Michael McCurry
1940 - 2010
Artist, Desert Lover, Conservationist

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

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

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

“Mike brought many people closer to desert landscapes through his photographs, his hand-tinted scenes, his dauntless leadership on many trips to desert places, and his constant promotion of conservation of wild places in our state,” said David von Seggern, Sierra Club Chair. Mike felt especially close to this area where his grandfather ranched in the late 1800s - early 1900s.

Grassroots action!
WATER BUFFALOES MEET TSUNAMI OF PROTESTS

By Rose Strickland

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

Anti-pumping allies give assistance to affected areas. Southern Nevada Water Authority (SNWA) is proposing rural groundwater pumping to provide water for S. Nevada urban centers. Determined to prevent another Owens Valley disaster, the Sierra Club and its water network allies provided assistance to affected rural and urban areas in the form of information. In addition to details on how to file a protest and how to raise important issues for the State Engineer to consider if and when future water hearings are scheduled, they supplied a list and map of where applications already had been filed. Protest workshops were held in E. Nevada, Utah, Las Vegas and Reno. Information was posted on the website of the Great Springs at the Moapa National Wildlife Refuge. Scientists say that the water supplying the complex of springs comes from desert valleys in eastern Nevada. The springs are the source of Nevada’s Muddy River and are threatened by proposed massive interbasin water transfer projects. Please see article, page 6. (Photo: Dennis Ghiglieri.)

Totally paperless
Toiyabe Trails not an option

By Jean Stoess

If you’ve been waiting with bated breath to see if Toiyabe Chapter is going to stop mailing hard copies of Toiyabe Trails to its members, you can exhale now. The Trails will continue to be published in both hard copy and on the website.

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

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

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

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

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

What you can do

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

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

What, me run for ExCom? (I don’t even know what that means!)
National Sierra Club 2010 Board of Directors election

BY GENE COAN

Elected
Allison Chin (VA) 38,471
Donna Buell (IA) 33,116
Robbie Cox (NC) 32,099
Jim Douggherty (DC) 30,965
Jared Duval (CT) 30,405

Runners-up
Jonathan E. (WI) 27,404
Phil Wheeler (CA) 21,996
Katherine Pendleton (TN) 20,778

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with access to the internet can check up on Chapter and group activities. To access the Trails online and find out about the latest outings and meetings, go to <http://toiyabe.sierrascal.org> and click on “Toiyabe Trails Online” (on the left side of the page) or “Chapter Newsletter online” (in the center, under the group listings).

In Memoriam

Harriet Burgess

Public lands lose a good friend

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

One of Harriet’s greatest land deals in our chapter was the acquisition of Mr. Rose, in the Carson Range between Reno and Lake Tahoe. The area, popular with recreationists and in Reno’s watershed, was threatened by a proposed ski resort. Harriet and the Sierra Club were determined to prevent this development. and Harriet deserves credit for the acquisition of the historic Thunderbird Lodge at Lake Tahoe. Over 30 years, Harriet helped acquire and preserve lands protecting the natural environment at Ash Meadows, High Rock Canyon, Rosachi Ranch, Pah Rah and Peavine Mountains, Red Lake and High Meadows at Lake Tahoe, Carson Valley, Pyramid Lake, and the Faye-

Lander Canyon Trailhead.

According to her fellow workers, Harriet began her career in the early 1970s, volunteering for the Washington DC office of the Sierra Club. She worked as a congressional assistant and for the Trust for Public Lands before founding the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, c/o Treasurer. Contact Treasurer, Kristine Cunningham (702-285-6832) for address. Subscriptions – Toiyabe Trails is published six times each year by the Toiyabe Chapter of the Sierra Club, P.O. Box 8096, Reno, NV 89507, to help keep our members well-informed and better able to protect the environment—for our families, for our future.

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

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

thanks to the Bay Chapter’s Yodeler newsletter for the “What, me . . .” template.
Sierra Club California Lobby Day in Sacramento
Sunday-Monday August 15-16, 2010
BY ANNIE PHAM
COME JOIN US in Sacramento for our annual Lobby Day! Be part of a team that will help Sierra Club California pass our priority bills during the most exciting and challenging time of the year at the State Capitol. You’ll have opportunities to work with other activists and our professional lobbying staff, as well as with legislators and their staff.

