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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT
University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering July 1 - September 30, 2007

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Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program: Helping Hands Across Public Lands – Phase II

Executive Summary

- The number of records in the volunteer database increased 11% over last quarter. The database now contains 4,343 records.
- Website activity increased, recording an average of 121,313 hits per month, an increase of 31% from last quarter, with an average of 11,475 pages viewed per month.
- Volunteer fall training has been scheduled, developed and publicized.
- Three National Public Land Day Events are planned.
- Volunteer recognition banquet event is being planned and developed.
- Transition in the program manager position took place. The position is currently filled with an interim volunteer program associate.

Summary of Attachments

- Media release flyer and advertisement promoting National Public Lands Day
- Fall 2007 volunteer training schedule

Task 1. Refine and maintain a quality Web-based volunteer database.

TheVolgistics volunteer database is now populated with 4,343 records, representing an increase of 477 individuals from last quarter. (See Figure 1 on next page).
Fig. 1 above shows increase in number of records in the database of volunteers.

Task 2. Manage, update, and administer an IVP Website.

During this quarter, Website activity increased; results are as follows:

- An average of 121,313 hits per month, an increase of 31%.
- An average of 11,475 pages viewed per month. (See Fig. 2 below.)
- With the exception of one quarter in the last five, the number of pages viewed has increased steadily.

Fig. 2 illustrates increased activity on the Website in the summer months.
**Task 3. Evaluate and revise, as appropriate, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all areas of interagency volunteer management.**

The Interagency Volunteer Team (IVP) met several times during the quarter, with its primary focus on planning fall training, National Public Lands Day Events, the bus tour, and the volunteer recognition banquet.

**Task 4. Evaluate and update strategies and tools for volunteer recruitment.**

The IVP Website, [www.getoutdoorsnevada.org](http://www.getoutdoorsnevada.org), in combination with the Volgistics volunteer database, continues to be a highly effective tool for recruiting and pre-registering volunteers needed for conservation events. Initiatives to reduce event no-show rates will continue throughout the spring event schedule.

**Task 5. Support Agency Departments and SNAP Teams with conservation projects that require volunteer workforce on the public lands.**

**Archery Range Clean Up:**

**August 18, 2007 – Spring Mountains NRA- Forest Service**

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don’t Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit thirty-four volunteers for a litter clean up at the Archery Range. Volunteers contributed 102 hours and collected 30 cubic yards of litter and debris.

**National Public Lands Day Events**

**Saturday, September 8, 2007- Spring Mountains NRA- Forest Service**

Twenty-five volunteers contributed 75 hours in seed collection efforts to restore the Lee Meadow’s area. Native plants and grasses collected included: Squirrels Tail, Cinquefoil, Snowberry, Currents, and Nodding Brome.

**Saturday, September 22, 2007- Sloan Canyon NCA- Bureau of Land Management**

Sixty five volunteers contributed 195 hours in cleaning up Sloan Canyon from litter and debris. Volunteers cleared two square miles of road and collected 50 cubic yards of litter and debris at this event.

A complete list of Summer/Fall events is provided in Table 1 on the next page.
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<th>Date/Time</th>
<th>Agency</th>
<th>Event Name</th>
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<th>Nature of Work</th>
<th>Special Requirements</th>
<th>Volunteers Needed</th>
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<td>Sat., Aug. 18 8:30 am - Noon</td>
<td>USFS</td>
<td>Archery Range Cleanup</td>
<td>Spring Mountains NRA, Mt. Charleston, Deer Creek Hwy.</td>
<td>Litter/Debris Cleanup</td>
<td>Minimum age – 8 yrs.</td>
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<td>National Public Lands Day</td>
<td>Spring Mountains NRA Mt Charleston</td>
<td>Seed Collection</td>
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<td>Registration opens 8/3/07</td>
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<td>Sat., Sept. 22 8:00 am – 1:00 pm</td>
<td>BLM</td>
<td>National Public Lands Day</td>
<td>Sloan Canyon NCA</td>
<td>Litter/Debris Cleanup</td>
<td>Minimum age – 12 yrs.</td>
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<td>Registration opens 8/3/07</td>
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<td>Sat., Sept. 29 8:00 am – 11:30 am</td>
<td>NPS</td>
<td>National Public Lands Day</td>
<td>Lake Mead NRA</td>
<td>Litter/Debris Cleanup</td>
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<td>100+</td>
<td>Registration opens 8/3/07</td>
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<td>Sat., Oct. 13 8:30 am – 1:00 pm</td>
<td>USFWS</td>
<td>National Wildlife Refuge Week</td>
<td>National Wildlife Refuge (Decatur, approximately 5 miles north of 215)</td>
<td>Litter/Debris Cleanup</td>
<td>Minimum age – 18 yrs.</td>
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<td>Sat., Oct. 27 8:00 am - 1:00 pm</td>
<td>BLM</td>
<td>Make a Difference Day</td>
<td>North of 215 – on Jones</td>
<td>Paintball Course Removal</td>
<td>Minimum age - 12 yrs.</td>
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<td>Registration opens 9/7/07</td>
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Table 1 shows the details of the types of events that were scheduled by agencies in summer and fall.
Task 6. Evaluate, refine, enhance, and deliver interagency volunteer orientation and training program.

