranger, we accomplished far more than the Park Service expected, in spite of the weather.

I think my mother must've been looking down from above and wondering what I'd done to end up on a road gang working in Death Valley in gale force winds. The soils were actually pretty easy to work with and the company couldn't have been better. Many thanks to those who braved the elements and joined me in contributing

shoulder power to this work: Toiyabe Group members Par Rasmusson, Bill James, Irving Norwood, Dave Luttmann, Doug Pesarisi, Ursula and Howard Booth, and Great Basin Group member, Mike Thorson.

On Thursday and Saturday we worked in a canyon off of 20-Mule Team Road. On Friday we

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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.

APRIL 2 (SATURDAY)

Lower Gateway Canyon from Calico Basin, RRCNCA. A 3+ mi hike takes us through most beautiful red and white striped canyon in Red Rock National Conservation Area. It's like hiking through center of candy cane. How can you tell acacia from mesquite trees? Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3.

APRIL 2 (SATURDAY)

Historic Railroad Tunnels, LMNRA. Family hike. Friendly dogs welcome. Go through interesting tunnels on old RR grade. Great views of Lake Mead. Spring wildflowers. Learn some history, geology. About 4 mi Leader: Gary Beckman (and family) (648-2983). Level 1.

APRIL 3 (SUNDAY)

Top of La Madre, RRCNCA. Hike to top of ridgeline via La Madre Springs. Start at Willow Spring picnic area. About 8 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. Part is along riparian creek, with one spot to scramble up and down. Final climb is steep x-c. Once on top, Griffith is in close view. What is a riparian zone and what is its ecological importance? Leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 5-6.

APRIL 4 (MONDAY)

General Program Meeting. Time & Place: 7 pm; NV Energy Bldg, 6226 W. Sahara (E entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: "Dan the Dinosaur Man." All members and the general public are welcome. Announcements, free literature, too. **Info:** Eric King.

APRIL 9 (SATURDAY)

Little Zion, Red Rock, RRCNCA. On top of sandstone escarpment overlooking Spring Mountain Ranch, this 6-mi RT hike starts at Rainbow Spring. A hidden balcony, it is filled with majestic color and has a breathtaking view of Red Rock Canyon and Las Vegas. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3.

APRIL 10 (SUNDAY)

Valley of Fire State Park. This park is Nature's gift to Southern Nevada. Join geologist Nick Saines on 5-mi hike through strange, colorful landforms before State of Nevada pending budget cuts restrict hours and/or protection. Leader: Nick Saines (896-4049); co-leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 2-3.

APRIL 16 (SATURDAY)

Bridge Mountain via Rocky Gap Road Summit, RRCNCA. One of best scrambling hikes at Red Rock. From Rocky Gap Summit, hike to escarpment with great view overlooking Pine Creek. Here's where fun begins: climb up chute to bridge, then pass by hidden forest on way up to summit, which has outstanding views of Red Rock and Las Vegas you'll never forget. Which formations are older -- limestone or sandstone? About 5 mi RT, 1500 ft gain. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 5.

APRIL 17 (SUNDAY)

Black Mountain in Henderson. A 6-mi hike across this less-visited part of range from Anthem neighborhood to an overlook toward Boulder City. Are there bighorn sheep and coyotes living here? What is the habitat margin? Leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 3.

APRIL 23 (SATURDAY)

Red Rock Canyon Overlook: Near North Peak, RRCNCA. From Willow Springs parking lot, boulder up canyon, turn S and climb up dry water fall. Scramble up to ridgeline high above Lost Creek, stop at flat section with majestic view of Red

Rock. It's worth all the sweat of 1200 ft gain. With this view you'll feel richer than any king hoarding his gold. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 4-5.

APRIL 24 (SUNDAY)

Sloan Canyon. Starting in an Anthem neighborhood park in Henderson, hike partly x-c to mouth of canyon, then explore petroglyphs. About 5 mi Leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 2-3.

