

Thank you for your continued support of the Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program. The following newsletter contains information about upcoming events, current positions, highlights of your volunteer community and interesting information on our desert ecosystem.



## Upcoming Events

### McCullough Trail Trailhead Installation

**Date:** Saturday, February 16

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Suitable for youth and adults. Must be at least 16 years old. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

**Location:** McCullough Trail Trailhead

**Agency:** Bureau of Land Management

**Volunteer Work Type:** Restoration

Help us install a post and cable fence to create a trailhead for the McCullough Trail. We will also be removing a small dump site at a decommissioned trough nearby. Work will include digging holes for the posts and setting wire. Study shoes, long sleeve shirt and pants are required. Please call Jose at (702) 203-1720 or [jose@nevadawilderness.org](mailto:jose@nevadawilderness.org) for more details. Volunteers will meet and carpool/caravan to the worksite from the M Resort at 12300 South Las Vegas Boulevard Henderson, NV 89044.

### Mustard Busters

**Date:** Saturday, February 23

**Time:** 9:15 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Must be at least 14 years old. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have a signed Parental Consent form.

**Location:** Callville Bay Resort & Marina

**Agency:** National Park Service

**Volunteer Work Type:** Restoration

Help Park Rangers preserve rare and endangered plant species at a remote cove on Lake Mead. Volunteers are needed to remove the invasive Sahara mustard to ensure native plants can thrive. We will meet at 9 a.m. at the Callville Bay Marina dock and travel in a boat for a short, peaceful trip to Sandy Cove. Once we arrive you'll learn how to identify and remove Sahara mustard. It is required that participants should have the ability to bend and pull weeds. You'll have a chance to eat a small lunch and enjoy the beauty of the lake before returning by 2:00 p.m. Please bring your own lunch, water and snacks, and plan to stay for the entire event. Register by contacting Christopher Pietrafeso at (702) 293-8711, or [Christopher\\_Pietrafeso@nps.gov](mailto:Christopher_Pietrafeso@nps.gov). Registration starts at 9:00a.m.

### BLM Great American Clean Up

**Date:** Saturday, March 2

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Suitable for adults.

**Location:** Sunrise area, Las Vegas

**Agency:** Bureau of Land Management

**Volunteer Work Type:** Clean-up

Come out and join BLM for their annual Great American Clean Up. This year

## Volunteer Spotlight



Things change just like the seasons, some seasons we have an abundance of volunteers and others we don't. This is one of those "we don't" times. We are in serious need of volunteers in three programs; Loop Ambassador, Plant Team, and the Graffiti Team.

The Loop Ambassador program has been around for a couple of years and has not reached its full potential. We need to fill the ranks with dedicated people who are interested in dealing with the public outside at the different parking lots. Volunteers will generally be assigned to a specific location (Calico One, Sandstone Quarry, High Point Overlook, Willow Springs, and Red Springs) or as a "rover", who will stop at each parking lot while driving around the loop. While at these locations the Ambassador will provide information to the visitors upon request. A temporary shade structure or information kiosk may be installed at locations such as Calico One to provide shade and storage area. The Ambassador, at their option, may wish to hike a portion of some trails to observe visitor activity, check for trash accumulation and in general make contact with visitors in these areas. If the Ambassador wishes, they can pick up the trash they find and dispose of it. The Ambassador will maintain a tally of customers serviced and submit a report at the end of the shift, leaving the report with the receptionist or at the receptionist's desk. The

BLM will be hosting a clean-up in the sunrise area on the east side of Las Vegas at the south end of Hollywood Blvd between Desert Inn and Flamingo. We are looking for volunteers to help remove illegally dumped trash/litter. This involves walking in the desert, bending over and picking up trash. Sturdy shoes, a hat and sunblock are recommended. Trash bags, gloves, water and snacks will be provided. To register, please call Mark Chiger at (702) 515-5166 or [mchiger@blm.gov](mailto:mchiger@blm.gov).

#### **Save the Desert Eco-Walk**

**Date:** Saturday, March 9

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Families are welcome. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have a signed Parental Consent form.