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

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

What you can do
For more information and to register, contact Annie Pham (lobbyday@sierraclub.org, 916-557-1100, x 107).

SAVE THE DATE!
Sierra Nevada Alliance 17th Annual Conference
August 27 & 28, 2010
Lake Tahoe Community College, S. Lake Tahoe, CA
Keeping the Sierra Resilient Strategies and partnerships for helping communities and our natural world thrive in this century!

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

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

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

Please see CONFERENCE, R column.

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**

**AUGUST 21-22 (SAT-SUN)**
**BRISTLECONE PINES**

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

**CNRCC Desert Committee**

**OCTOBER 30-31 (SAT-SUN)**
**GHOST TOWN EXTRAVAGANZA**

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

**CNRCC Desert Committee**

**Island Hopping in Channel Islands National Park**
**July 16-19 • July 30- August 2 • September 9-11 • October 17-19**

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

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

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

**Summer-Fall Desert Trips**

**Clair Tappaan Lodge 6th Annual Fundraiser**

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

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

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

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

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

Final arrangements are being made and speakers, events, and hike leaders will be announced soon on the Clair Tappaan Lodge website. Watch for prices and details at <wwwctl.sierra-club.org>.

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

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

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

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

**Program & registration information.** Contact Kay Ogden (530-342-4546, x. 304) or go to <www.sierranevadaalliance.org>.
This month, after Bryce Wheeler stepped down as Outings Chair, our summer outings were planned by a committee of seven members.

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

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

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

Our summer outings program. We’ve planned an exciting variety of outings for this summer, geographically covering both Mono and Inyo counties, from Independence to Bridgeport. We’ve done our best to address interests from hiking to birding, nature walks, kayaking, photography tours, day hikes, hikes with ear camps, overnight hikes, easy to challenging hikes, outings with dogs, and outings without dogs. We’ll have outings every Wednesday night, Sundays, and many Saturdays (except holidays), to accommodate members’ different schedules.

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

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

PLEASE SEE RANGE OF LIGHT GROUP CALENDAR ON PAGE 5!
**Prentice (mkp@npgcable.com), and Wilma (rosemaryjjarrett@gmail.com), Mary Kay with your suggestion/s: Rosemary Jarrett member of our nominating committee

ate having self-nominations and suggested (self-nomination) if you have time and serve. Don’t hestitate to suggest yourself think could make a valuable contribution committee your suggestions for someone you

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Dogs limited.

934 0355), Brigitte Berman (760 924 2140).

parking lot. Leaders: Mary K. Prentice (760 934 0355). Dogs limited.

9:30a , ML union Bank parking lot. Lead

7:30a , ML Union Bank parking lot. Lead

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

JULY 24 (SATURDAY)

JULY 22 (SUNDAY)

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

JULY 18 (SUNDAY)

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

**ROL CANDIDATES...**

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

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

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

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tion. Work continues on a small, pilot project on Owens (dry) Lake. The group drawing up a conservation management plan for the lakebed is proceeding steadily. ROL is participating in a renewed push for Bodie area federal protection.

A draft EA has been released proposing United Airlines Flights from the Bay area to Mammoth next winter. The E/As raise some serious environmental questions.

**Friends of the Inyo SUMMER 2010 CALENDAR**

BY STACY CORLD, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

WE HAVE PLANNED another full summer of preservation, exploration, and stewardship for the Eastern Sierra. Please join us for a trail work day, a hike in the hills or for a weekend steward- ship vacation. Get details on all these events at [www.friendsoftheinyo.org](http://www.friendsoftheinyo.org), or email stacy@friendsoftheinyo.org


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

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

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

August 19-22. EVOLVE Steelhead Lake (Mc Gee Creek Canyon).

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

Saturday, September 11. SOS Convict Lake.

