



# *Great Basin National Heritage Area*

The Great Basin National Heritage Area was designated by Congress in 2006 and includes White Pine County, Nevada; Millard County, Utah; and the Ely Shoshone, Duckwater Shoshone, Goshute and Utah Kanosh-Paiute nations. As described in our enabling legislation, the heritage area is a “classic western landscape” with sagebrush covered valleys

and soaring mountains; ranches and rangelands; historic gold mines, ghost towns and railroads; and human endeavors stretching back over 13,000 years. The heritage area works with partners to preserve, interpret, and promote the natural and cultural resources of this special place with its wide-open spaces, star-filled night skies, and enduring pioneer spirit.



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## GREAT BASIN HERITAGE AREA PARTNERSHIP

The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership is a small, private, non-profit organization designated as the “coordinating entity” of the GBNHA. The Partnership receives federal funds through the Heritage Partnership Program administered by the National Park Service, roughly half of which we grant to local entities for projects that contribute to our management goals. We leverage federal funds by matching them with state and local grants as well as cash and in-kind donations for projects we sponsor.

## PARTNERS AND PROJECTS

The Great Basin Heritage Area Partnership does not own or administer land and has no “jurisdiction” over any property within the heritage area, so we work extensively through partners to achieve our goals. Partners range from large federal agencies to small historical societies. We support our partners with technical assistance and through our grants program.

In many cases, our grants have acted as seed funding which our partners have utilized to attract much larger grants and donations from individuals, private foundations, and local and state government. Since 2010, we have dispersed over \$1 million in grant funds which have been matched by our partners with over \$4.5 million in non-federal contributions, multiplying the federal investment 450%.

## GREAT BASIN NIGHT SKIES

Dark night skies are a key feature of the heritage area and one we support and promote. Through our grants program, we made the first significant contribution to the Great Basin Observatory (\$100K), which enabled the Great Basin National Park Foundation to secure additional donations. We have continued to support the GBO through several grants to the Foundation’s Reach for the Stars education program. Other astronomy / night sky projects we have supported include purchase of a solar scope for Great Basin National Park, billboards advertising the Park’s annual astronomy festival, transportation to astronomy programs, and the Nevada Northern Railway’s Star Train.



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- [greatbasinheritage.org](http://greatbasinheritage.org)
- [greatbasinobservatory.org](http://greatbasinobservatory.org)
- [nnry.com/pages/StarTrain](http://nnry.com/pages/StarTrain)



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BASIN AND RANGE DARK SKY COOPERATIVE MEMBER SPOTLIGHT