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2022 Annual Report

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Friends of Nevada Wilderness is dedicated to preserving all qualified public lands as wilderness, protecting all present and potential wilderness from ongoing threats, educating the public about the values of - and need for - wilderness, and improving the management and restoration of these wild lands.

Nevada's First Wilderness in 8 Years

In December, with the signing of the National Defense Authorization Act of 2023, Congress created new wilderness areas in Nevada, the first established in the state since 2015. This action preserves wildlife habitat, lands with wilderness qualities and, very importantly, the ancient sacred lands of Indigenous people. As the Department of Defense looked to expand the Fallon Range and Training Complex into sensitive public lands, we organized a diverse group of local stakeholders to work with the US Navy and Congress to mitigate the negative impacts this expansion would create. From collaboration with Nevada's congressional representatives, the Walking River Paiute and Fallon Paiute-Shoshone tribes, Churchill County, Lander County, and supporters like you, the legislation signed by the president includes over 180,000 acres of new Wilderness, two new National Conservation Areas, and other areas important to indigenous culture and history.

Land conservation such as this is often the result of collaboration and negotiation between stakeholders. Friends of Nevada Wilderness invests significant time and energy reaching out to affected communities and working with our Congressional delegation to reach common sense agreements. Wild Nevada isn't created by our organization. It isn't created by you, and it isn't created by them. Wild Nevada is created by all of us!

Clan Alpine Mountains



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Numanaa Nobe National Conservation Area

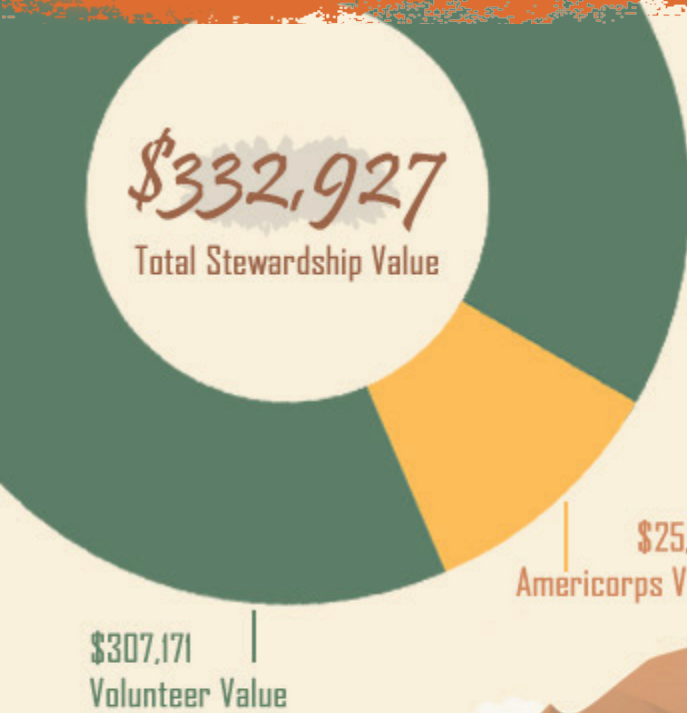


Kurt Kuznicki

The legislation protects almost 400,000 acres with important natural, cultural, and historical meaning to local indigenous groups in and around the Fallon Range and Training Complex, protecting them from adverse impacts as a result of military training activities. This includes the creation of **Numanaa Nobe National Conservation Area**, (160,224 acres) protecting much of the Stillwater Range and Jobs Peak Wilderness Study Areas, and **Pistone-Black National Conservation Area** (3,415 acres). Two areas are receiving a special designation due to their location and focus on protecting cultural resources, the **Numu Newe Special Management Area** (217,845) and **Monte Cristo Mountain Special Protection Area** (17,688).

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it is the only thing that ever has." - Margaret Mead

2022 Wilderness Stewardship By the Numbers



48
Stewardship Projects

110
Springs Surveyed

69.7
Trail Miles Maintained

6.2
Tons of Metal Garbage Removed

546
Volunteers Total

7,054
Volunteer Hours

Community Powers Our Work

One of the two field trucks that support Friends' northern Nevada Stewardship program had become unreliable during the last field season and required costly maintenance. Friends applied for a grant from the William N. Pennington Foundation for funding to replace this aging workhorse. A \$28,000 grant was approved contingent on us matching the grant dollar for dollar.

Enter our amazing Friends community. We reached out to you, and you stepped up. Because of your generosity, we received over \$32,000 towards our Truck Match Fund, surpassing our goal by \$4,000, THANK YOU! With these funds and the Pennington grant, our northern Nevada stewardship team will be purchasing a backcountry-ready truck in 2023 that will power stewardship projects that keep Nevada wild this year and for years to come.

