



High Desert Annual Conservation Coalition Meeting

The Friends of Juniper Flats will host the 2018 High Desert Annual Conservation Coalition Meeting this month. The event will provide a wonderful networking opportunity for conservation organizations and the general public.

Benefits of the meeting for High Desert residents and conservation groups include:

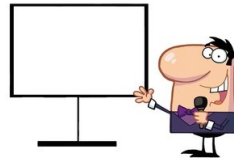
- ◆ An opportunity for the public to learn more about the various conservation organizations in the Victor Valley area;
- ◆ An opportunity for conservation organizations to work together for the benefit of all



High Desert residents;

- ◆ All participating groups and organizations will have a table to share their materials and information;
- ◆ All participating groups and organization will give a five minute presentation about their organization and what they are working on.

Keynote speaker Dave Hansen will present a slide show about our "Little-known Gem of the High Desert".



Please come and join us on Wednesday, February 14, 2018 at 7:00 pm. Location is at the Sterling Inn, Regency Room, 11738 Francesca Rd., Victorville, CA. Feel free to bring a friend and also let others know about this event which is open to the public.

Meeting with the BLM



We were looking forward to the January 25th meeting with the Bureau of Land Management. They were to provide us with a results summary of the Juniper Flats Restoration Grant that we had helped them work on over the past few years. However, due to the federal government shutdown, BLM had to cancel the meeting. It is to be rescheduled, but we haven't been given a new date yet.

2018 Kickoff Hike to Arrastre Falls



The Mojave Group of the Sierra Club and the Friends of Juniper Flats kicked off the new year with this wonderful group hike.

Old and new friends met at the VV Museum and 27 hikers car pooled to a parking area in the northern area of Juniper Flats. Jenny Wilder led an interpretive hike to Arrastre Falls where she explained the importance of the riparian forest surrounding the Arrastre waterfall.

Arrastre Falls provides permanent water for plants and animals and supports a riparian forest along the base of the ravine. Most of the riparian forests in Southern California are now gone, and are considered to be rare by botanists.

The riparian forest provides shade, shelter and food for animals that live in the surrounding area. When the forest is damaged by human activity, the animals lose the habitat that they need to survive. Animals that were commonly encountered in town when many of the hikers were young are now rarely seen: quail, tortoise, road runner and coyote.

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Simple Geology of Juniper Flats

by Quintin Lake

More than 100 million years ago a plutonic intrusion of molten liquid granite oozed up under the Earth's surface and cooled slowly. Then about 5 million years ago these now rocks, began to be shoved up by fault action to create the San Bernardino Mountains.

During this time, the granitic rock started to develop fractures-cracks which allowed ground water to chemically start rotting the rocks creating decomposed granite, which eroded faster than the undecomposed granite.



Since that time water has been working to erode the mountains down, so that what you see today in Juniper Flats is the undecomposed granitic outcrops that are being uncovered by the erosion of the softer decomposed granite.



Juniper Jack asks . . .

Not a member yet?

We invite you to join the Friends of Juniper Flats to help with our goals of protecting, preserving and restoring Juniper Flats. Dues are only \$5 per year. Just send your check for your membership to the address shown above, along with your name,

address, phone number, and email address.

Donations in any amount are also welcome.

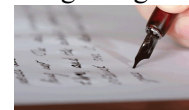
Hiking Trails Project

In conjunction with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM), we have been working on establishing officially designated hiking trails in the Juniper Flats area. Friends of Juniper Flats has been working toward this goal for several years and we are now seeing progress in reaching this goal.

It is tremendously important for the community to come together with this proposal. We cannot stress this enough! Hiking Trails need people to get out and hike them, provide stewardship (especially at the trailhead) and to share them.

This proposal could also use your written support. Without community support the proposal may not be taken seriously and the existing trails will be ignored and left in disrepair.

We are collecting individual and group "Letters of Support" for our proposal. Sample letters of support can be found on our websites, but basically we just need something along the lines of :



(Date)

Dear Friends of Juniper Flats:

I am writing in support of your proposal for designated hiking trails in the Juniper Flats area.

Sincerely,

(Your Signature)

Send your letter to our address shown on this page along with your contact information / address. You can also send us an email to our email address shown on this page.

Upcoming Sierra Club Hikes

Meet at the Victor Valley Museum, 11873 Apple Valley Rd. in Apple Valley

2/3/2018 Saturday 9:00 AM - Bonita Vista-Juniper Flats

2/10/2018 Saturday 9:00 AM - Cottonwood Springs - JF

2/17/2018 Saturday 9:00 AM - Lower Deep Creek

2/24/2018 Saturday 9:00 AM - Pacific Crest Trail

More details at:

www.highdesertscoop.com/hike-calendar

A Call for Volunteers

In addition to appreciating donations to help with our work, Friends of Juniper Flats can always use more volunteer helpers. There are many projects in Juniper Flats you can assist with, such as illegal vehicle incursion route repairs, sign installations, fence repairs, making organization contacts, treasurer, etc. Please contact us if you would like to volunteer your time.