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“Let’s Explore!” Program Begins June 4th at Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge

First event is an after-dark adventure

AMARGOSA VALLEY – The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) invites the public to the Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge (NWR) on Saturday, June 4, 2011 for the first “Let’s Explore Ash Meadows!” event of the year.

“Let’s Explore After Dark!” begins at 7:30 p.m. and wraps up at 9:30 p.m. Participants can catch a beautiful Ash Meadows sunset, as they set off on a nighttime adventure that is sure to be full of surprises. This fun, educational program includes a search for wild scorpions with an expert from the University of Nevada-Las Vegas, mist-netting bats, and a lesson on identifying the various nocturnal animals found on the wildlife refuge. Games, prizes, and opportunities to see wildlife up close promise to make this an exciting experience for adults and children alike.

The event is free of charge, but space is limited. Those wishing to take part are asked to register for the event by contacting the Ash Meadows NWR office at (775) 372-5435, or by sending an email to cyndi_souza@fws.gov.

“Let’s Explore Ash Meadows!” events are planned throughout the year. The next adventure on July 23, 2011, will explore how desert plants and animals survive the excessive summer heat. A detailed schedule of events is available online at www.fws.gov/desertcomplex/ashmeadows.

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The 23,448-acre Ash Meadows NWR is located in the Amargosa Valley of southern Nye County, Nevada approximately 30 miles northwest of Pahrump. The west entrance to the wildlife refuge is on State Route 373, and the south entrance is on Bell Vista Road. Signs mark both entrances.

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