July 18 2007- First Aid/CPR
- Eleven volunteers participated in First Aid/CPR training on July 18, 2007.

Development of the 2007 fall training schedule evolved throughout this quarter. The schedule is currently promoted on the getoutdoorsnevada.org website.

The fall training schedule includes:
- Interagency Orientation
- Submerged Cultural Resources
- Fall Colors
- ATV training
- First Aid/CPR
- St. Thomas Inundation, Resurrection, and the Ebb and Flow of History
- Birding
- Map & Compass
- Astronomy
- Hiking

Task 7. Identify possible grant and donation opportunities to help support and sustain the program.

Public relations and outreach activities, as well as opportunities to develop new collaborative community partnerships and relationships include the following:

- Used media release flyer, newspaper advertising and mass e-mail to promote three National Public Lands Day events held in the Spring Mountains NRA, Lake Mead NRA, and Sloan Canyon NCA.
- Promoted interagency events and trainings in environmental science courses at UNLV.
- Participated in UNLV community fair where more than 1,500 students and faculty attended.

Task 8. Plan and implement volunteer recognition initiatives and events.

The IVP team is implementing the work plan for the Volunteer Recognition Awards Banquet that will be held on November 3, 2007. The following tasks are completed:
- Location and food have been secured with the Renaissance Hotel.
- Save the date cards have been sent to eligible volunteers.
- Invitations have been sent to eligible volunteers
- Event items have been ordered
- Volunteer nomination forms are complete and have been sent to volunteers and supervisors.
Celebrate the 14th annual National Public Lands Day and join us in the nation’s largest hands-on volunteer effort to improve America’s public lands

Sponsored by the Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program, Get Outdoors Nevada

Volunteers are needed for clean-up projects in Southern Nevada. You are invited to bring your friends or civic groups to remove trash and debris at area sites. Volunteers may bend, lift and carry heavy or awkward objects during the course of the day. You should wear appropriate clothing.

Saturday, September 22, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
(8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. check-in)
Sloan Canyon National Conservation Area
Managed by the Bureau of Land Management

Saturday, September 29, 2007
8:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
(8:00 a.m. – 8:30 a.m. check-in)
Lake Mead National Recreation Area
Managed by the National Park Service

Pre-registration is required
Visit www.getoutdoorsnevada.org to register or call 702-895-5734
Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program  
Fall 2007 Training Schedule  

The following training classes are open to all active volunteers for the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service.

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<td>Wednesday, October 3</td>
<td>9:00am - 3:00pm</td>
<td>Interagency Orientation</td>
<td>Las Vegas Field Office Conf. Rm. A</td>
<td>Volunteer Coordinators</td>
<td>Jim Cribbs</td>
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<td>Saturday, October 6</td>
<td>9:00am - 3:00pm</td>
<td>Interagency Orientation</td>
<td>Lake Mead NRA, Water Safety Center, Mojave Room</td>
<td>Volunteer Coordinators</td>
<td>Nancy Bernard</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 10</td>
<td>9:00am - 11:00pm</td>
<td>Submerged Cultural Resources</td>
<td>Lake Mead NRA, Water Safety Center</td>
<td>Michelle Riter, NPS</td>
<td>Nancy Bernard</td>
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<td>Saturday, October 13</td>
<td>9:00am - 12:00pm</td>
<td>Fall Colors (field trip)</td>
<td>Spring Mountains NRA, Trail Canyon Trail (trailhead)</td>
<td>Christiana Manville, USFWS</td>
<td>Amy Meketi</td>
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<td>Friday, October 19</td>
<td>9:00am - 3:00pm</td>
<td>ATV Training</td>
<td>Meet at Indian Springs Casino</td>
<td>Larry Benham, USFS</td>
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<td>Saturday, October 20</td>
<td>8:00 am – 4:00 pm</td>
<td>First Aid/CPR/AED</td>
<td>Lake Mead NRA Water Safety Center</td>
<td>Mr. Guy Nelson, AED Response</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 24</td>
<td>8:30 am – 4:00 pm</td>
<td>St. Thomas Inundation, Resurrection and the Ebb and Flow of History (field Trip)</td>
<td>Meet at Lake Mead NRA, Water Safety Center, Mohave Room</td>
<td>Steve Daron, NPS</td>
<td>Nancy Bernard</td>
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<td>Wednesday, October 31</td>
<td>8:30am - 1:00pm</td>
<td>Birding (field trip)</td>
<td>Meet at Las Vegas Field Office</td>
<td>Jim Cribbs, BLM Ranger</td>
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<td>Wednesday, November 7</td>
<td>9:00am - 2:00pm</td>
<td>Map &amp; Compass</td>
<td>Las Vegas Field Office – Conf. Rm. A (includes outdoor experience)</td>
<td>Amy Meketi, USFS</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 10</td>
<td>6:00 pm - 10:00pm</td>
<td>Astronomy</td>
<td>Red Rock Canyon NCA, Visitor Center</td>
<td>Dr. John Mowbray, LVAS</td>
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<td>Saturday, November 17</td>
<td>9:00am - 12:00pm</td>
<td>Hiking on Public Lands</td>
<td>Lake Mead NRA, Water Safety Center</td>
<td>Carlton and Carol Gamet, RRCIA</td>
<td>Nancy Bernard</td>
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Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program
Fall 2007 Training Schedule

