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Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area July Newsletter

“July, with its days of blue skies and time that seemingly stands still, holds a special place in my heart.” -Daisaku Ikeda

July is a magical month for enjoying all the fun summer activities, such as pool parties, summer cookouts, and 4th of July parties. Public lands like Mount Charleston and Lake Mead provide an escape as Las Vegas gets heat wave after heat wave. Sloan Canyon’s sun-soaked trails will rest and enjoy the quiet in the summer but will welcome you back in the fall. We hope you make many fun and safe summer memories.

Education Tip: The Fourth of July is a time to celebrate freedom, liberty, and independence. Many celebrate this holiday with the tradition of setting off fireworks, a tradition that has roots starting in 1777. Today, setting off fireworks on public lands is prohibited year-round. The reason for this restriction is to prevent human-caused wildfires. “The single highest number of wildfires ignitions occurs on the 4th of July” (Auburn University). The fireworks and the landscape have greatly changed since 1777. Today, we recommend watching controlled firework shows in your area so we can protect the landscape and wildlife we all love. Check out these frequently asked fire restriction questions at <https://www.nevadafireinfo.org/restrictions>.

Fun Fact: Did you know there are more than 1 million species of insects known in the world. About 7,000 new species of insects are discovered every year, and there may be as many as 10 million undiscovered insect species. **Join us July 11th at 10:30am at the West Henderson Library to learn more about bugs.** Please see the attached flyer to sign-up.



A Blister Beetle clinging on to the flower of a Paper bag Bush. Photo Credit: Lou Wagner



Female Bighorn Sheep standing on boulders. Photo Credit: Lou Wagner

Friendly Reminder: Please remember to hike safely. We do not recommend hiking when temperatures are above 90°F. To encourage hiking in cooler temperatures, Sloan Canyon changed its gate hours for the summer. New summer hours are: 8am-12pm Monday to Thursday and 7am-12pm Friday to Sunday.

Etiquette Principle: With daily temperatures averaging 100°F some of us may think adding bowls of water on public lands will help wildlife. While good intentioned, adding bowls of water on public lands is harmful for wildlife. These bowls of water can become a breeding ground for bacteria and disease. They can attract wildlife to an area with humans (which usually does not end well for the animal), and sometimes wildlife can then become dependent on humans. Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) helps BLM to manage wildlife and have installed water guzzlers in key areas across public lands to help wildlife.