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UNLV Public Lands Institute and SNPLMA

- University manages selected SNPLMA projects as determined by the four federal agencies. Projects must be:
 - Compatible with UNLV's mission.
 - Enhance education and research.
 - Draw upon expertise of faculty, staff, and students.



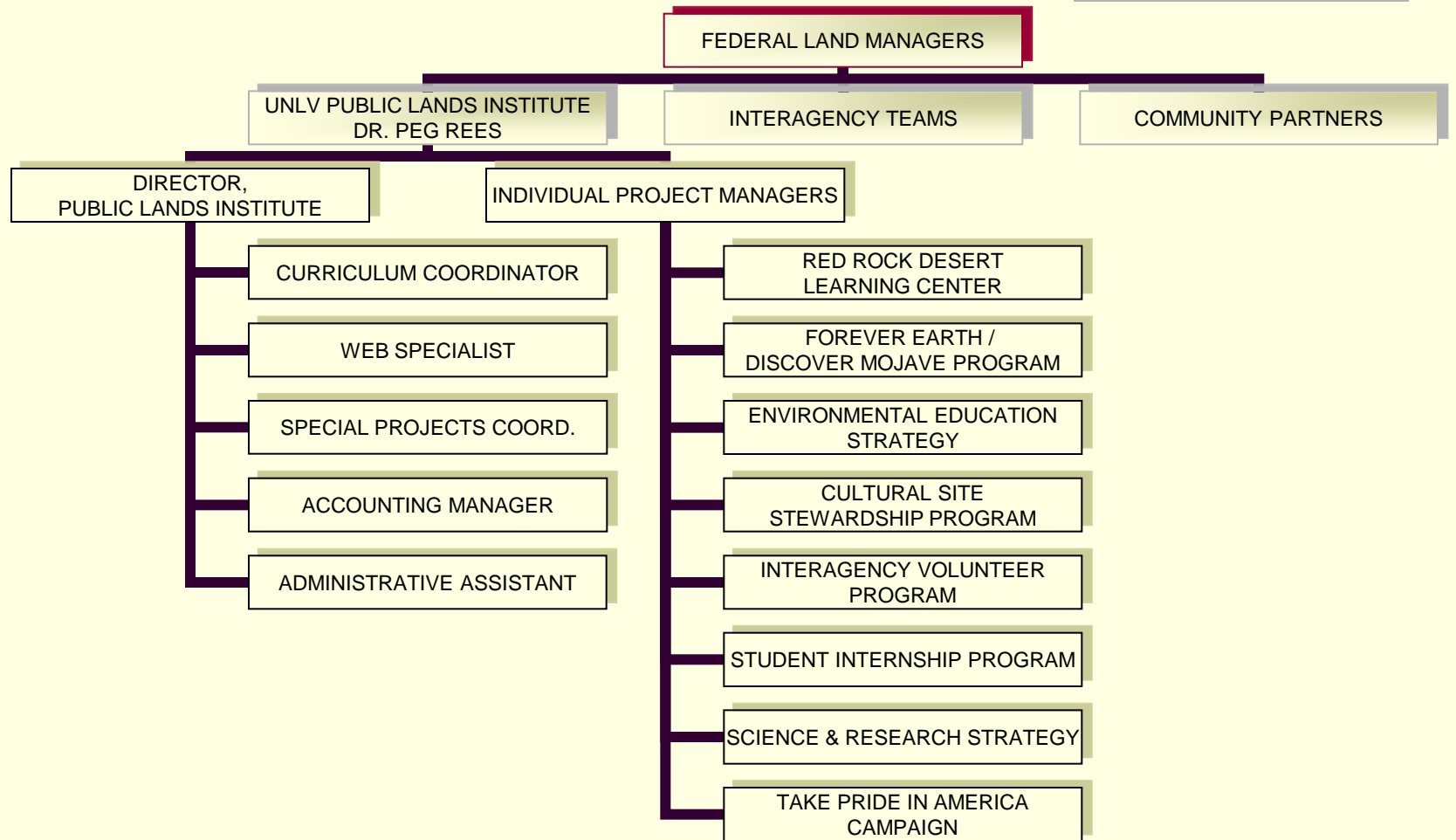
UNLV Public Lands Institute and SNPLMA

- Current UNLV projects total < 10% of CI funding.
- First CI task agreements signed August 2004.
- Project managers hired in collaboration with interagency teams & federal managers.
- UNLV on track to complete >95% of Year-One deliverables.
- Community partners involved extensively.

Current SNPLMA Projects

- Partnership began with Round 4 projects:
 - Forever Earth Program
 - WOW on the Water/Discover Mojave Program
 - Environmental Education Strategy
 - Red Rock Desert Learning Center
 - Interagency Student Internship Program
 - Cultural Site Stewardship Program
 - Science and Research Strategy
 - Southern Nevada Take Pride In America Program
 - Interagency Volunteer Program

Public Lands Partnership



Forever Earth: UNLV's Role



- Execute cooperative agreement with vessel owner, Forever Resorts.
- Design the curriculum and programming for K-12 science activities.
- Establish standard operating procedures.
- Schedule and operate the vessel.
- Conduct teaching and research on the vessel.

