



Volunteer News

Southern Region

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Special points of interest:

- Volunteers collected loose monofilament fishing line, a hazard to wildlife, at Floyd Lamb State Park.
- Learn about volunteering in the wildlife education program on page 3.
- Volunteers did a great service for the Overton Wildlife Management Area by planting trees and pulling weeds.
- Volunteers have been busy this past spring with habitat projects, wildlife surveys, and educational programs.
- Angler Education volunteers will attend HOFNOD training in August.

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Removal of Fishing Line Benefits Wildlife

Nine volunteers braved cold wind and drizzling rain to benefit wildlife at Floyd Lamb State Park (FLSP) Saturday, March 19th, for the fishing line cleanup project. Volunteers removed fishing line and trash around the ponds at the park. Fishing line was found on the shore, tangled in vegetation, and in the water at all four ponds and was collected for recycling later.

Loose monofilament fishing line is a hazard to wildlife of all kinds, and wildlife is plentiful at FLSP. A variety of birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians, and mammals may be

seen at the park on any given day. Monofilament is difficult to see and can easily entangle an animal. A bird was seen with line wrapped around its leg on the day of the cleanup. The line, much of it with sharp hooks still attached, often causes injury or even death for wildlife that



Volunteer, Mary McFarland, removes fishing line, a hazard to wildlife, from a pond at Floyd Lamb State Park.

becomes ensnared. Trash was also collected as wildlife may accidentally ingest or be injured by trash items.

The fishing line collected during the cleanup was dried and hooks and debris were removed so the line can be recycled. An eagle scout group plans to construct and set up collection bins for monofilament at various locations in southern Nevada. Volunteers may help check and empty bins as well as collect loose fishing line from shore areas for recycling.

Thanks to all volunteers who came out to make this project a success.

Message from the Volunteer Coordinator

On this my last day with NDOW, I could think of no better way to leave the agency than to reflect on what you have done for our valuable wildlife resources and their habitat. I watched you change the face of the

desert without destroying its beauty. I watched as you installed water developments in some of the most beautiful and isolated areas of our great state. We are one of the smallest wildlife agencies in the nation. However, I

know this to be untrue because with you, our valued volunteers, we are an army dedicated to wildlife. As I join you as a volunteer for NDOW, I want to extend my heartfelt thanks to all of you.

Cleveland Dudley

HOFNOD Training Workshop in August

For those who may never have heard of HOFNOD, it's the "Hooked on Fishing, Not on Drugs" program, sponsored by the Future Fisherman Foundation and the American Sportfishing Association. August 1st through the 5th, Ivy Santee (State Coordinator) and two volunteers will be traveling to Park City, Utah to attend the annual facilitators training workshop. Fred Erhlich and Lilia Carter will receive training to become facilitators of the



inner-city kids the value of fishing and show them alternatives to destructive behaviors. HOFNOD pro-

gram. As facilitators, they will be responsible for the training of new instructors in southern Nevada to initiate HOFNOD programs.

The main purpose of this program is to teach young,

grams around the country are not just one-hit wonders, but instead use multiple contacts with the kids to build up a love of fishing and the necessary skills to continue fishing for life. The anti-drug portion of the program is subtle, but the message comes through that drugs and other destructive behaviors only tear down the individual.

To learn more about the HOFNOD program and volunteering in angler education, contact Ivy Santee, So. Region Angler Education Coordinator, at 486-5127 ext. 3503 or isantee@ndow.org.

Trees planted at Overton Wildlife Management Area

It wasn't the most glamorous assignment, but one that needed to be done for the benefit of wildlife habitat. Ten dedicated volunteers traveled, some from as far as Boulder City, to Overton Wildlife Management Area (WMA) to participate in our annual cleanup operation.

This project had been postponed before due to the rains and flood

that hit the area, and it was in desperate need of sprucing up.

Keith Brose, WMA Manager, provided a tour and slideshow of the area. Volunteers saw the damage caused by the "twenty year" storm event. Following the tour, the task

"Several dozen of these native trees were planted"

of restoring this valuable wildlife habitat began with the planting of willow trees. Several dozen of these native trees were planted and the area around the check-in station was cleaned up. Brose was very thankful of the volunteers for their efforts.

Upcoming Projects

Bat Surveys—Nighttime surveys will take place in August and September.

Bighorn Sheep Capture—Tentatively set for late October.

Riparian Habitat Restoration—Next project to take place

early November.

Fishing Line Removal—Remove fishing line from various locations on a flexible schedule.

Instructors—We are recruiting volunteers to be wildlife, angler and hunter education instructors for classes held regu-

larly.

Carp Derby—Volunteers are needed to run the event for charity on July 23rd at Floyd Lamb State Park.

*Some transportation is available for the projects. For more information on any of these projects, contact Sarah Pryor at 486-5127, ext.3850.



Share Your Passion About Wildlife

Interested in wildlife and enjoy sharing your enthusiasm with others? Why not become a wildlife education volunteer? Opportunities are endless to share your passion with children and adults.

An orientation meeting for new wildlife education volunteers is scheduled for Tuesday, September 13, 2005, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the Nevada Department of Wildlife conference room at 4747 Vegas Drive in Las Vegas. Don't worry if you can't make the meeting because orientation and training meetings can be scheduled to meet your individual schedule.

What's your passion?

- Conducting wildlife education programs for school groups, civic organizations, scouts, youth and science camps, library groups, Safety participants and more.
- Giving Wildlife Walks at Overton Wildlife Management Area, Clark County Wetlands Park and Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
- Facilitating Project WILD, Aquatic Project WILD, and other workshops for teachers.
- Developing wildlife discovery trunks for teachers to use with students.

- Participating in the planning and staging of a celebration of birds for International Migratory Bird Day in May 2006.

- Conducting tours and staffing the information desk at the Lake Mead Hatchery Visitor Center, scheduled to open in the spring of 2006.

Whatever your interest, you are invited to be a wildlife education volunteer. If you would like to attend the orientation meeting or learn more about the wildlife education program, please contact Elsie Sellars, So. Region Wildlife Education Coordinator, at 486-5127, ext. 3502 or esellers@ndow.org.

Spring Volunteer Accomplishments

A variety of projects were completed by volunteers this past six months that have benefited our wildlife resources.

Volunteers from the Fraternity of the Desert Bighorn (FDB) and WHIN (Wildlife Habitat Improvement of Nevada) installed a water development project (guzzler) in the Highland mountain range. Another was installed in the Monte Cristo

Range by FDB and Nevada Bighorns Unlimited volunteers. These guzzlers collect rainwater to provide a reliable source of water for wildlife.

Also, volunteers have provided help to our wildlife diversity biologists. Volunteers have participated in toad surveys, reptile surveys, and falcon surveys as well as a riparian habitat restoration effort at Crystal Springs.

Wildlife education volunteers have been part of training sessions, school presentations, and an information booth set up for a Celebrate Spring event. These volunteers have helped us inform others about wildlife in Nevada.

Our Southern Region volunteers have been busy and their contributions are essential to our efforts to preserve our wildlife legacy.

Volunteers Hard at Work



Volunteers prepare a surface for a holding tank on the Highland #2 guzzler project.



Volunteers and staff plant willow trees at Overton Wildlife Management Area.

Volunteers, Ken Marlow and William Potter help Ivy Santee, Angler Education Coordinator, with a Free Fishing Day Event.



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In addition, NDOW has placed emphasis on agency planning activities, wildlife diversity and support operations (engineering, air operations, communications) by assigning senior management level personnel to coordinate these efforts.



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