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*Note to broadcasters/editors: Early publication of this press release allows sufficient time for the public to enroll in the weekend course/workshop. As always, we thank you for your assistance.*

## **BLM Hosts Weekend Wilderness Stewardship Workshop**

The Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Ely District is scheduled Saturday and Sunday, May 12-13, to conduct a stewardship workshop in the Weepah Spring Wilderness, about 115 miles north of Las Vegas, Nev.

The 2-day workshop will provide participants an opportunity to help protect and preserve our nation's precious wilderness areas, as well as explore these magnificent and largely untrammelled treasures. The work will involve using hand tools to relieve soil compaction, transplant vegetation and disguise man-made disturbances.

Participants will need to bring sturdy work boots, a pair of work gloves and plenty of sunscreen. The BLM will provide all necessary hand tools and direction in their use.

Lincoln County has 14 wilderness areas, designated through the Lincoln County Conservation, Recreation and Development Act of 2004.

Wilderness areas offer visitors outstanding opportunities for solitude, as well as primitive and unconfined types of recreation. Caving, hiking, horseback riding, hunting, primitive camping, rock climbing and rock-hounding are all allowed inside wilderness areas. Mechanized forms of transportation such as automobiles, ATVs, motorcycles and mountain bikes are not allowed in wilderness areas.

For more information or to enroll, contact Steve Leslie, BLM Ely Field Office wilderness planner, at (775) 289-1800.

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