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Photo contest

Biodiversity Conservation Alliance (BCA) recently announced its Third Annual Red Desert Photo Show and Contest, to be at Coal Creek Coffee on Friday Oct. 6 and will run be Friday night in conjunction with the downtown Gallery Walk. Photographers of all ages and abilities are encouraged to enter their favorite Red Desert photographs in the contest. Photos will be grouped into professional and amateur divisions, and into the "wildlife and wildflowers" and "landscapes" categories. Entries will be judged by Mike Stoesz of Rainbow Photography. Entries should be at least 8x10 inches in size and framed (matting recommended but optional). There is a cost of \$5 per entry (free for photographers under 18 years old), and prizes will be awarded for first, second, and third place winners in each category and division. All entries must be delivered by Oct. 1 to the BCA office at 215 S. Third Street, Suite 114, Laramie, WY 82070. Photographers will be encouraged to offer their works for sale at the photo show, with sale proceeds split between the artist and BCA's Red Desert protection campaign. "With the release of the BLM's long-term plan for the Jack Morrow Hills, and important wilderness in Adobe Town up for grabs in the Great Divide plan revision, this is a key time for the public to be involved in

Red Desert issues," said Erik Molvar, wildlife biologist with Biodiversity Conservation Alliance. "The photo show offers an opportunity for photographers to share the beauty of special parts of the Red Desert that most people have never seen." Last year's Red Desert photo show drew amateur and professional photographers from throughout the region.