



FRIENDS of NEVADA WILDERNESS



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## BARRICK EARNS AWARD FOR WILDLIFE SUPPORT

*The recognition solidifies Barrick's commitment to minimizing and mitigating environmental impacts*

**Sparks, NV.** — The non-profit Friends of Nevada Wilderness has awarded Barrick with the 2016 Corporate Partner of the Year. The company earned the recognition for its support of some of the organization's key initiatives, including an Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program that allows university students to learn more about Nevada's wild lands and participate in stewardship projects.

"A program like Alternative Spring Break allows us to engage with young people who will be making decisions about our public lands in the very near future," said **Jose Witt, Southern Nevada Director at Friends of Nevada Wilderness.** "It's also a great avenue to strengthen three of the pillars of our organization: conducting conservation work on the ground, fostering advocacy and educating the public about the importance of our wild lands."

Witt also notes many of the students who volunteer in this program don't have the funds to cover all the expenses associated with the trip. Barrick's support since 2014 allows the organization to provide food and transportation so participants can focus on the learning experience and raise awareness about the importance and value of Nevada's wild lands in their communities. The program also creates exposure to and can stimulate interest in careers related to science, natural resources, technology, engineering or mathematics.

"We're very proud to be a partner of the Friends of Nevada Wilderness," said **Tim Buchanan, Barrick's Director of Corporate Social Responsibility in the U.S.** "They do an outstanding job of collaborating with a very broad spectrum of constituents in both rural and urban communities in Nevada to craft sustainable conservation plans for public wild lands."

In addition to the ASB program, Barrick supports the Southern Nevada Stewardship program and outreach activities organized by the Friends of Nevada Wilderness. This includes conservation activities, nearly every week that allow community members to learn more about Nevada's wild lands from the experts while participating in conservation-related service activities. The non-profit also operates a northern Nevada stewardship program and hosts a volunteer recognition program, "The Wilderness Wingding" every year in Reno and a volunteer recognition picnic in Las Vegas.

"Barrick has been an incredibly valuable partner; we really appreciate what they do," said **Witt.** "It really takes a broad array of community members to achieve the things we do. The support we receive from organizations like Barrick shows that we can do so much better if we come together and work as partners to protect our wild lands while keeping in mind the interests of our communities."





*Tim Buchanan (left), Barrick Director of Corporate Social Responsibility in the U.S., receives an award from Rich Bednarski, Stewardship Coordinator at Friends of Nevada Wilderness, and Shaaron Netherton, Executive Director at Friends of Nevada Wilderness.*

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