

FERNLEY DEEP SAND SWALES CLEANUP AND PRESERVATION PROJECT

CA-NV Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association

Saturday, October 2, 2010, 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

The Deep Sand Swales, a short distance north of Fernley, Nevada (and a few yards south of the Central Pacific Railroad Bed), are the ONLY example of Deep Sand Swales on the entire California Trail! No Deep Sand Swales exist on the Oregon Trail. These Swales and the Central Pacific Railroad Bed are wonderful historic resources of which we all can be very proud!

Members of the CA-NV Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association are organizing a cleanup party to remove trash that has been dumped in and near the Swales. Sponsors supporting this important event are the Fernley Department of Parks & Recreation, Bureau of Land Management-Carson City District, the Fernley Preservation Society, TrashPros, the Leader-Courier, the Fernley Chamber of Commerce and Arnold's Wrecking Yard.

WE ARE INVITING YOU TO HELP OUT!

DATE: Saturday, October 2, 2010: 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM.

DIRECTIONS: Travel east of Reno, Nevada on I-80 toward Fernley. Take the Exit 48 off-ramp. Make a left turn and go under I-80. Continue straight (north) along the East side of the Truck Inn. We will meet along the dirt road behind and to the right of the Truck Inn, where the pavement ends.

WHAT TO WEAR: Wear a hat and layered clothing. The temperature may be anywhere from cold to hot. Boots are recommended. This is a work party, so don't bring your best clothes.

WHAT TO BRING: Heavy duty work gloves to protect your hands. A stout, small to mid-size cardboard box for glass shards. A few heavy duty, tough plastic trash bags. A pitchfork if you have one. A trailer for hauling trash if you have one.

FOOD, DRINK AND MISCELLANEOUS: Bring your lunch, snacks, drinks, and plenty of water. Soft drinks or a thermos with your favorite coffee or hot chocolate may be a good idea. Also consider sunglasses, lip balm and sunscreen.

SAFETY: Rattlesnakes and scorpions may be a potential problem. Always watch where you step and be very careful when you pick up boards, flat items, or just about anything. You might want to turn over these types of items with a stick before you pick them up. Watch where you place your hands. Wear heavy duty work gloves. Drink plenty of water and stay hydrated.

BENEFITS: At the end of the day you will feel good about returning these Historic Sand Swales closer to their original state and will have made some good friends. You will experience a nice sense of accomplishment and community pride!

CONTACT: Should you have any questions, please feel free to phone Tom Fee at (775) 827-3724 or email TomFee3@gmail.com