

# BIMONTHLY NEWSBITES

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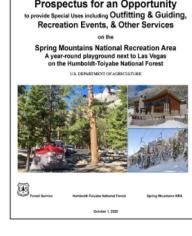
Hope you enjoy the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest's Monthly External Newsletter! For additional information on the Forest, visit:

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## INSIDE THE FOREST



### Spring Mountains National Recreation Area Seeking Applications for Outfitting and Guiding, and Recreation Event Services

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is seeking applications through a competitive prospectus process for outfitting and guiding, recreation events, and other recreation services on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area near Las Vegas. Applications are due by Friday, Nov. 13. [Read More...](#)

### Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Publishes Notice of Availability of the Final Lee Canyon Environmental Impact Statement

On Friday, Oct. 2, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest published the Notice of Availability of the final Lee Canyon Master Development Plan Phase I Environmental Impact Statement for a 30-day review period. [Read More...](#)



## PHOTO OF THE MONTH



Goat Lake is located in the Ruby Mountains southeast of Lamoille Canyon near Elko, Nevada. It was named for all the goats seen in the area. Photo taken by Gregory Van Oosbree, Northeast Zone Geologist on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

## FOREST NEWS



### 2020 Pine Nut Harvest Season Kicks Off on Nevada Public Lands

The 2020 pine nut harvest season kicks off on lands managed by the Bureau of Land Management and Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Both agencies are working together to ensure the public is safely harvesting pine nuts and aware of the regulations. The length of the pine nut harvest season varies depending on crop quality and seasonal weather conditions. It is generally September to late October when pine nuts are available for harvest. [Read More...](#)

### Forest Health Project Along Nevada State Route 157 May Cause Traffic Delays Starting Monday, Sept. 21

Commencing Monday, Sept. 21, the Nevada Division of Forestry will be removing hazardous trees along Nevada State Route 157 (Kyle Canyon Road) to help protect the public while restoring forest health on the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area and surrounding area. Through the end of October, please be advised that traffic delays are anticipated Monday-Friday, 7 a.m. to 5 p.m., between the intersection of Nevada State Route 158 (Deer Creek Road) and Echo Subdivision. [Read More...](#)



## Partnership



### Volunteer Handcrews Spent Years Restoring the Popular Mt. Charleston Trail After Ravaging Fire

Friends of Nevada Wilderness and the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are thrilled to invite the public back to hike the Griffith Peak Trail, which had been closed for several years due to extensive damage from the 2013 Carpenter 1 fire. [Read More...](#)

### Building Roads to Save Yosemite Toads

Each spring deep in the Sierra Nevada, Yosemite toads roam the alpine meadows in search of a mate. Biologists have been tracking the movements of these toads, and have noted that they travel surprisingly long distances for such small creatures. From breeding habitat to overwintering habitat, they journey nearly a mile, and in some places, the toads must cross busy highways to reach important habitat. [Read More...](#)



## On the Move

### WELCOME - New to the Forest

- Todd McLendon recently started as the new Auto Repair Inspector at the Supervisor's Office in Sparks, Nevada. He previously worked as Automotive Mechanic at Goodfellow Air force Base in San Angelo, Texas.
- Todd Nakamura recently started as a Lands and Special Uses Resource Assistant at the Supervisor's Office in Sparks, Nevada. He previously worked at Davey Resource Group in Santa Cruz, California.
- Giselle Denzel-Koehn recently started as the new Forest Fire & Aviation Program Training Officer at the Supervisor's Office in Sparks, Nevada. She previously worked on the Coronado National Forest in Tucson, Arizona.
- Mariah Blackhorse recently started as the Geographic Information system (GIS) Specialist on the Mountain City-Ruby Mountains-Jarbridge Ranger District in Elko, Nevada. She previously worked as a Natural Resources Specialist Park Ranger for the U.S Army Corps of Engineers in Clarkston, Washington.