Forever Earth Program: Status Report

- Project manager hired Feb. 1 – Daphne Sewing.
- Cooperative agreement between UNLV and Forever Resorts in final draft.
- Standard operating procedures manual in final draft.
- Insurance quotes in progress.
- Curriculum currently under development.
- Grant secured for 6 Forever Earth events.

WOW/Discover Mojave Program: UNLV's Role

- Develop the curriculum.
- Schedule and implement recreation events.
- Establish effective partnerships with:
 - Parks & Recreation Agencies
 - Boys and Girls Clubs
 - Local businesses
 - Schools
 - Donors
 - National WOW organization

WOW/Discover Mojave Program: Status Report

- Project manager Daphne Sewing.
- 5 activities created since February; more under development. Each event sequenced in 3 levels.
 - Bird-watching
 - Kayaking
 - Canoeing
 - Fishing
 - Art
- First event held March 23 (Birdwatching). Nine other events scheduled between April and June.
- Partners include REI, Clark Co. Parks & Recreation, and Clark Co. School District.

Environmental Education Strategy: UNLV's Role

- Develop 5-year strategic plan for place-based education on public lands and throughout Clark County.
- Integrate curricula and programs where desirable.
- Provide implementation plan for use in:
 - Visitor Centers & Museums
 - Educational & Interpretive Programs
 - Outdoor Venues & Interpretive Trails



Environmental Education Strategy: Status Report

- Project manager hired Feb. 1 – Allison Brody.
- Strategic themes established by community Environmental Ed. Committee.
- Project matrix developed.
- Survey of place-based programs in progress.
- Teachers' and public lands' user surveys underway.
- Project manager collaborating with all 14 interagency teams.

Red Rock Desert Learning Center: UNLV's Role

- Assist BLM with overall project coordination.
- Develop an integrated curriculum.
- Coordinate operator's business plan with curriculum.
- Provide public outreach and publicity.
- Design and maintain website.



Red Rock Desert Learning Center: Status Report

- Curriculum Coordinator hired – Jeanne Klockow.
- Core Group agendas/minutes produced.
- Science curriculum completed January 2005.
- Core curriculum in progress with 6 working groups.
- Website launched through BLM site.
- Marketing & communications plan finalized.



Interagency Student Internship Program: UNLV's Role

- Implement and manage paid student internship for high school juniors & seniors at the land management agencies.
- Provide uniforms and transportation to work sites.
- Target to ethnically diverse youth.
- Encourage college attendance and careers in natural resource management.

Interagency Student Internship Program: Status Report



- Program manager hired Nov. 1 – Geannine Jordan.
- Application forms and recruitment processes established.
- Six Vo Tech students recruited, interviewed, and hired.
- Two graduate students hired as drivers/supervisors.
- Internships began February 7 with BLM and Forest Service.
- Second rotation began April 11 with NPS in Boulder City.
- Summer rotation with Forest Service at Mt. Charleston.

Cultural Site Stewardship Program: UNLV's Role

- Create database of volunteers and site locations.
- Create integrated training program.
- Recruit and train site stewards.
- Assign and monitor site stewards.
- Coordinate with Interagency Volunteer Program & state site steward program as appropriate.

Cultural Site Stewardship Program: Status Report

- Project manager hired Dec. 1 – George Phillips.
- 122 Site Steward records loaded into database.
- 84 active Stewards now assigned; 18 new Stewards assigned to “urgent” sites.
- Site information database complete.
- Field manual approved and in use. Training manual in final draft. First training scheduled.
- ID cards and law enforcement protocols in place.
- Program open house held March 19.

Science and Research Strategy: UNLV's Role

- Evaluate existing science delivery programs.
- Assess agency science & research needs.
- Develop framework for long-term strategic plan.
- Develop short-term strategy to integrate agency research programs.
- Pilot a solicitation process for proposals in 8 focus areas.



Science and Research Strategy: Status Report

- Task agreement just signed.
- Search for project manager underway. Bob Boyd (BLM) and Paul Buck (DRI) on committee.
- UNLV project manager will work closely with DRI's project lead on related environmental scan project.



Southern Nevada Take Pride In America: UNLV's Role

- Create anti-litter/desert dumping strategic plan.
- Create public lands' recycling plan.
- Create messaging campaign.
- Coordinate clean-up events.
- Conduct judicial study of fines.



Take Pride in America Program: Status Report

- Task agreement nearly finalized.
- Search for project manager in final stages.
- Project manager will work closely with Volunteer Program manager.
- Publicity partnership with national Take Pride program under negotiation.



Interagency Volunteer Program

UNLV's Role

- Develop a comprehensive, integrated volunteer database for Southern Nevada's public lands.
- Develop common application forms.
- Develop an integrated training program.
- Develop a reward program for volunteers.
- Implement interagency volunteer events.

Interagency Volunteer Program: Status Report

- Project manager hired Dec. 1 – Donna Grady.
- 800+ volunteer records loaded into single database.
- 60+ new volunteers recruited through website www.getoutdoorsnevada.org.
- Four interagency events in Spring 2005: Great American Clean-Up, Red Rock Day, Stewardship Saturday, National Trails Day.
- Extensive public outreach underway.



Other Developments

- Creation of project management website for all SNPLMA teams and projects.
- Collaborative development of public branding for Southern Nevada Agency Partnership & SNPLMA projects.



