



PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The Nevada Trail Stewards program is a volunteer program that provides a means for private citizens to work with a variety of federal, state, and local land managers and public safety officials in Nevada to promote responsible trail use recreation on public, state, and private lands. These volunteers contribute their time, experience, and local knowledge of trail areas in Nevada by monitoring public lands in groups of two or more. Through these monitoring efforts volunteers provide a positive image of their recreation activity, identify and record road, trail, and other resource issues, report misuse of lands, and participate in special projects to enhance trail areas in Nevada. Trail Stewards receive extensive training from professional representatives and serve as a point of contact for other trail users to obtain helpful and informative information about the trails they ride.

STEWARD QUALIFICATIONS

Trail Stewards Must:

- Be at least 18 years old
- Possess a valid driver's license
- Be an experienced trail user who is able to navigate roads and trails of varying difficulty level and length
- Complete and keep current with all required Steward trainings
- Be able to walk over uneven terrain
- Be able to lift at least 30 pounds
- Wear personal protective equipment

BASIC TRAIL STEWARD ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Promote responsible recreation use in Nevada by modeling appropriate trail safety and behavior
- Assist land management agencies in monitoring the areas, roads, trails, and facilities used by the public
- Provide a recognizable presence on motorized routes and at trail facilities used by the public
- Protect the privilege of enjoying trail recreation opportunities on public lands by promoting a positive image of trail recreation on public lands
- Promote land stewardship by participating in site improvements and small projects. Projects may include installing kiosks, trail maintenance/restoration/rehab, trash clean up's, etc.
- Distribute and communicate information about responsible trail use and agency policies to casual trail users at high-profile public outreach events and Stewardship activities

EXPERIENCE

Anyone who is and avid trail user or simply an interested member of the public, can volunteer as a Nevada Trail Steward, provided they are willing to abide by the Nevada Trail Stewards Code of Conduct. Trail Stewards will be selected without regard to race, creed, religion, age, sex, color, national origin, or disability.



NEVADA TRAIL STEWARDS APPLICATION :

Name: _____ DOB: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
Occupation: _____ E-mail: _____

What type of trail equipment do you use? (check all that apply): 4x4 ATV Bicycle Hiking Boots
 Horse Motorcycle Side by Side Skis SnowShoes Snowmobile UTV

Other (please specify):

Are you a member of any other Organizations?

Y N

(list club(s) below):

TRAINING

Please check the appropriate boxes below, indicating what current training you have.

First Aid Certification: Y N _____

CPR: Y N _____

EMS Certification: Y N _____

Motorcycle Safety Training: Y N _____

Equin Certification: Y N _____

Radio Training: Y N _____

Search and Rescue: Y N _____

Civil Air Patrol: Y N _____

Other: Y N _____

EXPERIENCE

Please answer the following questions.

1. Reason(s) for interest in the Trail Steward Program

2. Describe your trail experience (e.g., types of uses, skill level, years experience, etc)

3. Explain why you feel it is necessary to inform and educate trail users

4. Describe your experience in working with the public and/or making public contacts (can be non-trail experiences, such as work or school)

5. Can you perform the basic Trail Steward functions as listed in the position description?

Y N (if no, please describe any limitations)



NEVADA TRAIL STEWARD CODE OF CONDUCT

It is essential that Trail Stewards be guided by a responsible use and conservation ethic.

A TRAIL STEWARD SHALL:

1. **MAINTAIN PERSONAL SAFETY.** A Trail Steward must consider his/her own safety first.
2. **BE PROFESSIONAL.** A Trail Steward shall maintain high standards of honesty, integrity, courtesy, impartiality, and professionalism. It is suggested that a Trail Steward remove his/her full face helmet when making a public contact.
3. **RESPECT THE PUBLIC.** As a representative of the State and Federal agencies that participate in the Program, a Trail Steward shall be courteous and informative on public lands and respectful of private property.
4. **AVOID CONFLICTS OF INTEREST.** A Trail Steward shall not engage in activities that represent conflicts.
5. **MODEL APPROPRIATE TRAIL SAFETY AND BEHAVIOR.** A Trail Steward sets the example for other recreationists and visitors to follow, therefore, a Steward will wear proper Trail Steward Insignia in order to be easily recognized by the public. A Trail Steward will also properly maintain his/her vehicle and equipment in good working order.
6. **REPORT VIOLATIONS.** A Trail Steward shall report suspected violators of laws.
7. **AVOID NEGATIVE CONFRONTATIONS.** A Trail Steward will not contact or become involved with any individuals that are participating in illegal activities such as illegal shooting, unsafe driving, or physical abuse. Instead, the Steward should discreetly contact a law enforcement or compliance officer immediately.
8. **OBEY ALL FEDERAL, STATE, AND LOCAL LAWS.** A Trail Steward will adhere to all federal laws, state statutes, agency regulations, local ordinances, or any other type of regulation.
9. **BE CALM AND USE YOUR BEST JUDGEMENT AT ALL TIMES.** If a Steward is unsure of how to proceed they should seek direction of a Coordinator or Mentor.

AVAILABILITY

What is your preferred patrol area? *(check all that apply)*.

- Black Rock Desert (Gerlach) The Moon Rocks (North Reno) Middlegate (Churchill County)
- Monitor Range (Ely) Mount Charleston (North Las Vegas) Nellis Dunes (North Las Vegas)
- Nightingale Range (Pershing County) Peavine (Reno) Red Rock (Stead)
- Spring Mountain National Recreation Area (Parumph) Spring Valley (Pioche)
- Stillwater (Fallon) Sweetwater Range (Yerington) Titus Canyon (Beatty/Death Valley)
- Virginia City Whitney Pockets (Mesquite) Wilson Canyon (Hawthorne) Other _____



CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

- I certify that all statements contained herein are true and complete whether made by me or by others at my request
- I authorize Nevada Trail Stewards or a partnering agency to verify education and training information provided on this application
- I release the Nevada Trail Stewards and all providers of information from any liability as a result of furnishing and receiving any information related to the Nevada Trail Stewards Program selection process
- I will wear appropriate safety gear

I understand that any verbal or written statement that is false can result in rejection of my application, denial of volunteer service, or dismissal from volunteer service if discovered after volunteer service begins.

Applicant Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

RETURN COMPLETED APPLICATIONS TO:

NEVADA TRAIL STEWARDS

Attn: Trail Steward Coordinator

550 West Plumb Lane, Suite B, Unit 274

Reno, NV 89509

(775) 235-8687

Email Applications to:

NevadaTrailStewards@gmail.com

OFFICE USE ONLY

Received _____

Contacted _____

Action Taken _____

Send Donations to:

**Nevada Trail Stewards
550 West Plumb Lane, Suite B, Unit 274
Reno, NV 89509**

\$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$250 \$500 \$1,000 OTHER AMOUNT _____

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