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

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

**Eastern Sierra Land Trust coming events**

BY SARAH SPANO, EDUCATION COORDINATOR

Brown Bag Lunch Series

June 30 & August 4, 2010

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

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

**GPS Workshop**

Saturday, August 21, 2010

Join Eastern Sierra Land Trust’s Lands Program Coordinator for a day exploring the basics of Global Positioning Satellite (GPS) including basic GPS use, cross-count- try geography walk, and discussion of applications and uses.

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

BY MARGE SILL

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

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

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

Ruby Pipeline decision petitioned at FERC

BY DAVID VON SEGGERN

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

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

Basically, FERC not only has ignored our comments on this pipeline, but the input of many other individuals, organizations, and even government agencies. Our stance is that we don’t oppose the pipeline per se, only the selected route.

On June 2 FERC ruled that they needed more time to consider our petition for rehearing. If they ultimately deny it, our only option then is litigation in court to achieve rerouting of the pipeline. This would cost millions of dollars and take years longer to complete than necessary to conserve the natural and unique diversity of the Nevada segment.

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

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

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

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

Spring meeting report

Sierra Club CA/NV Wilderness Committee

BY VICKY HOOVER,
WILDERNESS COMMITTEE CHAIR

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

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

Though Sierra Club supports good land protection, it has serious concerns about the bill’s legislative mandate for five off-road vehicle recreation areas and omission from wilderness of high priority areas like Cady Mountains and Conglomerate Mesa. The bill had just had a hearing in the Senate Energy & Natural Resources Committee only two days earlier, so meeting assumes that the Record of Decision (ROD) will be signed at some point by the BLM.

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

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

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

A duplication of expenditure?Participants were asked to express their concerns to the Committee staff while the hearing record remains open.

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

It’s generally a good plan, but Sierra Please see page 7, top left column.

Duplication of expenditure in Nevada predator management

BY DON MOLDE

THE NEVADA BOARD of Wildlife Commissioners has for the first time approved controversial expenditures of nearly $500,000 from its Heritage Fund to try enhancing mule deer numbers by killing coyotes and cougars. Representatives from most county advisory game boards objected to this action, pointing out the questionable nature of the premise, the lack of opportunity for their members to consider the matter in detail, and the tradition of using Heritage Fund monies for nobler purposes. Requests for a delay of the vote were rejected by the commission at its May, 2010 meeting.

A duplication of expenditure? This controversial move by the Wild-
Lake Tahoe Basin Management Plan Revision

Tell the Forest Service what you want changed!
Send your comments by July 30, 2010

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

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

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

Snowlands Network advocates that the area east of Highway 267 and north of Highway 50 be designated a Quiet Corridor where all NO motorized snow travel is allowed. This includes the Martis Peak area east of Highway 267 and the areas on both sides of the Mt. Rose Highway. This closure of a broad area is required because of the constant snowmobile trespass into the Mt. Rose Wilderness and other non-motorized areas. Also, snowmobile pollution (noise, air, and snow) spreads over a large area.

What you can do.

Write letter giving site-specific comments if you are familiar with the areas.
In any case, you can mention . . .
• any experiences that have negatively impacted your enjoyment of the forest
• snowmobile use is incompatible with your ability to enjoy quiet, pollution-free and safe winter recreation
• any trespass by snowmobile users into non-motorized areas that you’ve seen
• more areas need to be designated non-motorized in winter to provide opportunities for people needing quiet, pollution-free and safe areas for NON-MOTORIZED winter recreation.

E-mail your comments to: comments@snowlands.org

Send a copy of your comments to Snowlands Network at: alerts@snowlands.org.

For more information, go to www.snowlands.org.

Washoe County Sprawl Report

BY ERIK HOLLAND

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

Our local governments tried in 2007 and 2008 to exercise this right, facing vigorous opposition from Voters for Sensible Growth, PLAN, the Nevada Conservation League, the Sierra Club and other groups. Despite this, Sparks included non-contiguous annexations in its seven-year plan and the Regional Planning Commission approved them.