### MOVING UP - Forest Promotions or Details

- Natural Resource and Planning Staff Officer Kendall Young is the Acting Deputy Forest Supervisor until the new Deputy Forest Supervisor starts on Dec. 7, 2020.
- Wildlife Program Manager Kris Boatner is detailing as the Natural Resource and Planning Staff Officer until Dec. 7, 2020.
- Aaron Nauer is detailing for 120 days as the Fleet Manager in Sparks, Nevada. He was the Fleet Program Manager at the Kisatchie National Forest in Louisiana.
- Katy Gulley was recently hired to be the full-time Wildlife Biologist on the Springs Mountains National Recreation Area in Las Vegas after her two-year term appointment in the same position.
- Corrin Floyd was recently hired to be the full-time Botanist on the Springs Mountains National Recreation Area in Las Vegas after her two-year term appointment in the same position.
- Marty Woods is the new Fire Management Officer on the Springs Mountains National Recreation Area in Las Vegas. He was the Forest Fire & Aviation Program Training Officer at the Supervisor's Office in Sparks, Nevada.
- Adrian Hunter recently started as the Off-Highway Vehicle Manager on the Bridgeport Ranger District in Bridgeport, California. He previously worked on the Carson Ranger District in Carson City, Nevada, as a seasonal Recreation Technician.

### FAREWELL - Retired, Transferred, or Moved

- Fleet Manager Hoyt Phillips accepted a position with the USDA Forest Service National Fleet Program in Washington D.C.



Visitors to the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest are encouraged to stay safe while recreating on the forest by adhering to all local, state and federal guidelines to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and following all fire restrictions. Forest officials want to remind the public that offices, visitor centers, and California group campsites are still closed. See available online services below. [For more specific information, please call the local Forest Service offices.](#)

### Available Online Services

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest offices remain closed. Please call the Ranger District directly for details on how to obtain firewood cutting or other permits. The following services are available online:

- Annual or Lifetime [Federal Recreation Passes](#), including all Senior Passes
- Forest Maps: [USGS Store](#), [Avenza](#) (for Mobile Devices), and [Forest Service Virtual Interactive Maps](#)
- Forest Service Merchandise Offered Through Partner Organizations
  - Eastern Sierra Interpretive Association. (<https://www.esiaonline.org/s/shop>)
  - Go Mt. Charleston. (<https://www.gomtcharleston.com/shop/>)

### Closures

- Forest Wide
  - Offices
  - Visitors Centers
- California
  - All Group Campsites

### Restrictions

- [Forest-Wide Stage 2 Fire Restrictions](#): NO Campfires are allowed, including within dispersed campgrounds, day use areas, and dispersed camp areas.

HUMBOLDT-TOIYABE NATIONAL FOREST

## Attention: Voluntary Recreation Use Survey Ahead

From Oct. 1, 2020, through Sept. 30, 2021, the National Visitor Use Monitoring survey is being conducted on the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest. Forest visitors can expect to see survey employees working in developed and dispersed recreation sites, as well as along Forest Service roads. These surveys will be out in all types of weather. COVID-19 protection measures for both the surveyor and the public have been implemented.

[Click here for more information.](#)

## AWARDS

### U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service Threatened and Endangered Species Recovery Champion: Paiute Cutthroat Trout Recovery Team

The tireless efforts of the Paiute Cutthroat Trout Recovery Team have been instrumental in reintroducing the rarest trout in North America back into its historical native habitat after an almost 100-year absence—a significant recovery milestone for the species. The team members included staff from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, California Department of Fish and Wildlife, Trout Unlimited, and JC High Country Outfitters.



Over the past 30 years, the team has implemented various conservation efforts for the species that were vital for its successful reintroduction into Silver King Creek in 2019. Efforts to restore habitat through management of livestock grazing and non-native fish removal within the watershed, along with diligent planning, collection of effectiveness monitoring data, Wilderness Act compliance, and funding acquisition efforts were critical in ensuring the project's success.

## FIRE INFORMATION



### Get to Know the Black Mountain Hotshots

Whether you're a first timer or a seasoned crew member, these are the first words every Black Mountain Hotshot wakes up to each morning. Like the Reveille on a bugle signals the beginning of the duty day on a military base, "coffee time" has the power to stir twenty-two lumps of sleeping bags almost instantly and has successfully done so for decades. [Read More...](#)

## NATIONAL WILDLAND FIRE POTENTIAL OUTLOOK



[View the entire National Significant Wildland Fire Potential Outlook.](#)