**Location:** Cottonwood Cove Resort and Marina

**Agency:** National Park Service

**Volunteer Work Type:** Clean-up

Forever Resorts at Cottonwood Cove Marina and the National Park Service are co-sponsoring an eco-walk to clean-up the desert and road in the Cottonwood Cove area on March 9, 2013. Individuals, families and groups are welcome to participate in this desert clean-up. Eco-walk registration begins at 8:00 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will clean the area from the park boundary along the roadway to the Cottonwood Cove Marina. Cottonwood Cove Marina is located 13 miles east of Searchlight Nevada. We will have room for more than 100 volunteers to participate. Lunch will be provided following the cleanup for all volunteers helping out with the eco walk. For more information about volunteering or to register, call Christopher Pietrafeso at (702) 293-8711 or [Chris\\_Pietrafeso@nps.gov](mailto:Chris_Pietrafeso@nps.gov)

#### **Ajo Lily Restoration Project**

**Date:** Saturday, March 9

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Families are welcome. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have a signed Parental Consent form.

**Location:** Cottonwood Cove

**Agency:** National Park Service

**Volunteer Work Type:** Restoration

Come and protect the Desert Lily by participating in an invasive plant removal project at Cottonwood Cove on March 9, 2013! Individuals, families and groups are welcome to participate in this invasive plant removal project. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. and the event begins at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers will remove invasive plants near the Cottonwood Cove Marina. Cottonwood Cove Marina is located 13 miles east of Searchlight, Nevada. For more information about volunteering or to register, call Bryan Goodwin at (702) 293-8717 or [Bryan\\_Goodwin@partner.nps.gov](mailto:Bryan_Goodwin@partner.nps.gov)

#### **Great American Clean-up**

**Date:** Saturday, March 23

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Families are welcome. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent or guardian and have a signed Parental Consent form.

**Location:** TBD

**Agency:** National Park Service

**Volunteer Work Type:** Clean-up

Come take part in the Great American Cleanup 2013 at Lake Mead National Recreation Area by participating in a litter cleanup! Join people across America in cleaning, beautifying and improving our quality of life! For more information or to register, please contact Bryan Goodwin at (702) 293-8717 or [Bryan\\_Goodwin@partner.nps.gov](mailto:Bryan_Goodwin@partner.nps.gov). Volunteers will receive a code for free park entrance on the day of the event.

#### **Gardening Gone Wild**

**Date:** Saturday, March 30

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Must be at least 8 years old. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent at all times.

purpose of this position is to improve the visitor experience as well as providing information concerning Red Rock Canyon, the Mojave Desert and the organizations that support the conservation area. If you would like to get involved with the Loop Ambassador Program, please contact Ranger Cal Howell at: 702-515-5386 or [chowell@blm.gov](mailto:chowell@blm.gov).

The Plant Team assists with the care of all landscaping within Visitor Center complex and trail projects as required. They remove invasive species and care for existing, native plant life, assist with approved seed collection and plant propagation program, and provide information to Red Rock Canyon visitors on an as-asked basis. Duties will include but not be limited to; pruning, weeding, installing live plants, removing dead plants, transplanting/plant rescue, seed collection, watering, fertilizing, area restoration, education of the public and maintaining the tools required for said projects. Your efforts will improve the appearance of the Visitor Center gardens, eventually turning them into an educational garden. If you would like to get involved with the Plant Team, please contact Ranger Cal Howell at: 702-515-5386 or [chowell@blm.gov](mailto:chowell@blm.gov).

As a member of the Graffiti Program you will be a member of a three – five person graffiti removal team. Graffiti will be removed by various means including but not limited to: bio-degradable chemicals and wire brushes, grinding, sandblasting and painting. You may be required to hike in and camp overnight in remote areas. You might operate a government vehicle, (case by case basis); use air compressors and generators; hand and power tools; bio-degradable chemicals; properly load and store equipment; store paint; appropriate rollers, brushes and spray gun to cover graffiti on structures and facilities. After this you must maintain and clean equipment after use. This is a crucial job that needs to be done to correct or prevent damage to natural or other resources and to improve the recreational experience of the public while at Red Rock Canyon NCA. If you would like to get involved with the Graffiti Team, please contact Ranger Jim Cribbs at: 702-515-5365 or [jcribbs@blm.gov](mailto:jcribbs@blm.gov).