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

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

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

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

Gold Butte Proposal is making progress

BY YUKI TAKAGI

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

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

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

The next hurdle is the federal legislative process. U.S. Sen. Harry Reid, Rep. Shelley Berkley, and Rep. Dina Titus have publicly announced their willingness to work together in designing the Gold Butte area as an NCA with Wilderness. This is a most encouraging way to start the federal process for the Gold Butte 2010 campaign.

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

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

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

Nestled between federally protected Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Grand Canyon-Parashant National Monument in Arizona, the Gold Butte area represents an important wildlands linkage between the two protected areas. (Photo by Howard Booth.)
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s you saw in the last Toiyabe Trails, the Toiyabe Chapter now has its own peak section. For details on membership, recognition categories, patch design, and peak list, check out the Great Basin Peak Section at http://toiyabe.sierrclub.org/GBPeaksSection.html.

This is still a work in progress. Soon we will have a membership list page and pages for each level achieved. We also plan to have a trip report page set-up. Thanks to Erik Holland for donating the use of his Wheeler Peak sketch to use for our patch and to Dennis Ghiglieri for his work setting up the website link. And of course, thanks to the entire Great Basin Peak Section Committee for all of their hard work.

The Great Basin Peak Section is up & running

BY SHARON MARIE WILCOX

A
fter us, who will keep Tahoe blue?

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What you can do.

To learn how you can help support GBOS programs and ensure that more students can attend, contact Sue Jacob at sjeacox@nvbell.net or suejacox@nvbell.net. For more info on GBOS, go to <http://greatbasin-os.org>.

BLM Wilderness Service trip July 23-26, Eastern Nevada

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

Please see SERVICE TRIP page 12.

GBOS Group News

The Great Basin Group is up & running

BY JANICE HOKE, GREAT BASIN OUTDOOR SCHOOL

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GBOS Group ExCom

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

GBOS Group Calendar

July 1 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m.
Moderate Conditioning Hike. Join us for conditioning hikes of 3-5 mi at moderate pace with gain under 1000 ft. Discover trails in, around Truckee Meadows. DOK: Leader Grace Caudill (473-1445; myokii@att.net). Moderate.

July 3 (Saturday) 7 a.m.
Leader’s White Wolf Black Rock Hike. Friends of Black Rock for long weekend in Black Rock Desert. Last quarter moon will mean good stars. Not sure what we’ll do, but trip may include easy service project, hot springs, wide open spaces, possible hike to top of Black Rock Point, famous landmark on Emigrant Trail. Learn about Black Rock Desert. DOK: Leader David Book (775-843-6443; dbook@gbos.com). Easy.

July 4 (Sunday) 6 a.m.
Schneider Cow Camp Loop at Christmas Pass. A hike alternative route to, from Showers Lake through wildflower areas, with great vistas. Incredibly scenic Sierra views. Learn some history of area. High clearance vehicle needed or possible ride share. ND: Leader Taro (775-536-2935). Moderate.

July 5 (Monday) 5:30 p.m.

July 6 (Tuesday) 6 p.m.

July 7 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m.

July 8 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m.
Moderate Conditioning Hike. Join us for conditioning hikes of 3-5 mi at moderate pace with gain under 1000 ft. Discover trails in, around Truckee Meadows. DOK: Leader Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myokii@att.net). Moderate.

July 10 (Saturday) 8 a.m.

July 11 (Sunday) 8 a.m.
Ebbett’s Pass Hike. Follow Pacific Crest Trail N toward Nevada. West Virginia Peak, off Ebbett’s Pass. Scenic drive provides great Sierra views going through summer snow fields. Gain less than 1000 ft, starting at about 8000 ft. About 8 mi RT. Moderate hike, but high altitude. DL: Leader: Lucertia Belancio (775-851-9279; lunature@hotmail.com). Moderate.

July 12 (Monday) 5:30 p.m.
Monday Night Parks Cleanup. Join in effort to sustain our parks each Monday 5:30-7:30 (Apr-Oct); call hike hotline for location (473-1445 option #4). Meet at various city locations, city open space locations, to bag trash. Wear closed-toe shoes, bring work gloves, water. Learn about challenges parks face from illegal dumping and volunteer opportunities with local non-profits. ND: Leader: Julie Woodard (473-1445). Co-Leader: Pat Kleames (473-1445). Mod. Easy.