APRIL 30 (SATURDAY)

White Rock Loop, RRCNCA. These 6 mi are one of the most enjoyable hikes at Red Rock Canyon. Great way to exercise, with splendid views while we lunch. Is that long thin natural rock outcrop or an Anasazi wall? Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 2-3.

MAY 1 (SUNDAY)

Stanley B. Springs, SMNRA. Let's check for early wildflowers and see results of our melting snow pack. About 3 mi RT. This can be a beginners' hike, but some trekkers can do up and over. Bring snack to share atop. Leader: Jack Sawyer (228-3857). Level 1-3.

MAY 2 (MONDAY)

General Program Meeting. Time & Place: 7 pm; NV Energy Bldg, 6226 W. Sahara (E entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: "Energy Efficiency" with Heidi Plonski. All members and the general public are welcome. Announcements, free literature, too. **Info:** Eric King (677-4751).

MAY 7 (SATURDAY)

Brownstone Canyon, RRCNCA. I love to explore this area. From Sandstone Quarry, pass upper end of Gateway Canyon down to tinaja. Down slot canyon, pop out at petroglyphs and pictographs for lunch. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3-4.

MAY 8 (SUNDAY)

Adopt-a-Highway Cleanup: SR 159 to Red Rock. Meet at Pizza Hut on Charleston (at Antelope), 8:30 am, then off to check for spring flowers in Red Rock as we tidy up S entrance to beautiful recreation area. What's pencil cholla? Bring hat, sunscreen, water, be prepared to walk about 2 mi Leaders: Sandy Gogatz (248-4443), Jack Sawyer (228-3857).

MAY 14 (SATURDAY)

Fletcher Canyon to ?, SMNRA. Follow creek bed, pass springs, hike up to Slide Rock. Who knows -- maybe up to Trail Canyon Saddle, too? About 3 mi RT. What causes spring to emerge, then disappear? Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 4-5.

MAY 15 (SUNDAY)

Little Zion on back of Red Rock. We begin near Mountain Springs Summit, climb to limestone ridge overlooking city, canyons below. The route drops from there into sandstone

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valley that resembles something like you may see in Zion National Park. After lunch, hike up from there, then down to connect with trail, then back to cars. About 8 mi, 1500 ft gain. Leader: David Hardy (e-mail preferred: hardyhikers@embarqmail.com, 875-4826). Level 3-4.

MAY 21 (SATURDAY)

Old Bristlecone Loop, SMNRA. Let's find some snow and ancient bristlecone pines. About 6 mi, 8600 to 10,000 ft. What other kinds of trees do we find here? Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 2-3.

MAY 21 (SATURDAY)

Big Falls, Kyle Canyon, SMNRA. Hike to Big Falls – a treasure of Spring Mountains – 100-ft-high waterfall. Examine possible glacial till or debris flow exposure. About 4 rugged mi, 500 ft gain. Leader: Nick Saines (896-4049), co-leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 3.

MAY 22 (SUNDAY)

First Aid Training for current, prospective hike leaders. Contact Jack Sawyer (228-3857).

MAY 28 (SATURDAY)

Lovell Canyon Trail Exploratory. May sweep up side to lower ridge line for view. Which animals would depend on pinyon pine? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 3-4.

JUNE 4 (SATURDAY)

South Sister Peak, SMNRA. About 5 mi RT, 1500 ft gain. Begin in Mack's Canyon. At

quite narrow at times; about 30 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. Major arch farther down canyon. There may be some water to cross at times, but wading shoes not needed. See colored pictographs of animals, hand prints, etc. Also, petroglyphs, ancient ruins. Fee: \$8/person for permit. Commit as soon as possible, because we'll be a little late in applying for permit by the time you see this. However, we're going in by way of Collins Springs Canyon. Lower end of Grand Gulch doesn't see many people. Limit 10. Leader: David Hardy (e-mail preferred: hardyhikers@embarqmail.com, 875-4826).