### **• Upcoming Trainings**

[Click here to view the Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area training schedule](#)

**Location:** Desert National Wildlife Refuge; Corn Creek Station

**Agency:** Desert National Wildlife Refuge

**Volunteer Work Type: Restoration**

Join a team of volunteer to plant native grasses at Corn Creek. Native plants help prevent erosion, reduce dust, help to thwart invasives and provide important habitat for wildlife. Grass roots from this planting will help stabilize soil along the new wetland stream channel. The grasses are small and will be easily planted, as such this is a good project for smaller children assuming they are properly chaperoned by adults. Individuals need to be in fairly good physical condition as planting requires the ability to bend, kneel, and get a little dirty. Plan to be outside in cool, sunny condition with no shade – a hat and sunscreen are recommended. Adult work gloves, water, snacks, and a good time will be provided. For more information about volunteering or to register, call Harry Konwin at (702) 515-5494 or [Harry\\_Konwin@fws.gov](mailto:Harry_Konwin@fws.gov).

**Put ‘Em in the Ground: Mesquite Tree**

**Date:** Saturday, April 5

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Must be at least 12 years old. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent.

**Location:** Desert National Wildlife Refuge; Corn Creek Station

**Agency:** Desert National Wildlife Refuge

**Volunteer Work Type: Restoration**

Join a team of volunteers to plant native mesquite trees at Corn Creek. Native plants help prevent erosion, reduce dust, help to thwart invasive plants and provide important habitat for wildlife. Some of the trees are quiet large and heavy and will be planted in an old horse pasture and planted. Children can help, however, but must be chaperoned at all times by an adult. Individuals need to be in fairly good physical condition as planting requires the ability to bend, kneel, and get a little dirty. Plan to be outside in warm, sunny conditions with no shade – a hat and sunscreen are recommended. Adult work gloves, water, snacks, and a good time will be provided. Registration starts at 8:30am at the visitor contact station parking lot. For more information or to register, call Harry Konwin at (702) 515-5494 or [Harry\\_Konwin@fws.gov](mailto:Harry_Konwin@fws.gov).

**Gardening Gone Wild II: Back To The Plants**

**Date:** Saturday, April 6

**Time:** 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

**Audience:** Must be at least 8 years old. If volunteer is under 18, they must be accompanied by a parent.

**Location:** Desert National Wildlife refuge; Corn Creek Station

**Agency:** Desert National Wildlife refuge

**Volunteer Work Type: Restoration**

Join a team of volunteers to plant native riparian plants and Corn Creek. Native plants help prevent erosion, reduce dust, help to thwart invasive and provide important habitat for wildlife. The plant roots from this planting will help stabilize soil along the new wetland stream channel. The plants are small and

will be easily planted, as such this is a good project for smaller children assuming they are properly chaperoned by adults. Individuals need to be in fairly good physical condition as planting requires the ability to bend, kneel, and get a little dirty. Plan to be outside in warm, sunny conditions with no shade – a hat and sunscreen are recommended. Adult work gloves, water, snacks, and a good time will be provided. Registration starts at 8:30am at the visitor contact station parking lot. For more information or to register, call Harry Konwin at (702) 515-5494 or [Harry\\_Konwin@fws.gov](mailto:Harry_Konwin@fws.gov).



**Bureau of Land Management**

**Information Desk Specialist – Red Rock Canyon NCA**



**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/11/2006 – 9/30/2015  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Interpretive Hike Leader/Hike Assistant** – Red Rock Canyon NCA  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/11/2006 – 9/30/2015  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Landscaping Team** – Red Rock Canyon NCA  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/11/2006 – 9/30/2015  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Natural Resource Team** – Red Rock Canyon NCA  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/11/2006 – 9/30/2015  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Trail Monitor** – Red Rock Canyon NCA  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/11/2006 – 9/30/2015  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

