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**A Reading, Slide Presentation, and Book Signing
for the release of
*Death Valley and the Northern Mojave:
A Visitor's Guide*
July 17th**

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For Immediate Release

The Mono Lake Committee is excited to announce a special evening celebrating the recent release of the new book *Death Valley and the Northern Mojave: A Visitor's Guide* from Cachuma Press on July 17th at 7pm.

Lauren Davis, co-author of the new book, will read passages from rare historic accounts of the Mojave and Death Valley region. During her research for the book, *Death Valley and the Northern Mojave*, Lauren came across many out-of-print gems extolling the beauty, mystery, adventure, and humor early visitors found in this unique desert. Experience the Mojave through the eyes of some unlikely tour guides – New York suffragettes on holiday; greenhorn prospectors still learning one end of a mule from the other; and seasoned

naturalists who think nothing of sampling the same fare as their four-legged subjects.

Stephen Ingram will give a slide presentation, or slide “tour,” of the Northern Mojave Desert. The dual projector presentation will cover many of the locations discussed in the book, but with an emphasis on the botanical treasures of the area.

Stephen is a local photographer and botanist, specializing in photos of landscapes and plants of California and the southwest. His photos have been used in a variety of books, magazines, and calendars. He has an M.S. degree in Botany from US Santa Barbara, and is currently the President of the Bristlecone Chapter of the California Native Plant Society.

The Mono Lake Committee Information Center and Bookstore is located in downtown Lee Vining on HWY 395. Don't miss out on this special evening!

Death Valley and the Northern Mojave
A VISITOR'S GUIDE



William C. Tweed and Lauren Davis

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The Mono Lake Committee is a nonprofit citizens' group dedicated to protecting and restoring the Mono Basin ecosystem, educating the public about Mono Lake and the impacts on the environment of excessive water use, and promoting cooperative solutions that protect Mono Lake and meet real water needs without transferring environmental problems to other areas. It is celebrating its 20th anniversary this year.