JUNE 17-19 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY)

Sheldon National Wildlife Refuge service day & field trip. Arrive Friday, remove fence on Saturday, with dinner potluck. Sunday, enjoy a Refuge Tour. RSVP requested. Caravanning, *Nevada Gazetteer* in hand, is encouraged. Please bring gloves, wire cutters, pliers, buckets, WD-40, sunscreen, plenty of water, camping equipment, food (including lunch in the field on Saturday). Make sure your spare tire is aired up and has good tread; flat tires are common. Fuel up at Cedarville, Alturas, or Gerlach. Campsite: Badger Cabin. Pit toilet and campfire rings available. Bring water. Directions: contact leader, Mike Goddard (775-423-5128, Mike_Goddard@fws.gov). Toiyabe Chapter has sponsored these trips with Audubon in the past; we appreciate



Storm approaching in Death Valley. See trip writeup on page 8. Photo: Par Rasmusson.

road's end, cross year-round spring, then trek up steep x-c route to ridgeline. On ridge line route turns back into path. Pass some bristlecone pines (among the oldest living things), then on to summit. At summit, you'll be blown away with a 360-degree spectacular view, from Sheep Range Mountains, Lee Canyon, Mack's Peak, McFarland Peak and, last but not least, Mt. Charleston. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3-4.

JUNE 5 (SUNDAY)

Upper Kyle Canyon, SMNRA. Hike is 3 mi RT to seasonal water fall. What edible berry thrives in this canyon? Leader: Ann Cronin (737-5758). Level 2.

JUNE 6 (MONDAY)

General Program Meeting. Time & Place: 7 pm; NV Energy Bldg, 6226 W. Sahara (E entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: TBA. All members and the general public are welcome. Announcements, free literature, too. Info: Eric King (677-4751).

JUNE 11 (SATURDAY)

Kyle Canyon Foothills Exploratory. Head N off Kyle Canyon road to see what we can see. Where might coyote look for water in this terrain? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 3-4.

JUNE 12 (SUNDAY)

Mack's Peak, SMNRA. About 5 mi RT, 1200 ft gain. If heights don't agree with you, Mack's Peak is not recommended. Some rock scrambling in loose materials near top. Adventure, and view will repay your efforts and courage. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 4-5.

JUNE 12-17 (SUNDAY-FRIDAY)

Grand Gulch Backpack, Southeast Utah. Mod. backpack through canyon that becomes

Mike's continuing this tradition. For up-to-date info, check <<http://nevadaudubon.org/>>. Sponsored by Lahontan Audubon Society.

JUNE 18 (SATURDAY)

Fletcher Peak, SMNRA. Awesome hike will take us through spectacular grove of bristlecone pines. Great view high above Kyle Canyon. How old is stone composing Fletcher Peak? About 6.5 mi RT, 1200 ft gain. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3.

JUNE 19 (SUNDAY)

Trail Canyon to Cave Spring, SMNRA. Passing aspen and pines through fresh mountain air, we'll lunch at spring. How long ago was this landscape at bottom of sea? About 6 mi RT, 2000 ft gain. Leader: Jack Sawyer (228-3857). Level 2-3.

JUNE 25 (SATURDAY)

Rain Tree Hike, North Loop, SMNRA. Join us for a Sierra Club tradition where we pay our respects to the oldest living thing in the region: a 3000-year-old bristlecone pine tree. Take one of the most beautiful, scenic trails in Spring Mountains. You are not a "tree hugger" until you've done this hike. About 7 mi, 2000 ft gain. Leader: Nick Saines (896-4049); co-leader: Sasson Jahan (499-9218). Level 3-4.

