

Creeks and Communities Riparian Workshop

Gerlach, Nevada

June 15-17, 2009

You are invited to attend a workshop where people will be coming together to build a common understanding of riparian resources associated with springs in northwestern Nevada. This session is part of an effort initiated by the Black Rock Field Office to assess riparian conditions on spring systems within the Black Rock Desert-High Rock Canyon Emigrant Trails National Conservation Area. The National Riparian Service Team has been asked to assist and will be conducting this community workshop where agency personnel, landowners, and other interested individuals will work together to improve spring related resources.

The interagency National Riparian Service Team is a group of specialists stationed in Prineville, OR whose charge is to facilitate cooperative riparian restoration and management across the west. Their Creeks and Communities Strategy focuses on problem solving and fostering management at the ground level, by the people most affected. Members of the team will facilitate and instruct this workshop.

The workshop will provide an interactive and respectful environment where people of diverse backgrounds and interests will:

- Learn a common vocabulary and understanding of important riparian processes and how those relate to restoring and sustaining spring related values.
- Explore strategies for restoring ecosystems and sustaining healthy communities, agriculture, and economies.
- Learn new ways to work together.

Date and Time: June 15-17, 2009 (Monday-Wednesday)

June 15: 9:30 am- 5:00 pm, Gerlach Community Center, 401 Cottonwood St. Gerlach, NV. This day will contain an overview of the physical, biological and other attributes of springs, how they are prioritized, and how assessments can be utilized for planning, management and monitoring.

June 16: 8:00am – 5:15pm. The second day of the workshop will be spent out in the field applying the concepts presented on Day One. Participants will meet at the Gerlach Community Center. Attendees need to wear field clothes. If anyone can bring multi-passenger vehicles, it will minimize the number needed for the field trip.

June 17: 8:00am – 5:00pm. The third day will be held at the Community Center and will be discussion facilitated by the Riparian Service Team related to potential monitoring and inventory techniques for springs within the NCA. Additional discussion topics will be led by the NRST to determine where the NCA should go next with management of these important resources.

Logistics: Lodging in Gerlach is at Bruno's Motel 775-557-2220. Breakfast and dinner are available at Bruno's Restaurant. Lunches will be provided by the Friends of the Black Rock for a small fee.

Sign-up: Please contact Roger Farschon at 530-279-6101 (Roger_Farschon@blm.gov) or Dave Hays at 775-623-1500 (Dave_Hays@blm.gov) by June 1, 2009 and provide the following information:

Name

Address

Phone and E-mail

Affiliation or Interest

If you have a multi-passenger vehicle that can be used to transport workshop participants to the field on gravel roads.