July 13 (Tuesday) 5:30 p.m.

July 14 (Wednesday) 5:30 p.m.

July 15 (Thursday) 5:30 p.m.
Moderate Conditioning Hike. See trip details 7-6-10. DOK: Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myokii@att.net). Moderate.

July 17 (Saturday) 8 a.m.
Davis Meadows. Climb up Thomas Creek Trail and over headwaters to this high Sierra meadowland at 8800 ft elevation. Should see lots of white pine axe along way, lots of wildflowers for our destination – likely we’re lucky. Route mostly on historic trails as well as a little on future trails. About 9 mi RT, 2500 ft gain. DL: Leader: Ridge Walker (853-8035; edc@umr.edu). Co-Leader: Chuck Oliveira (786-2988). Mod. Strenuous.

July 18 (Sunday) 8 a.m.
Sporoner to Marlette Lakes. Hike from Sporoner Lake to Marlette Lake, back. About 9.5 mi, 1200 ft gain. Beautiful scenery, lots of wild flowers (we hope). Dogs on leads. DL: Leader: Donna N. Inverson (775-315-6765; d_inverson@yahoo.com). Moderate.

July 19 (Sunday) 8 a.m.
West Wing of Relay Peak Loop. On this LOOP version of West Wing hike, cross Relay Peak at 10,330 ft, then visit West Wing’s rocky knob for lunch. After hike, S on Tahoe Rim Trail to descent near Killen Lake, then a few miles further. About 12 mi, 800 ft ascent. DL: Leader: Gary Hammann (775-336-7698; ghammann@charter.net). Mod. Strenuous.

July 18 (Sunday) 8 a.m.
Wildflowers & Photography: Carson Pass Hike. Join wildflower expert, Joy Bridgeman, retired professional photographer, Graham Stafford, in one of most beautiful wildflower sites in Sierra Nevada. Learn about, view, many varieties of alpine flowers of Sierra on hike from Carson Pass to Winnemucca Lake. Mod. easy.

Please see GB CALENDAR, page 9.
mi RT, 600 ft gain. Optional; continue to Round Top Lake. For those who wish, Graham will give instructions on proper way to photograph wildflowers. View Graham’s work at www.grahamstafford.com. For directions. Leader: Karen Todd (775-686-8478; graham@grahamstafford.com). Co-Leader: Joy Bridgeham (775-746-1313; joybridge3@yahoo.com). Moderate. Easy.

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


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


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


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

Little Round Top at Carson Pass Area, Meiss Ridge. Scenic, mostly off trail, about 1800 ft gain, mostly at beginning; about 8 mi in loop. Summit several crests at about 9400 ft elevation along Meiss Ridge. Narrow route with severe drop-off, moderate. 8-18 conditioned hikers only. Learn some history of area. ND. Leader: T Taro (775-530-2935). Moderate. Strenuous.

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


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Granite Hot Springs Lake Day Hike. From Blue Lakes, hike to two beautiful, remote lakes. This hike will help us be mindful of water resources, conserve. Photography is fun throughout. Length of hike makes it a strenuous endeavor for conditioned hikers only. About 13 mi, 1500 ft gain. Limit 10. ND. Leader: John Ida (321-525-2050; johnid@1yahoo.com). Strenuous.

**JULY 28 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A.M**


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


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

Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike. See trip details 7-10. DOK. Leader: Grace C. Caudill (473-1445; myok@att.net). Easy.

