

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 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 receives approximately 4 million visitors a year. This provides economic benefits to local communities throughout Nevada by providing a variety of recreational opportunities and facilities, as well as grazing, mining, and other special use permits. Visitors contribute approximately \$200 million annually to local economies.

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



NOTABLE PROJECTS

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest is an active partner in implementing projects that conserve and restore habitat and watersheds as well as provide excellent recreation opportunities for visitors. The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest works with other federal, state, and local partners to develop and implement these projects throughout the state. The following are current highlights:

► SPRING MOUNTAINS VISITOR GATEWAY

In cooperation with its many partners, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest will host a grand opening to commemorate the Spring Mountains Visitor Gateway, a multi-million dollar set of facilities funded with proceeds from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. The visitor gateway is located 45 minutes from downtown Las Vegas, and the campus will provide nearly 900,000 annual visitors with a variety of services, including:

- Information
- Interpretive displays
- Educational/research building
- 2 amphitheatres
- Community involvement programs
- Group picnic sites
- 40 miles of new trails



The visitor center will provide guests with everything they need to get out into the greater Spring Mountains NRA.

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▶ ROBUST HAZARDOUS FUELS REDUCTION PROGRAM

The Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has an active hazardous fuels reduction program that utilizes a combination of prescribed burning and mechanical thinning. In the past three years, the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest has reduced hazardous fuels on over 48,000 acres in Nevada.

▶ BEAR CREEK PROJECT

The Bear Creek project in Elko County is a great example of shared success and strong partnership with the State of Nevada and local communities. The project will help reduce wildfire risk to the community of Jarbidge through removal of hazardous fuels caused by insect and disease tree mortality.

▶ OVERLAND PASS INTEGRATED RESOURCE RESTORATION PROJECT

The Overland Pass Integrated Resource Restoration Project covers an approximately 18,000-acre planning area spread across multiple jurisdictions in White Pine and Elko counties to eliminate hazardous fuels and improve sage-grouse, mule deer, and other wildlife habitat. This joint project involves the Bureau of Land Management and Nevada Division of Wildlife along with private contributions.



The trail to Mary's River Peak crosses directly through the newly transferred Wilderness parcels.

▶ LAND ACQUISITION PROTECTS JARBIDGE WILDERNESS ACCESS

In March 2015 the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest added 280 acres of inholding properties within the Jarbidge Wilderness boundary and adjacent National Forest System lands on the Jarbidge Ranger District, relieving boundary management issues; creating a more unified secluded landscape for wildlife and human visitors; and securing public trail access.

The acquisition came about through the Wilderness Land Trust and an anonymous donor. The Jarbidge area is increasingly popular for people seeking remote cabin sites, and the wilderness, a pristine Class I Airshed, will now be protected from nearby incompatible development and uses.

▶ AUSTIN-TONOPAH RD EARNS PARTNER OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Austin-Tonopah Ranger District recently accepted the Friends of Nevada Wilderness Agency Partner of the Year Award. The recognition is given to the federal agency that has gone above and beyond to build a successful long lasting partnership to protect and preserve Nevada's outstanding wild places for present and future generations.

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A forest employee conducts a prescribed burn on the Carson Ranger District.

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