JUNE 26 (SUNDAY)

Griffith Peak via Harris Springs Road, SMNRA. About 10 mi RT, 2700 ft gain. Griffith Peak is my favorite hike in Mt. Charleston area. From the summit on a clear day you can see Mt. Whitney in California, Mt. Wilson in Arizona, Lake Mead, Mt. Potosi, Las Vegas, and the beauty of Red Rock Canyon. Leader: George McDonald (808-3855). Level 3.

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Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

JUNE 4 (SATURDAY) 8:30 AM

Biz Johnson Mountain Bike Ride. Ride a mountain bike on well-graded, old, railroad bed outside of Susanville in forested hills. About 500 ft gain. Ride about 15 mi out, have nice lunch stop, ride back. Must have helmet. ND. Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Co-Leader: Mike Sullens (331-7488). Moderate.

JUNE 6 (MONDAY)

General Program Meeting. Time & Place: 7 pm; NV Energy Bldg, 6226 W. Sahara (E entrance, Wengert meeting room). Program: TBA. All members and the general public are welcome. Announcements, free literature, too. Info: Eric King (677-4751).

JUNE 7 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

JUNE 8 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. In the hills of Truckee Meadows, about 4-5 mi RT, 1000 ft gain or more, 2 hrs. Bring water, clothing for weather, hiking boots. Learn about flora, fauna, history of area. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

JUNE 9 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. About 3-5mi, mod. pace, gain under 800 ft. Info, including if dogs are OK, posted on Hike Hotline the Sunday before. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

JUNE 10-12 (FRIDAY-SUNDAY)

Black Rock Archaeology Survey. Join other interested volunteers on mapping, surface survey of section of Emigrant Trail near High Rock Canyon in Black Rock. Potluck dinner on Saturday. Depending on time, may visit nearby Soldier Meadows Hot springs or other Hot Springs on way out. Sign up after 5-15. DL. Leader: David Book (775-843-6443). Easy.

JUNE 11 (SATURDAY) 8 AM

Humbug Trail. Hike from North Bloomfield to South Yuba River on Malakoff Diggins Homecoming Day. Learn about mining days. About 6 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. ND. Leader: Craig Mastos (348-1862, maquis@softcom.net). Moderate.

JUNE 11 (SATURDAY) 8 AM

John C Two Enigma. Near Dayton, discover some history of area while visiting two features associated with old mining operations. One-way hike, about 8 mi, with vehicle shuttle. Gain about 1200 ft for day. Scenic views. Return paralleling part of Carson River. ND. Leader: T A Taro (775-530-2935). Mod. Strenuous.

JUNE 12 (SUNDAY) 8 AM

Juniper Peak Desert Hike. North of Fernley, climb little-known Juniper Peak. All x-c, about 8 mi RT. Gain about 4500 ft. Strenuous hike for people used to x-c terrain. DOK. Leader: David von Seggern (775-303-8461). Co-Leader: Ileana Tibuleac (imtseismic@yahoo.com). Strenuous.

JUNE 12 (SUNDAY) 9 AM

Needle Rock & Big Mama Peak Bag. In Virginia Mountains near Pyramid Lake. Not for beginners. Climb is 2000 ft, some off-trail, 6-8 mi RT. Interesting rock formations, fantastic vistas. DOK. Leader: Pat Kleames (359-5089). Co-Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Mod. Strenuous.

JUNE 14 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

JUNE 15 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See June 8 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

JUNE 16 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. See June 9 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

JUNE 18 (SATURDAY) 8 AM

Rubicon Trail. Hike from D.L. Bliss Park to Emerald Bay. About 9 mi RT, negligible gain. Learn about lighthouse, osprey nests. ND. Leader: Craig Mastos (348-1862, maquis@softcom.net). Moderate.

JUNE 21 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

JUNE 22 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See June 8 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

JUNE 23 (THURSDAY) 5:30 PM

Moderate Evening Conditioning Hike. See June 9 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DL. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Co-Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

JUNE 25 (SATURDAY) 8:30 AM

Loch Leven. Hike from other side (W) of Donner Summit to Middle Loch Leven. Great swimming spot. Learn about railroads. About 7 mi RT, 1000 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Craig Mastos (348-1862, maquis@softcom.net). Moderate.