**AUGUST 14 (SATURDAY) 7:30 A.M**

Chesnutt’s Loop Above Lake Tahoe. Ascend about 1700 ft on Tunnel Creek Rd to intersect southbound Tahoe Rim Trail. About 3 mi, the rising and falling trail leads us to ridge at 9100 ft, to reach spectacular view of Lake Tahoe’s turquoise Sand Harbor from our white-granite vantage point 0.5 mi directly above. About 12 mi RT, 3400 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Gary Hammelmann (775-336-7698; graham@grahamstafford.com). Co-Leader: Elias Dechent (775-825-7472). Mod. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 15 (SUNDAY) 8 A.M**

Flowers at Ebbert's Pass. Follow Pacific Crest Trail through Ebbert's Canyon. View flowers. Incredibly scenic high Sierra views, with wildflowers blooming at their peak. Gain less than 1000 ft, starting at about 8000 ft above 8 mi RT. High altitude hike. DL. Leader: Luceria Belancio (775-851-9279; lunature@hotmail.com). Moderate. Strenuous.

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


**AUGUST 17 (TUESDAY) 7 P.M**


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

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

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

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

**AUGUST 21 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A.M**

Tamarack Peak & Waterfall Loop. After hour on northbound Tahoe Rim Trail, go OFF-trail and up steep western slope of Tamarack Peak to reach large rock outcrop for lunch and full view of Lake Tahoe 0.5 mi below. Then continue gradual eastern ridgeline to finally rejoin TRT. About 6 mi RT, 1300 ft gain. DOK. Leader: Gary Hanneman (775-336-7698; graham@grahamstafford.com). Co-Leader: Dona N. Inverness (775-315-6763; d_inverness@yahoo.com). Easy. Moderate. Strenuous.

**AUGUST 22 (SUNDAY) 11 A.M**


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

Easy-Paced Conditioning Hike. See trip details above.

It’s not just a good basin, it’s a GREAT BASIN!
SOUTHERN NEVADA GROUP

Group News

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for the second Wednesday of every month (except August) or when the first Monday is a holiday for the MONTHLY GENERAL MEETING at 7:30 pm. Come socialize, learn what's going on and Kaohulani McGuire, cultural

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KALUAPOPA NATIONAL HISTORIC PARK SERVICE TRIP

BY LINDA NATIONS

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e Sierras Club members traveled to the remote peninsula of Kaluapapa, Molokai, Hawaii, as National Park Service (NPS) volunteers, April 26-30, 2010. Over 350 hours were contributed to a variety of intertidal, cultural

-- MARK YOUR CALENDAR --

JUNE 29-JULY 5 (TUESDAY-MONDAY) *Coyote Club, Escalante UT. Leave Las Vegas about 6 June, June 29, with only gasoline stops, one at visitor center in Escalante to pick up per mit. Lunch at trailhead, then backpack 4 mi to first campsite in alcove next to creek. Each day we will be in awe as we hike along Coyote Creek (one day possible along Escalante River). Easy to moderate over mostly flat canyon bottom; total backpack about 30 mi Cottonwood, willows in most of canyon. Campsites in cool shade. Enjoy water (bring swimming) at lower end of Coyote Creek. Christmas in July -- what are all these lights after dark that sometimes move, sometimes not? moving? Learn about origin of water springs here as well as how canyon was formed. Limit 12. David Hardy (875-4549, hardy@sierraclub.org) email preferred.

JULY 3-4 (SATURDAY-SUNDAY)
*Beginner Backpack: Bristlecone Trail, Lee Canyon, SNMA. Enjoy all the fun of backpack into the wild without long mileage to get to camp! Walk about 1 mi up Bristlecone Trail to try out new boots, tents, stoves, etc., swap experiences. How would you protect your food if this trip were in Sierra Nevada? Leader: Jack Sawyer (lsawyer@hotmail.com).

JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)
No Conservation Meeting. All ExCom meetings have been canceled until further notice.

JULY 14 (WEDNESDAY)
General Program Meeting. Time & Place: 7:30 pm; NV Energy Bldg., 6226 W. Sahara (E. entrance, Wenger meeting room). Program: “Recycle Las Vegas!” Learn latest on local corporate, residential, institutional recycling. Bob Coyle, VP with Republic Services, Bob Dorinson, President of Evergreen Recycling, will tell us how their companies are helping Nevadans live greener. Also, we’ll hear from our very own Eric “Appleshed” King about High Efficiency Company/Vermicomposting! All members, general public are welcome. Refreshments, announcements, free literature, too. Info: Eric King (677-4751).

