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## **Red Rock Canyon Selling New Annual Pass**

**Las Vegas --** Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area will release its new \$20 annual pass on October 1, 2002. From October 1, 2001 to present, about 7,300 annual passes have been sold.

This year's annual pass was designed by Palo Verde High School student Abby Soto. Soto's artwork of a coyote surrounded by desert skies was selected from more than 134 entries in the second annual Red Rock Canyon Art Contest.

The annual contest is open to students in grades six through 12. A first place award is given to each grade level. The first place award that most closely represents Red Rock is placed on the annual pass.

The theme for the third annual contest will be wildlife of the Mojave Desert. More information about this year's contest will be available in November.

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Fees generated by entrance fees are used to create interpretive programs and distribute information as well as improve facilities such as the 13-mile campground and install bathrooms along the scenic drive.

Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area encompasses 197,000 acres within the Mojave Desert and provides a 13 mile scenic drive and more than 30 miles of hiking trails. The Red Rock Canyon Visitor Center offers information about recreation opportunities, wildlife, wild horses and burros, vegetation, geology and cultural resources. In 1990, special legislation supported by the Nevada congressional delegation changed the status of the Red Rock Recreation Lands to a National Conservation Area. Entrance fees are \$2 per motorcycle, \$5 per car and \$20 per annual pass.