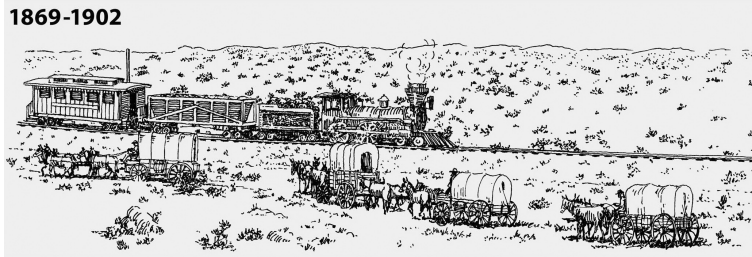
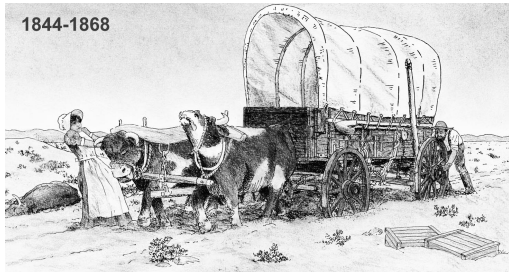


FERNLEY SWALES CLEANUP

National Public Lands Day, September 26, 2020

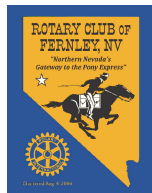
Just a mile north of Fernley, the Fernley Swales (1844-1868) are the ONLY example of deep sand swales left by emigrant wagons on the California Trail. The Central Pacific Railroad grade (1868-1902) runs parallel to the trail. This historic area attracts tourism to the community and brings history to life!



The Fernley Swales of the California National Historic Trail are protected under a conservation easement held by the Bureau of Land Management. The BLM Carson City office and the CA-NV Chapter of the Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), and citizens of Fernley are hosting our 22nd annual cleanup party on National Public Lands Day to remove trash that has been dumped in and near the Fernley Swales.

Thanks to our dedicated partners for supporting this event!

Fernley Rotary Club
Bureau of Land Management
Oregon California Trails Association
Fernley Chapter, Desert Pigs



WE ARE INVITING YOU TO HELP OUT! SATURDAY, SEPT. 26: 9:00 AM TO 1:00 PM.

DIRECTIONS: At the I-80 East Fernley Exit (Exit 48), turn north (left if eastbound, right if westbound). Continue straight (north) along the west side of the Terrible's Truck Stop. We will meet at the corner of Mission Way, the road to the Veterans Cemetery,

WHAT TO WEAR/BRING: Please bring a face mask to wear at the group gathering. Wear a hat and layered clothing. Heavy gloves, boots and long pants - prickly weeds are abundant this year! Bring lunch/snacks and water. If you have a truck to haul trash to the dumpsters we will have on site, that would be great!



SUPPLIES: The BLM will provide trash bags, cleanup tools, extra gloves, cold drinks, a clean porta-potty and a hand wash station. Volunteers will receive a National Public Lands Day t-shirt and a free entry pass for National Parks and other public land sites.

SAFETY: We'll have a short safety talk at the 9 a.m. start of the cleanup. We could encounter snakes, insects, and thorny plants. Use caution when picking up objects and wear gloves.

BENEFITS: Show your community pride! Take care of our National Historic Trails! Make new friends!

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