JULY 17 (SATURDAY)
*PI (Photo Improvement) Hike, Valley of Fire State Park. Love to hike, take pictures along the way? Hike will emphasize photography during enjoyable, short hike on beautiful White Domes Loop in Nevada’s oldest state park, Valley of Fire. Bring camera(s), together we’ll discuss how to make our hiking photos more appealing. When do you need tripod? Are landscape photos better with people in them? Loop is 2.5 mi, some shade. We’ll go slow to give everyone time to take LOTS of photos. After returning to car, we’ll enjoy some cold watermelon, then head home to our computers. Next, we’ll e-mail our five favorite photos from the day for possible use on the website. Those who participated will have the opportunity to both critique, be critiqued –, to learn what worked, how to do it better. Top-rated shots will be featured on our NSONE webpage. Leader: Par Rasmussen (215-9119, Par@msnl.com). Level 1-2.

JULY 18 (SUNDAY)
*Charleston Peak, SNMRA. To reach highest point in Spring Mountains, we’ll hike South Loop, return on North Loop. About 20 mi, 4500 ft gain (7500-12,000 ft). Be prepared for any kind of weather (that includes cold wind or rain). If thunderstorms are expected, start time will be sooner than 9 am. Bring sturdy boots, begin hiking before 9 am. Why are there no trees on highest elevations? Leader: David Hardy (875-4549, hardy@sierraclub.org) email preferred. Level 6.

JULY 24 (SATURDAY)
*High Meadows, SNMRA. Look for wild flow er display at 10,000 ft level in these sky-filled basins that extend from the South Loop trail. Why is the other side greener? About 8-10 mi RT, 2500 ft gain (8000-10,500 ft). Leader: Bill Mann (433-0743). Level 4.

JULY 31 (SATURDAY)
*Beginner Hike to Stanley B. Springs, Kyle Canyon, SNMRA. About 1.5 mi to first spring. Some may want to go up, over; others can rest, lounge in wait for the gung ho. Which flowers are cumbine, wild rose? Leader: Jack Saw yer (lsawyer@hotmail.com). Level 3.

AUGUST 1-6 (SATURDAY-FRIDAY)
*Service trip to Glacier NP, MT. Five days (Mon-Fri) doing trail or facility maintenance near Polebridge area. Expect to put up in 40 hours of labor making this park even more welcoming, beautiful than we find it. Learn about challenges Glacier NP is facing. Easy to moderate. Co-Leaders: Yuki Takagi (263-7327, yuki@sierraclub.org) and Par Rasmusson (215-9119, Par@mvdsl.org). Level 6.

AUGUST 7 (SATURDAY)
*Bananza Peak, SNMRA. Starting from Cold Creek, switchback up to ridge for views of vast desert valleys off toward Toiyabe. Elk from Yellowstone NP were reintroduced to Spring Mountains in 1930s. How do you tell elk from deer? Leader: Bill Mann (433-0743). Level 4.

AUGUST 11 (WEDNESDAY)
No General Program Meeting.

AUGUST 14 (SATURDAY)
Hidden Forest/Deadman Creek, DNWR/Sheep Mtn Range. Hike “other” sky island with forests ponderosa pines, white fir trees across Highway 95 from Spring Mountains. Lunch on picnic tables at 5.7 mi then hike in another 0.5 mi to check on Wiregrass Springs (which may be dry). An easy backpacking trip for some if you wish to moderate. About 11 mi RT, 6000-2200 ft gain (6000-8000 ft). Leader: Erle Blumsenstad (370-1836, tpvedder@cox.net). Level 3-4.

AUGUST 22 (SATURDAY)
*Mummy Mountain, SNMRA. From Trail Canyon head to North Loop, then at 10,000 ft leave trail to climb steep scree slope, scramble

Please see SN CALENDAR, page 11.

