



## NEWS RELEASE

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### Wilson Canyon OHV Closure Area Rejuvenated by Volunteers

**Bridgeport, California...**Over 60 volunteers gathered on Saturday, April 18, 2009, to revamp the Wilson Canyon closure area, which is located 40 miles north of Bridgeport, California, on the Bridgeport Ranger District of the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest.

“We had a terrific work day with an enthusiastic and energetic group out in Wilson Canyon on a beautiful spring day,” said Cheryl Probert, Bridgeport District Ranger. “We were able to tackle a number of important ‘to-dos’ that my staff would otherwise not have the time to accomplish,” said Probert.

Among the many impressive tasks completed by the volunteers that Saturday included:

- Rehabilitating tracks and evidence of illegal motorized use in the closure area;
- Installing new carsonite signs identifying areas that are closed to motorized use;
- Moving rocks to create physical barriers to the closed area; and,
- Collecting a pickup truck load of garbage.

“I’m grateful to the Coalition for Public Access for arranging all of the organizing and planning for this event,” acknowledged Probert. “They ensured that every detail was handled, such as securing porta potties, providing publicity ahead of the event, and leading the efforts on Saturday.” Smith Valley Rotary Club prepared a great barbecue lunch; Forest Service staff also had a chance to meet new volunteers and discuss a wide variety of topics.

Many campers and riders across the highway on the BLM side saw the hard-working volunteers in action; the word in the local community continues to spread about the importance of riding responsibly. Please contact Cheryl Probert, Bridgeport District Ranger, at 760-932-7070, or Jeffrey Weise, Wilderness Program Coordinator, 760-932-5824, to learn more about this release.

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***The following photos were taken by Jeffrey Weise, Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest Wilderness Manager, for the Bridgeport Ranger District.***



**Wilson Canyon's OHV Closure Area's "before" photo displays the amount of work that the volunteer group tackled with humor and enthusiasm.**



**The dedicated group of 60 volunteers had a good mix of all ages.**



**Volunteers' sweat and hard work shows in this "after" end-of-the-day photo.**