

# HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE National Forest

## AT A GLANCE

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's spectacular 6.3 million acres make it the largest national forest in the lower 48 states. Located in Nevada and a portion of eastern California, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest offers year-round recreation of all types.



TOTAL ACRES  
**6.3 M**

IN NEVADA **90%**  
IN CALIFORNIA **10%**

### RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES:

- **40** campgrounds, **14** picnic areas, & **46** trailheads
- 2 visitor centers, including the new, world-class **Spring Mountains NRA Visitor Gateway**
- **24** wilderness areas
- **215** special use permits for ski areas and other recreational sites
- **3,591** miles of trails
- **483** motorized trails
- **487** non-motorized trails

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest offers a setting of classic Western beauty and is known for its many recreational opportunities, scenic vistas, and wild places where visitors can still find solitude. The Forest does not resemble most other National Forests in that it has numerous fairly large but non-contiguous sections scattered across most of the state of Nevada and a portion of eastern California.

### FOREST LANDSCAPE

The Forest's landscapes range from towering snow-capped peaks to wide-open sage steppe. Elevation varies from a low of 4,100 feet to a high of 12,374 feet, providing a great diversity of habitats. The vegetation changes from wide open desert with cactus and scrub to ponderosa pine forests, which in turn give way to spruce and aspen then lodgepole pine and alpine tundra. Wet and dry meadows, as well as numerous water bodies including streams, rivers, lakes, and wetlands add to the variety of habitats that support the over 350 wildlife species found on the Forest.

### SAGEBRUSH ECOSYSTEM

Sagebrush is the most widespread vegetation on the Forest, but sagebrush is also one of the most imperiled ecosystems in North America due to continued degradation and lack of protection. The Greater and Bi-State sage-grouse are the spotlight species of this ecosystem. The Forest is working collaboratively to proactively manage and enhance an estimated 2.8 million acres of sage-grouse management areas.

### RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

The Forest strives to use an all-lands, landscape-scale conservation approach in forest management. There are a broad array of resource programs on the Forest including engineering, fire management, fuels reduction, fisheries, forestry, heritage, hydrology, lands, minerals, range, recreation, sage-grouse, wilderness and wildlife. The goal is to collaborate with communities and other partners to manage the Forest so that it is resilient to catastrophic impacts and continues to provide sustainable benefits.

THE FOREST RECEIVES ABOUT  
**4M VISITORS**  
EACH YEAR CONTRIBUTING  
APPROXIMATELY **\$200 M**  
TO THE LOCAL ECONOMY



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### COMMUNITIES

Serving as a backyard for the majority of communities in Nevada and eastern California, the Forest lies in 13 counties in Nevada and six in eastern California. The counties with the largest amount of National Forest System (NFS) lands are Nye, Elko, and White Pine in Nevada, and Mono County in California. Forest offices are located in Austin, Carson City, Elko, Ely, Las Vegas, Sparks, Tonopah, Wells, and Winnemucca in Nevada and Bridgeport in California.

### TRIBAL RELATIONS

The Forest is the ancestral home to over 26 federally recognized tribes. These tribes continue to maintain cultural and traditional ties to NFS lands. The Forest respects this relationship and actively promotes tribal involvement in forest management practices, while embracing the responsibility to uphold the government-to-government relationship.

### VISITORS

Over four million visitors come to the Forest each year to enjoy a variety of summer and winter recreation activities such as biking, camping, fishing, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, riding off-highway vehicles, picnicking, cross country skiing, downhill skiing, snowshoeing, and snowmobiling. This provides economic benefits to local communities throughout Nevada and eastern California. Visitors contribute approximately \$200 million annually to local economies.

### SPRING MOUNTAIN NATIONAL RECREATION AREA

The Spring Mountains National Recreation Area near Las Vegas recently completed a \$95 million capital investment program that included construction of a new visitor center complex, as well as reconstruction of three campgrounds and five trailheads. The Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway includes an education facility, two amphitheatres, a Native American plaza, and the first National Cold War Memorial. Funding was provided through the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act.

### WILDERNESS

The Forest manages 24 designated wilderness areas, which encompass about 1.2 million acres. These wilderness areas are as diverse as the Forest itself and make up nearly one-fourth of the Forest's acreage. Managing the wilderness resource is part of the Forest's multiple use mission to ensure these areas remain unimpaired for future use and enjoyment.



*Horse packing is one of many great ways to explore the Table Mountain Wilderness on the Austin and Tonopah Ranger District.*

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*The Springs Mountains Visitor Gateway Complex officially opened in the spring of 2015 and welcomes the one million annual visitors to Mt. Charleston near Las Vegas.*