## USFWS

**RV Couple Interpretive Host/Maintenance** – Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 2/1/2013 – 5/27/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Campground Host/Maintenance** – Pahrnatagat National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 2/25/2013 – 6/28/2014  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**RV Resident Volunteer Couple** – Desert National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 2/1/2013 – 12/27/2014  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Maintenance Assistant** – Desert National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 3/1/2012 – 5/9/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Trail Ambassador/Interpreter** – Desert National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 9/1/2012 – 5-31/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Naturalist/Interpreter** – Pahrnatagat National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 6/4/2012 – 6/4/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Administrative Assistant** – Pahrnatagat National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 1/1/2013 – 6/28/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**RV Resident Volunteer Couple** – Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 4/15/2013 – 12/31/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

## NPS

**Cactus Garden Volunteer** – Lake Mead NRA  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 1/22/2013 – 1/24/2014  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Visitor Center Volunteer**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 1/22/2013 – 1/24/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Deckhand – Boating and Water Safety Program**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 1/22/2013 – 5/22/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Field Trip Educator**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 4/30/2013



## MLK Day of Service

01/12/2013 Desert NWR Headquarters

48 Volunteers spent a lovely day in the outdoors. Folks of all ages participated in removing invasive species. Including members of Cub Scout Pack 835 and other youths, members of the Friends of Nevada Wilderness, Las Vegas Mountaineering Club and other local citizens, donated 193 hours to clear 1.37 acres of invasive London Rocket (*Sisymbrium irio*).



**Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 4/30/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Desert Princess Floating Classroom Educator – “Geolo (Looks like it was cut off when posted on volunteer.gov)Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 5/15/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Water Safety Educator in Schools**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 5/15/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Lake Mead Native Plant Nursery**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 10/1/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

**Hike Leaders or Hike Assistants**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 10/1/2012 – 5/1/2013  
[Click here for more information and apply online.](#)

## USFS

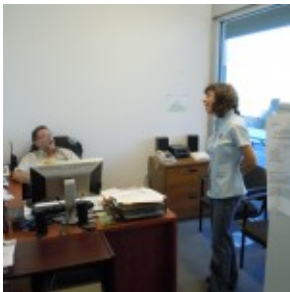
**Trail Host – Humboldt-Toiyabe – NV**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:**5/26/2013 – 9/30/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Get Outdoors Nevada – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:**1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Visitor Center Host – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:**1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Mt. Charleston Litter Pick Up – Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:**1/1/2013 – 12/31/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)

**Snow Play Host – Humboldt-Toiyabe**  
**Time Commitment & Duration:** 12/17/2012 – 4/1/2013  
[Click here for more information and to apply online.](#)



## Conservation Project Spotlight

Tis the season, out with the old and in with the new... we have a new year, and new opportunities. The Red Rock Staff and volunteers are feverously working on new exhibits for the Visitor Center. These projects are ongoing and new information is coming in and being evaluated. New projects require planning, development, approval and designing. This process rarely happens quickly. The first one to debut will highlight our efforts to curb and remove graffiti. It will tell the story about how the community came together to remove the blight brought on the Lost Creek cultural site. I want to thank all of those involved again, it was and still is an outstanding example of the love Red Rock Canyon NCA has in the hearts and minds of so many people. The next project is going to be a permanent display concerning the pre-historic prints found in Red Rock Canyon NCA. Making another first, in a long line of firsts, for the conservation area; they were the first confirmed dinosaur tracks found in Nevada. The process to plan and develop a new exhibit can be long and drawn out. But it is planned to be finished and installed by the end of this fiscal year.



## Desert Ecosystem Great Links



## DESERT ECOSYSTEM SPOTLIGHT

Red Rock is going green! No, nobody has painted the rocks green. Can you imagine Green Rock Canyon National Conservation Area? No, no, no; we have finally been able to enter the world of recycling. A recycling program was started in November 2012, and has been working very well. At this point we have recycling containers at the campground and the Visitor Center Right now; we are recycling aluminum and plastic bottles. Secured Fibers Recycling comes out and picks up a 4 yard dumpster once a week. In the past, we have attempted to recycle with mixed to poor results. We just burned out the staff and volunteers in the process.

Thank you again for supporting our public lands.

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