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Summary of report contents:

1. Number of unduplicated clients served
2. Evidence of pay
3. Status report of program
4. Benefit for Clark County

1. Number of clients served

Three sets of clients are served by the Cultural Site Stewardship Program (CSSP) database, they are:

- Client 1: Site stewards - 352 volunteers who monitor over 500 cultural sites.
- Client 2: Five federal land managing agencies with the data collected from the stewards. The agencies are:
  Bureau of Land Management
  National Park Service
  U.S. Fish and Wildlife
  U.S. Forestry Service
  U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
- Client 3: Clark County citizens who benefit from preservation of cultural heritage sites.
2. Evidence of pay

Wages and indirect costs totaling $7,832.63 have been applied to the database project leaving a balance available of $17,167.37. Funds are being requested by UNLV’s Office of Sponsored Programs in April. A Balance and Activity Report for month end March 31, 2008, is attached.

3. Status report of program

Under the direction of Dr. Craig Palmer, Principal Investigator, two programmers were hired to design and implement a relational database for the CSSP. During this quarter, a system was designed in ACCESS and has accomplished the following:

- Store personnel information and required documentation on volunteer site stewards. Names of all 352 stewards were inputted and fully populate the database. Ethics Statements and Volunteer Agreements unique to each steward are recorded.
- House confidential archaeological site information such as site type, location, and archaeological data for each site that may benefit scientific understanding of Clark County history and prehistory. All site monitoring units (several hundred) were input. Site Monitoring Reports, Impact Reports and pertinent site data gathered from October 1, 2007 through the present are added. Addition of all reports and data obtained from September 30, 2007 back to December, 2004 when the CSSP was implemented are currently under way.
- Planned queries and reports specific to agency needs are being developed.

4. Benefit for Clark County

Constructed for use in Clark County, the CSSP stewardship database is a secure data entry and query application for site stewards and cultural sites. A powerful feature of the database is its ability to act as an accessible repository for hundreds of monitored sites which are imperiled as a product of population growth in Clark County. Changes to County sites are entered and trends reflecting site visitation and deterioration are reported to appropriate agencies to make necessary administrative decisions for protection.

Site stewards submit monitoring reports for each site visit. Reports are prepared for the land managing agency as required or requested. Impact trends are determined and submitted to agency representatives at least quarterly.

During the quarter ending March 31, 2008, twenty-one significant impacts were reported in Clark County. These impacts include human-caused damages – trashing sites, graffiti, and potting (illegal digging) – as well as damage from natural causes. Reports of damage for this quarter include the following:

- Illegal collection of lithics
- Graffiti and digging at cave entrance
- OHV damage to middens (prehistoric refuse)
- Numerous ATV incursions
- Illegal fire rings and pits on cultural sites
• Post and cable barriers torn down
• Illegal removal of artifacts (medicine bottles and cans)
• Fence torn down
• Excessive trash dumping
• Used toilet paper consistently appearing in camping areas surrounding sites with no restroom facilities
• Cattle damage in rock art site

Site Monitor Reports indicate accelerating site impacts consistent with population increases. A by-product of off-road vehicle popularity is site degradation. Minor impacts, including trash accumulation and illegal desert off-roading, are reported to agency representatives to indicate visitation pressure, but they do not affect the site itself.

A protocol for damaged site reports includes contacting Clark County law enforcement officers as well as the agency representative at the earliest opportunity. Law enforcement officers will inspect the scene for possible crime investigation. If required, the assigned archaeologist will evaluate the damages for possible Archaeological Resource Protection Act (ARPA) violations.

The Clark County stewardship database is the only one of its kind among all Nevada counties. Funding for this database from Clark County is vital to maintaining the integrity and confidentiality of Clark County cultural resources.

Submitted by:

Margaret N. Rees, Project Administrator

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Date
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