



ORIENT LAND TRUST NEWSLETTER

October 2025

From the Everson Ranch

Located next to the welcome center, the new produce cart is drawing plenty of attention! Thanks to the hard work of our dedicated ranch manager we had a bountiful harvest and a beautiful cart built to share it with our valued members. The produce cart was full of tomatoes, summer squash, zucchini, string beans, snap peas, and a few delicious ears of corn! Right now, the pumpkins are arriving, and we're looking forward to pie season.

Our own Kate D did an extraordinary job hand painting all of the signs. We are fortunate to have her artistic talents shine throughout the property, including both bathhouses, Sunset House kitchen, the private cabins, and the kitchen in Oak House. Her work has truly added a special touch to each space.



Russ and
Kate

Photo by
Rita
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A HEARTFELT THANK YOU FOR AN INCREDIBLE SUMMER! OUR ACHIEVEMENTS WOULDN'T BE POSSIBLE WITHOUT YOUR UNWAVERING SUPPORT. WE TRULY APPRECIATE EACH AND EVERY ONE OF OUR MEMBERS!



Russ, Doug, Jim, and Mica
Our team working together to make it happen

Photo by Crystal England

Forward Progress

Our new hydroelectric plant project has made tremendous progress this summer. The new building is complete, featuring a metal roof and a stucco exterior finish. The well-designed chain hoist has made heavy work much easier, and the base plate is installed with the valves on-site. A special thanks goes to our entire facilities crew for ensuring the building is ready for whatever challenges the winter months may bring. Additional thanks are owed to Doug B and Russ C, whose building skills have paved the way forward, and to Jim M for his countless hours of drafting and welding work. This essential project would not have been possible without their expertise, and future generations will be grateful for the thoughtful designs created today.



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Fun in the Sun Adopt A Highway 2025

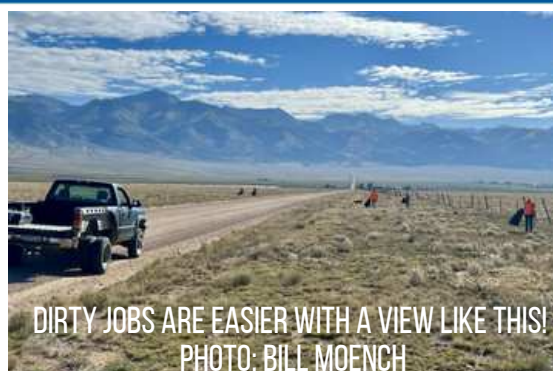
Twenty-four volunteers and staff members took part in our annual Adopt-A-Highway County Road GG Clean-up on Saturday, September 20, 2025, organized by the Conservation Committee of OLT. The group spent a productive morning cleaning both sides of GG, as well as a bonus cleanup of a very old (and large) homestead dump on one of OLT's new land parcels along the south side of GG. After filling over fifty large (and heavy) trash bags, many of us spent Saturday afternoon and Sunday soaking away the sore muscles.

Thanks to all who helped! Participants were volunteers Dora H., Cindy C., Jeff C., Michelle A., Ed S., Kirsten R., Clemens T., Robin S., Patti H., Nadine G., Bonita B., Martha L., E.Y. Y., Erick E., Mark C., David G., David R., David E., OLT Board members Tricia H., Terry S., Jon F., and Bill M., and Facilities Manager Mica B., and, of course, our Executive Director Crystal E.

I hope everybody found this worthwhile, and we hope to see you all again next fall! OLT members who volunteer for events like this truly make a difference in maintaining and improving Valley View and Everson Ranch. Stay tuned for more volunteer opportunities next year, and keep an eye out for improvements at the ranch. Dates are yet to be set, but we are planning a two-day tree-planting event at the ranch next spring; an early summer dead wood clean-up day at the hot springs village; a weed-pulling day at the hot springs village; and another cleanup of County Road GG next fall. And of course, there's also World Naked Gardening Day on the first Saturday of May. We rely on members like you to make these events a success, and please remember your efforts are rewarded with complimentary admission to the hot springs. Volunteer applications for the events are on the OLT.org website. Join us for any or all!

Bill Moench
Board Member
Conservation Committee

FRIENDLY FACES IN FRIENDLY PLACES!
PHOTO: BILL MOENCH



Thank you
volunteers!

