

Mojave Broadwalk Agenda - draft

(subject to change and flexible, of course!)

March 17-21, 2016

Thursday, March 17

- 3:00 p.m. on **Registration.** Participants arrive at Tecopa Hot Springs Campground & Pools to set up camp, get settled in and get acquainted. We will begin check in at 2 p.m. Please be sure to check in/register with Broads BEFORE unloading or setting up any camp equipment.
- 5:00 p.m. **Happy Hour (BYOB)** to get acquainted
Celebratory Toast for our three new National Monuments in the Mojave!
- 6:00 p.m. **Group Dinner** at the Campsite
(meals provided by Ryan Thomas and crew of The Bistro restaurant)
- 7:00 p.m. **Words of Welcome: Shelley Silbert, Executive Director, Rose Chilcoat, Associate Director, and Di Allison, Board Chair**
A brief Introduction to Great Old Broads for Wilderness
Brief Introductions of Participants
- 7:45 p.m. **Susan Sorrells, 4th generation Mojave Desert dweller/owner of Shoshone Village/conservationist shares her story.**
- 8:30 p.m. or so **Campfire visiting, soaking or off to bed**

Friday, March 18

- 7:00 a.m. Easy yoga (20 minutes) led by Shelley Silbert
- 7:00 - 8:00 a.m. **Group Breakfast** at the Campsite
- 8:15 a.m. **Service Projects** - Choose from three projects in partnership with the BLM (Barstow and Needles Field Offices) and the **Amargosa Conservancy**: Restoring an old mining road/OHV incursion in the Nopah Range Wilderness, restoring a nature trail near Horsethief Camp, and removing an old water tank near the Kingston Wilderness.
Zach Pratt, Recreation Branch Chief, Barstow Field Office BLM and Mona Daniels, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Needles Field Office BLM will share their management and challenges, and then line us out on our projects. After project orientation we will split into groups to carpool to project areas (plan on helping your driver with gas \$). If you are willing to drive, please have your vehicle ready for passengers to climb in.
Remember to **provide your own trail lunch and drinks.**
- 5:00 p.m. **Happy Hour** back at the campsite (BYOB)
Silent auction begins. **Quilt raffle** begins.
- 6:00 p.m. **Group Dinner** at the Campsite
- 7:00 p.m. **Vicky Hoover, Chair, CA/NV Wilderness Committee, Sierra Club, and Linda Castro, Southern California Organizer, California Wilderness Coalition** will share the **Story of the Campaign to Protect the Mojave**

Desert: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow.

8:00 p.m. or so **Campfire** visiting, soaking, or off to bed

Saturday, March 19

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. **Group Breakfast** at the Campsite

8:15 a.m. - ? **Hikes** - We'll get out and explore with guided hikes led by volunteers. We have options for various abilities ranging from longer hikes to shorter hikes. Hike options/details will be provided before the event. We'll carpool and take turns driving (plan on helping your driver with gas \$).

5:00 p.m. **Happy hour** back at camp (BYOB)
Shelley Silbert presents "**Public Lands: Part of the Solution to Climate Change**"

5:45 p.m. **Group Photo** before dinner

6:00 p.m. **Group Dinner** at the Campsite

7:00 p.m. **Patrick Donnelly, Executive Director, Amargosa Conservancy** shares their work in the Amargosa River Basin

7:30 p.m. or so **Campfire** ...live music at The Bistro, conversations, sharing, soaking, or off to bed

Sunday, March 20

7:00 a.m. **Easy yoga** (20 minutes) led by Shelley Silbert

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. **Group Breakfast** at the Campsite

8:15 a.m. - ? **Hikes** - Again, we'll get out and explore with guided hikes led by volunteers. We have options for various abilities ranging from longer hikes to shorter hikes. Hike options/details will be provided before the event. We'll carpool and take turns driving (plan on helping your driver with gas \$).

5:00 p.m. **Happy hour** back at camp (BYOB)
Advocacy action time - letter writing and recording short video statements (video shoots will happen throughout the weekend!)

Silent Auction ends

6:00 p.m. **Group Dinner** at the Campsite

7:00 p.m. **Vicky Hoover, Chair LWCF Task Force, Sierra Club, Update on Land & Water Conservation Fund** permanent reauthorization

7:30 **Dr. Rob Klinger, USGS Western Ecological Research, presents Amargosa Vole Recovery.**

Rose Chilcoat, weekend wrap-up and next steps.

8:30 p.m. or so **Campfire** ...storytelling, sharing, soaking, or off to bed

Monday, March 21

7:00 - 8:00 a.m. **Breakfast** at the Campsite

8:00 a.m. **Break camp**, one last soak, farewells...time to head home or out for more wild explorations