JUNE 26 (SUNDAY) 8:30 AM

Sunflower Peak Day Hike. Climb about 2500 ft into Mt. Rose Wilderness to summit of Snowflower Peak (10,243 ft). Elevation change means greater variety of wildflowers, habitats. A Great Basin Peak Hike. About 9 mi RT. High clearance, 4WD vehicles required to get to trailhead. ND. Leader: John Ide (321-525-2050, johnide1@yahoo.com). Co-Leader: Holly Coughlin (331-7488). Mod. Strenuous.

JUNE 28 (TUESDAY) 5:30 PM

Easy Conditioning Hike. See April 5 for hike description. Call hike hotline for weekly details. DL. Leader: Yvonne Jerome (473-1445). Easy.

JUNE 29 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 PM

Fast-Paced Conditioning Hike. See June 8 for hike description. Call hike hotline for details. DOK. Leader: Holly Coughlin (473-1445). Moderate.

JUNE 30 (THURSDAY) 5:15 PM

Longest Day Evening Hike. Hike to top of "Road to Nowhere" peak, highest one on skyline E of Reno. About 6 mi RT, 1500 ft gain. Brisk pace, not for beginning hikers. We'll take advantage of latest sunset, longest twilight of year, to march beyond sunset. DL. Leader: Ridge Walker (473-1445, edc@unr.edu). Co-Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445). Mod. Strenuous.

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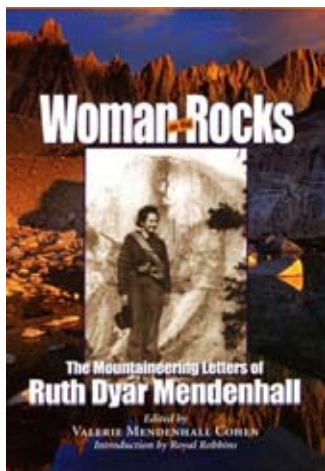
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(Introduction by Royal Robbins)

Spotted Dog Press, 2006.

Can a woman be a famous climber and a fine writer? Yes! Can she, at the same time, be a happy homemaker and an adoring mother? Perhaps not.

Ruth Dyar Mendenhall joined the Sierra Club's Angeles Chapter in 1937, beginning a mountaineering career that would consume her life, bring her fame, and shadow the lives of those about her.



Climbing most often with her husband, John, Ruth Mendenhall created classic first ascent routes in California, including the Swiss Arête on Mt. Sill, Whitney's Third Needle and Southeast Buttress, Temple Crag's North Peak, Lower Cathedral Spire in Yosemite, and the North Face of Mt. Williamson. She and her husband were the first to summit a number

of major peaks in the Canadian Rockies, including Mt. Confederation.

The letters collected here provide vibrant narratives of mountain and skiing adventures. Rather than detailing every move, every piece of protection, Mendenhall writes of landscapes, as well as of more mundane matters such as camping equipment, food, and childcare.

In an epilogue titled "Growing Up Afraid," the daughter who compiled this book speaks briefly about what it was like to grow up in a climbing family.

Editor Valerie Mendenhall Cohen has been a Law Enforcement Ranger in Yosemite and Grand Teton National Parks. She is now a full-time artist. View her watercolors at <www.valeriepcohen.com>.

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This is a strenuous and adventurous work trip requiring hikes through brushy and thorny terrain on the steep, trail-less east side of the Inyo Mountains. Work will focus on several remote canyons (McElvoy, Pat Keyes, and Cougar) on the north end of Saline Valley, where tamarisk grows among the preferred native plants.