Don’t forget to visit the Chapter website <http://toiyabe.sierraclub.org>
have taken into account that Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) had already planned an expenditure of over $550,000 for FY 2010 for the same purpose. The monies were available through the $3 predator fee that sportsmen pay when they purchase a license and tag. Over the past 10 years (FY 00 - FY 10), NDOW and the commission have spent an estimated $3 million killing predators. Does killing predators enhance mule deer numbers? Here’s the record on predator kills vs. deer numbers for the past 10 years. Using reasonable extrapolation for FY 09 - FY 10, about 85,000 coyotes were killed. These figures don’t seem to support the NDOW and the commission have spent an estimated $3 million killing predators. Does killing predators enhance mule deer numbers? Here’s the record on predator kills vs. deer numbers for the past 10 years. Using reasonable extrapolation for FY 09 - FY 10, about 85,000 coyotes were killed. These figures don’t seem to support the Wildlife Commissioners’ hope that its only enhancement strategy — killing predators — will see mule deer numbers rise to about 200,000. Concerned sportsmen and the general public need to work together to effect change.

OUTING WAIVERS

ALL PARTICIPANTS on Sierra Club outings are required to sign a standard liability waiver. If you would like to read the liability waiver before you choose to participate in an outing, please go to: <http://sierracclub.org/outings/chapter/forms/> or check with your Outing Chair.

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

AUGUST 28 (SATURDAY)

*North Loop to Lower Canyon Overlook - SNMRA.

Come up into pines for some cool mountain air. What factors contribute to bristlecones doing well on this ridge? Leader: Bill Marr (433-0743). Level 3-4.

SEPTEMBER 1 (SATURDAY)

No Conservation Meeting. All ConsCom meet-ings have been canceled until further notice.

SEPTEMBER 3 (WEDNESDAY)

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

SEPTEMBER 11 (SATURDAY)

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

SEPTEMBER 12 (SUNDAY)

Adopt-a-Highway Clean-up, RRCNCA. Let’s polish up southern approach to our local jewel honk, wave to show appreciation for our efforts.

SEPTEMBER 13 (MONDAY)

Group ExCom Meeting. Time & Place: 6-8:30 pm, local Sierra Club office, 732 S. 6th St. (at Gass Ave. site). All members welcome. Contact: Kristine Cunningham (285-6832, kri-syjake@gmail.com).

SEPTEMBER 16 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P.M

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

SEPTEMBER 17 (WEDNESDAY)

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SEPTEMBER 20 (SATURDAY)


SEPTEMBER 25 (SATURDAY) 8:30 A


SEPTEMBER 26 (SUNDAY) 9 A

Tahoe Rim Trail South from Spooner Summit. Hike alternate trail heading E through grove of aspen trees. Turn S and W to Tahoe Rim Trail heading S, for lunch at beautiful site overlook-ing both Carson Valley, Lake Tahoe. Return on Tahoe Rim Trail Trail. If we’re in luck, aspens will be in full fall color. About 8 mi, 1200 ft gain. Leader: Donna Inverness (751-315-6763); d_inverness@gmail.com. Moderate.

SEPTEMBER 27 (MONDAY) 5:30 P.M


SEPTEMBER 28 (TUESDAY) 5:30 P.M


SEPTEMBER 29 (WEDNESDAY) 5:30 P.M


SEPTEMBER 30 (THURSDAY) 5:30 P.M

Last Thursday Moderate Conditioning Hike. Last Thursday after-work hike for 2010. See trip details 7-1-10. DOK: Leader: Grace C. Caudill (775-473-1445; myoki@att.net). Moderate.
A NEW GUIDEBOOK by Sierra Club desert peaker, Bob Sumner, describes the adventure, beauty and solitude found on Nevada’s highest county summits while also illuminating some of the state’s lesser known wild places.

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

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

The book’s trails meander through bristlecone pines, the oldest trees on the planet, to the summits of Boundary Peak, Nevada’s highest, and Wheeler Peak, in Great Basin National Park, to the historic overlook of Mount Davidson above Virginia City; among the old Pony Express trail on the outskirts of Des Moines, Churchill County’s high point.

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

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

A side trip to a nearby point of interest

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

About the author.

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

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