And a special heartfelt thank you to **Lucy Moreton-Hall** for her thoughtfulness and generosity during this fundraising campaign. In honor of her kind gift, we'll be naming our new vehicle after Lucy's beloved dog Max. Keep an eye out for Max this summer on northern Nevada's stewardship projects.



How do you put a price on restored wildlife habitat or an amazing view from a well-maintained trail or the sense of accomplishment volunteers feel by working so hard out in such remote places? Thanks to the William N. Pennington Foundation and our individual supporters, we can now buy a truck that holds up in the rugged backcountry and helps transport our volunteers safely. - Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director

Wild Nevada Legacy Circle

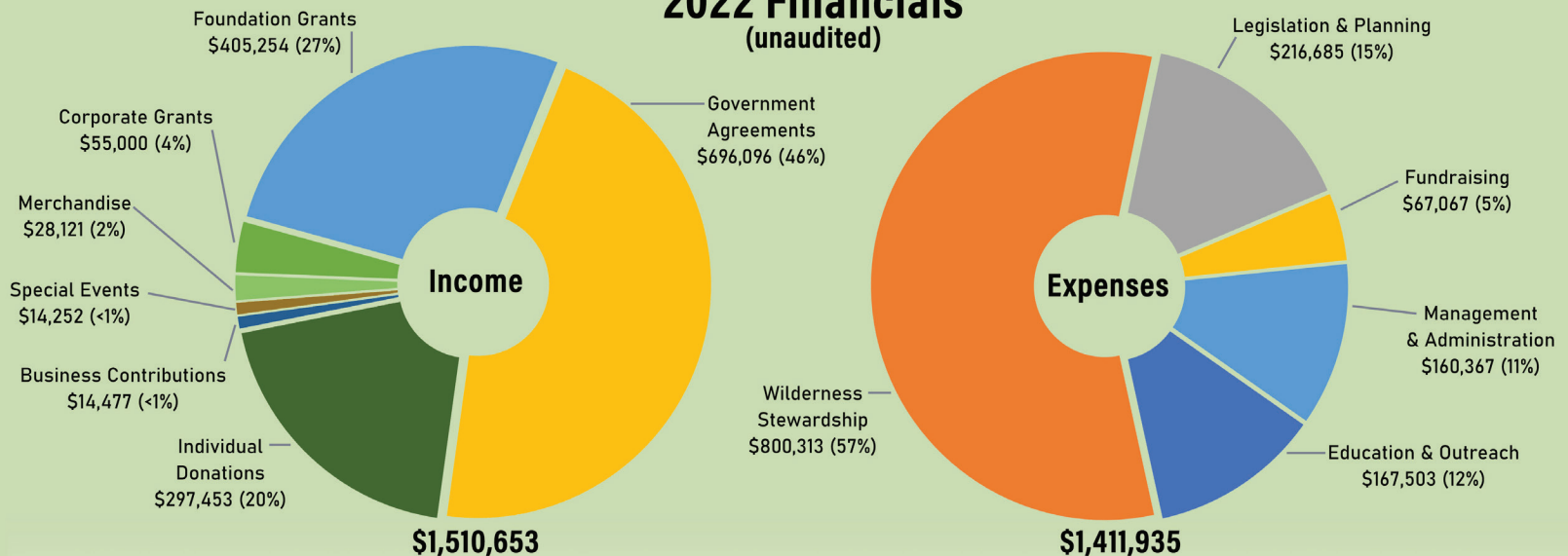
Remembering Nona Hamblin, a Wild Nevada Legacy Member
(July 8, 1940 – July 8, 2021)



We had the honor of receiving our dear friend Nona's Wild Nevada Legacy Circle gift in 2022. It was a bittersweet moment for us, being heartbroken losing her, but knowing her gift will allow us to carry on the work she loved. Nona became a member of Friends of Nevada Wilderness in 2003 and strengthened her support through the years as we got to know each other better. She loved her Shadow Mountain, the public land behind her home and wanted to see wild public lands protected. She was equally passionate about her horses and rescue dogs. Nona was a cancer survivor and she inspired us all.

To learn more about joining our Wild Nevada Legacy Circle, becoming a Steward of the Wild as a monthly donor, or any of our other giving options, contact Jim Stanger, Community & Development Manager, at 775-324-7667 x202 or jim@nevadawilderness.org.

2022 Financials (unaudited)



Support Wild Nevada

Your donation to Friends of Nevada Wilderness powers stewardship that restores and protects Nevada's wild places. Over 80% of donations we receive go directly to advocating for wilderness protection, restoring habitat for wildlife, and maintaining hiking trails. You can also become a **Steward of the Wild** with a monthly donation. Your recurring gift is an impactful way to ensure our work protecting and stewarding your public lands can continue for generations to come.

Together, we can protect the wild places that make Nevada so special. It's as easy as going to nevadawilderness.org/donate, or scan this QR code with your phone.



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