Half the work (or fun, depending on your perspective) is getting to the sites. Most days, there will be several hours of approach hiking, often with substantial loads, on steep, loose terrain. On other days, work areas will be closer to the roads, so we'll be four-wheel driving to monitoring locations and taking short hikes to scout for any missed tamarisk. There will be some time for exploration, but this is a work trip — everyone will rise early and be in the field a full day.

Volunteers are welcome to join for any number of days. Fee: \$15/day/person, which includes food. Bonus: the famous Saline Valley hot springs are only an hour's RT from base camp at Badwater Springs.

How to sign up. Volunteers must sign up in advance and find out what to bring. Please contact FOI Stewardship Director Todd Vogel (todd@friendsoftheinyo.org, 760-873-6500) to reserve. Trip limit: 10. For more info, visit <www.friendsoftheinyo.org>.

GROUP ACTIVITIES...

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requested letters and e-mails from Toiyabe Chapter and others, then led the charge at the February 15 meeting of the Mono County Board of Supervisors. They urged the Supervisors not to support of Cougar Gold's plans for mining in the Bodie Hills. ROLG said Cougar Gold should not be granted special favors by Congress or the Board of Supervisors, such as support for the release of the Bodie Wilderness Study Area. The Supervisors took no action at that meeting.

Southern Nevada Group. Taj Ainlay was elected group chair to replace Kris Cunningham, who recently moved to North Carolina. The group's Service Committee participated in the annual Death Valley National Park Service Project in February, doing "road kill." (That is, eliminating a road that was made illegally and restoring the land to its natural state.) Also, the group's Public Lands Committee cooperated with 25 national, state, and local organizations in bringing national attention to Gold Butte.

Tahoe Group. In September 2010, Judge Karlton ruled in favor of the League to Save Lake Tahoe and Tahoe Area Sierra Club lawsuit. The judge cited TRPA's failure to adhere to its requirements regarding threshold attainment. The group continues to oversee projects such as (1) the proposed multi-towered Boulder Bay redevelopment on the site of a casino in North Lake Tahoe and (2) the proposed expansion of the Homewood Ski Area, including a base lodge/hotel, retail space, and condominiums.

FROM THE CHAIR...

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the year, our current activities, and how you can help.

And if lobbying at the Nevada Legislature is your thing, contact Joe Johnson, our lobbyist, to learn how you can help (see his contact info in the Chapter Directory on page 2).

What you can do. Finally, I invite new and formerly active members — you know who you are — to again get involved in Toiyabe Chapter activities. Please join us.

DEATH VALLEY...

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worked 18 miles north of Furnace Creek, on the "Old Sand Dune Road." Those of you who've been on past DV service trips will be glad to know the work on the Old Sand Dune Road is finally finished. Bill James said he'd worked on eradicating that road on at least five or six previous service trips.

When we returned to camp on Thursday, we found the wind had collapsed three of our tents and blown a pop-up trailer off its footings. We relocated our camp, but still didn't find shelter from the strengthening winds. Some people who'd planned on coming in on Friday or Saturday stayed home as the weather forecast predicted road closures of the mountain passes on the highways leading from Las Vegas.

It's a rare and glorious thing to see a storm move through Death Valley and we got to see that on Saturday. It never got as cold as predicted — unless one considers wind chill — and never rained or snowed on our group, but the winds and wild skies will not soon be forgotten. We heard later there were wind gusts up to 75 mph during the night. On Sunday morning the air was still, the skies were clear, and the mountains surrounding Death Valley were covered with fresh snow, right to their bases. Extraordinary!

Special thanks to Charlie Callagan, of the National Park Service, who worked shoulder-to-shoulder with us; his volunteer from Yosemite, John "Rockdog," who guided us and showed us great technique; and Ed Rothfuss, who initiated this annual service trip and continues to provide invaluable support organizing it!

Toiyabe Chapter ExCom Meeting

April 9, Reno
Jan. 22, 2011

For details, contact the Chair,
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