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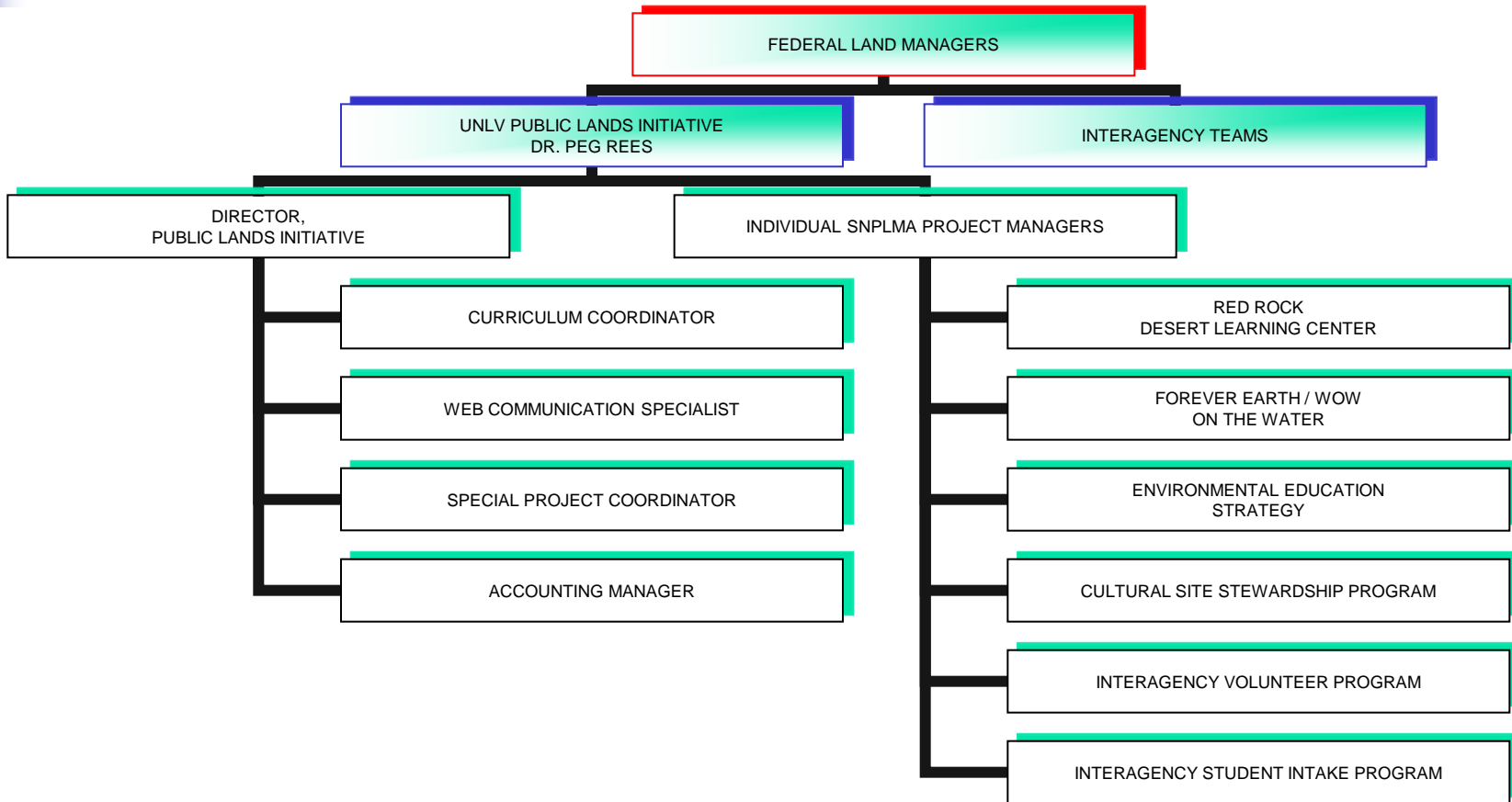


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# SNPLMA / UNLV Partnership





# Update on Oliver Ranch

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- BLM has officially named the project the Red Rock Desert Learning Center.
- Community Core Group continues to meet monthly. Meetings open to the public. Next meeting Sept. 21, 8:30 a.m., UNLV Paradise Campus.
- Architects have completed initial programming for the school. Project currently in conceptual design phase, with schematics due by early December.
- BLM expects to issue Request for Proposals from potential operators sometime this month.
- Website for the Oliver Ranch project is underway.



# Oliver Ranch

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- UNLV has hired Dr. Jeanne Klockow to develop curricula for Oliver Ranch, Forever Earth, and WOW on the Water. She will build upon Oliver Ranch curriculum already underway by CCSD teachers and DRI faculty, but with an emphasis on a much broader overall framework.
- The goal is a coordinated, integrated approach to science and environmental education curricula across all SNPLMA projects – in keeping with the intent of the Outdoor Environmental Education Strategy.



# Update on Forever Earth

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- Dr. Jennell Miller is serving as interim project manager through December. The search for a permanent project manager is in progress. Kay Rohde is representing the EE Team on the search committee.
- Cooperative agreement between UNLV and Forever Resorts is being finalized to permit use of the vessel by the university. Insurance, standard operating procedures, and qualified boat operators remain key concerns that are currently in progress.
- Once cooperative agreement and standard operating procedures are agreed upon and fully executed by both parties, programming can proceed.



# Forever Earth

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- Dr. Klockow will work with Dr. Miller and the permanent project manager to create age-appropriate science curriculum for Forever Earth events, which can occur on the vessel or on land.
- Outside Las Vegas has secured a \$7,500 grant for 6 Forever Earth events in the coming year.
- UNLV has hired PR professional Mary Peterson to provide media and marketing services for this and other SNPLMA projects.
- Initial work on the Forever Earth website is ongoing and is being coordinated by Megan Iudice at UNLV.



# Update on WOW on the Water

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- Met recently with Derrick Crandall of the American Recreation Coalition, national sponsor of WOW program. Goals and logistics for the So. NV program were discussed.
- Some national WOW/Water curriculum modules have been developed. Dr. Klockow will adapt and expand them in collaboration with Dr. Jennell Miller, who is also the interim manager for this project.
- Need to seek official sanction for Nevada's program from national headquarters.
- Much work remains on programming, fund-raising, and marketing, especially in collaboration with local businesses and recreation organizations.





# Outdoor Education Strategy

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- Search for project manager is in progress. Interviews should occur this month. Kay Rohde is representing the EE Team on the search committee.
- Dr. Klockow will work closely with the project manager to integrate Forever Earth, WOW, and Red Rock Desert Learning Center into the area-wide strategy, along with other venues such as the Wetlands Park, LV Springs Preserve, Wild Horse & Burro Facility, local museums, visitor centers, etc.



# Other UNLV SNPLMA Projects

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- Interagency Student Intake Program
- Interagency Volunteer Program
- Cultural Site Stewardship Program

## PENDING

- Take Pride In America Campaign
- Science and Research Strategy
- Habitat Restoration Program



# Environmental Education Partnership

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