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Science in the Community

A Look at Informal Science
Organizations in Clark County

Informal Science

- Field trips of the past
- Field trips now:
 - Support standards, curricula
 - Can prepare students for testing
 - Opportunities for authentic learning

Informal Science Opportunities in Clark County

- Professional education staff
- Professional partnerships/organizations (PLI, CHOLLA, NNREC, Partners)
- Conferences, trainings
- Teacher survey

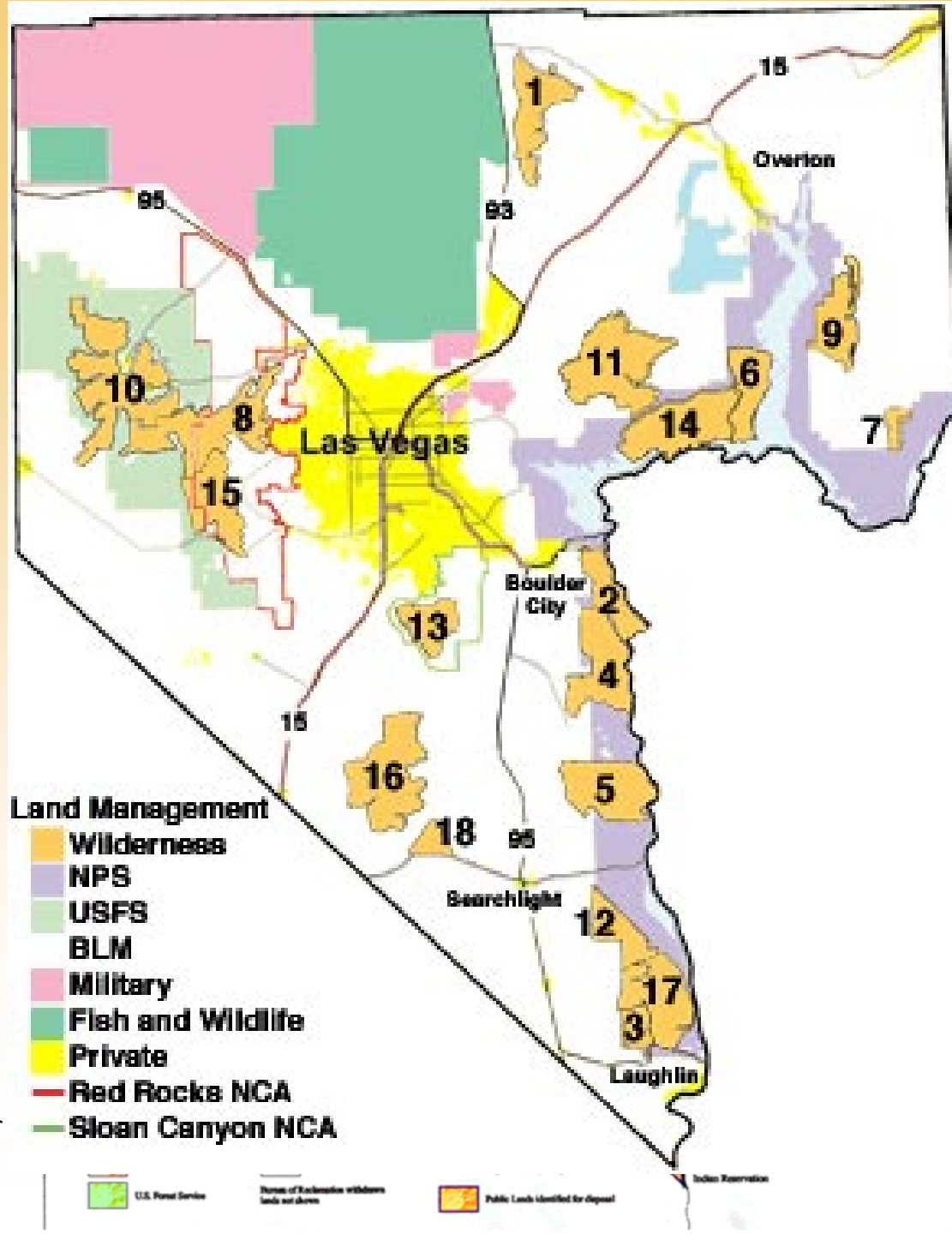
Fact or Fiction: In Clark County, you can ...

- see a reptile with a skull three feet long
- see a tree that clones itself
- drive across a structure 171 feet taller than the Washington monument
- see the highest concentration of endemic species in the U.S.
- come face-to-face with an animal that can grow 20,000 teeth
- see paintings that are thousands of years old
- see 3.5 million acres of tortoise habitat
- help train a marine carnivore

Eight Congressionally Designated Areas Surround Las Vegas

1. Spring Mountains NRA
2. Desert NWR
3. Pahrangat NWR
4. Ash Meadows NWR
5. Moapa Valley NWR
6. Lake Mead NRA
7. Red Rock Canyon NCA
8. Sloan Canyon NCA

*...plus BLM Public Lands
and 18 new Wilderness Areas*



Resources

- Field Trip Resource Guide:
enviroedexchange.org

Resources (con't)

- Interact: Beyond the Classroom
- <http://nnrec.org/>
- [http://www.lasvegastourism.com/museums
.htm](http://www.lasvegastourism.com/museums.htm)

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