The following training classes are open to all active volunteers for the
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Alphabetical list and descriptions of Training Classes:

**Astronomy:** Learn the basics of using a star chart and locating objects in the night sky. Includes classroom instruction and some night sky viewing.

**ATV Training:** Learn how to maneuver an ATV safely and become ATV Certified. Certification is required to volunteer using an ATV with some government agencies. If you have an ATV, please bring it with you. Participants will meet at the Indian Springs Casino on I-95.

**Birding:** Learn the basics of bird watching in a field environment. This training will provide information on using field guides, binoculars and scopes while observing the fall migration at Corn Creek. Participants will meet at the Las Vegas Field Office. Wear appropriate clothing, and bring your own snacks and water. If you have access to binoculars, please bring as well.

**Fall Colors:** Trail Canyon Trail. Volunteers will meet at the trail canyon trailhead. This is an excellent opportunity to catch some fall colors in the Spring Mountains. This trail leads into the Mt. Charleston Wilderness which is sure to provide you with a relaxing primitive journey. Distance is 4 mile – moderate hike – round trip. Wear appropriate clothing and hiking shoes. Bring drinking water. Highway 95 North to Route 157, turn left to Mt. Charleston. Drive approximately 17 miles (pass the visitor center and travel approximately 1 mile). Turn right on Echo Road – travel approximately .5 mile and trailhead on left – parking available.

**First Aid/CPR/AED:** Upon completion of this class volunteers will be certified to administer first aid/CPR.

**Introduction to Las Vegas Hiking:** Participants will learn about Las Vegas area hiking trails located on public lands.

**Interagency Orientation:** Meet volunteer coordinators from the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service and U.S. Forest Service and learn about federally managed public land areas in southern Nevada including history, volunteer policies and procedures, safety tips, and customer service techniques.
Map/Compass/GPS: Learn the basics of using a map and compass together and how these basics relate to your GPS unit. The course will be held in a classroom and field environment. **If you have your own compass and/or GPS unit, please bring with you.** Recommended for anyone working in the field.

**St. Thomas, Nevada: Inundation, Resurrection, and the Ebb and Flow of History:** Field trip includes fairly strenuous hiking. Mormon colonists established St. Thomas, Nevada in 1865. Today it is a Nevada “ghost town” with a slightly different twist. Throughout the intervening 140 years it has a unique history of comings, and goings that include; floating state boundaries, disease, tax protests, mining boom and bust, government intrusion, and drought in the desert. While this sounds like many Nevada histories, St. Thomas’ past is linked inextricably to water. The waters of Lake Mead have inundated the town since 1938 and it periodically resurfaces with the whims of weather and the ebb and flow of the mighty Colorado River. We will look at the history of St. Thomas, management issues associated with the emergence of a unique tourist destination, and the effect inundation and emergence has had on the site. The tour of St. Thomas will take approximately 1.5 hours. The hike is approximately 3 miles in length and is fairly strenuous so wear hiking boots and bring plenty of water.

**Submerged Cultural Resources:**
The presentation is entitled: "Treasures of The Deep, An Underworld Exploration of Lake Mead". This is an overview of the underwater archeological surveys being conducted on the Aggregate Plant and water clarifier associated with the construction of Hoover Dam, the B-29 Bomber that crashed in 1948 while on a top secret atmospheric testing mission, and a PBY flying boat that crashed in 1949.