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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering January 1 – March 31, 2008

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Executive Summary

- The number of records in the volunteer database increased 10% since the end of last quarter. At the end of this quarter, the database contains 4,866 records.
- Website activity increased by 1% from last quarter; it received an average of 83,326 hits per month, with an average of 9,240 pages viewed per month.
- Two hundred college students learned about the Interagency Volunteer Program during the program's first open house tour.
- Winter volunteer training was completed
- Spring volunteer training is scheduled.
- Five volunteers who attended the first event assistant training work as event assistants.
- The database manager updated and archived records in the Volgistics database.

Summary of Attachments

- 2008 Spring volunteer training schedule
- Spring/Summer 2008 volunteer event schedule

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

- The Volgistics volunteer database was updated on January 1. Deleted were records of volunteers on the mailing list for two years without volunteer hours. Active records with no volunteer hours from the past three years also were archived. A total of 521 records were removed, leaving a total of 4416 records in the database at the beginning of this quarter.
- The Volgistics volunteer database is now populated with 4,866 records, representing an increase of 450 individuals from January 1, 2008.

Fig. 1

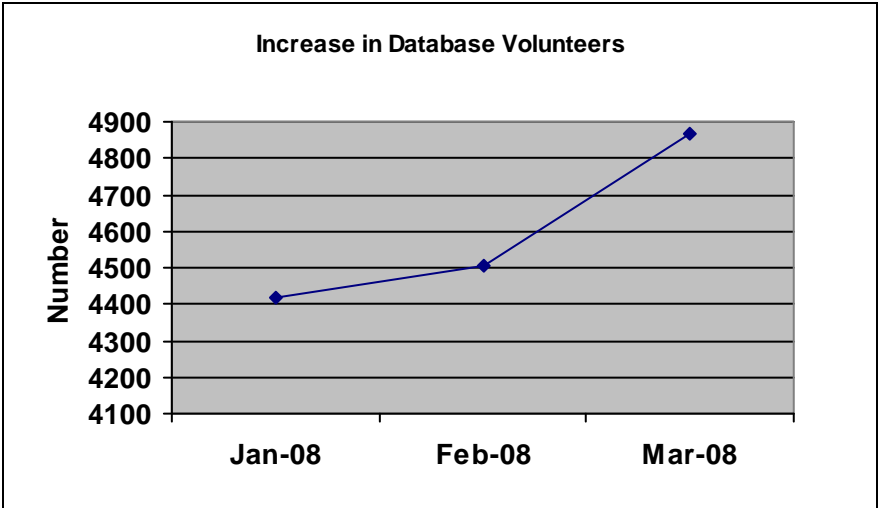


Fig. 1 above shows increase in number of records in the database of volunteers.

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

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

- An average of 83,326 hits per month, an increase of 1%.
- An average of 9,240 pages viewed per month. (See Fig. 2 below.)

Fig. 2

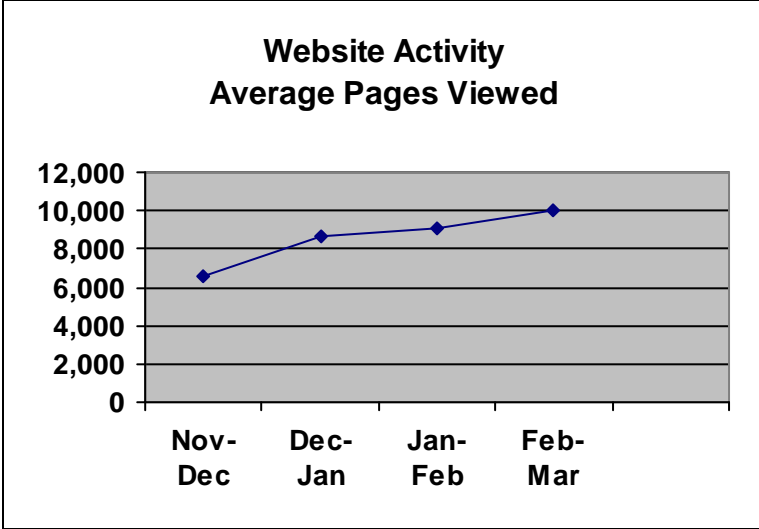


Fig. 2 illustrates activity on the Website.

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 scheduling spring and summer volunteer events, organizing the Bus Tour, and planning spring volunteer trainings.

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

The IVP Website, 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.

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

The Interagency Volunteer Program (IVP) collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to organize volunteer events this quarter. The Interagency Volunteer Program promoted and recruited for all volunteer events. The Take Pride Interagency Program organized all logistics. During volunteer events both interagency programs shared operational duties. The following are the volunteer events that were held this quarter:

January 12, 2008 – Conservation Transfer Area – Bureau of Land Management

A total of 78 volunteers participated in a litter clean-up at the Conservation Transfer Area. Volunteers contributed 312 hours and collected 168 cubic yards of litter and debris.

January 26, 2008- Kraft Mountain- Bureau of Land Management

A total of 40 volunteers participated in a litter clean-up at Kraft Mountain. Volunteers contributed 320 hours and collected 60 cubic yards of litter and debris.

February 23, 2008- Conservation Transfer Area- Bureau of Land Management

A total of 61 volunteers participated in a litter clean-up at the Conservation Transfer Area. Volunteers contributed 244 hours and collected 84 cubic yards of litter and debris.

March 8, 2008- Government Wash Area- National Park Service

A total of 130 volunteers participated in the Great American Clean-up at the Government Wash. Volunteers contributed 520 hours and collected 20 cubic yards of litter and debris.

Task 6. Evaluate, refine, enhance, and deliver interagency volunteer orientation and training program.

Volunteer training sessions are held three times a year. Five volunteer training classes were scheduled this quarter; four were completed; one was cancelled.

- Two volunteers completed ATV training on January 17, 2008
- Twenty-three volunteers completed First Aid/CPR/AED training on January 19, 2008 and February 1, 2008.
- Five volunteers completed Event Assistant training on February 9, 2008. Each volunteer that attended this training has already signed up to attend a spring or summer event.

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:

- Developed a new partnership with Friends of Nevada Wilderness. We are now posting their upcoming restoration projects that are in the Southern Nevada area through the Get Outdoors Nevada Website.
- Participated in University of Nevada Spring Volunteer Fair on campus on Feb. 5, 2008.
- Completed first open house tour. Amy Ansari promoted the Interagency volunteer program by speaking about the Get Outdoors Nevada program with 200 university students in classroom settings on campus during January and February.
- Developed new partnerships with other organizations such as the Las Vegas Climbers Liaison Council and the Mountaineers Club. These organizations now promote Get Outdoor Nevada events internally. In addition, the president of the Native Plant Society, Joseph Betzler, will present native plant training in Lee Meadows on June 14, 2008.

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

- The Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on November 1, 2008. We are now in the process of developing a contract with the Renaissance.
- Get Outdoor Nevada “Static Cling” stickers are being sent to all active volunteers for Volunteer Recognition Week (March 23-29, 2008).

Submitted by:

Date: March 31, 2008

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Southern Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program Spring 2008 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

DATE	TIME	SUBJECT	LOCATION	INSTRUCTOR	CLASS HOST	CLASS SIZE
Thursday, May 1	9:00am - 3:00pm	Interagency Orientation	Las Vegas Field Office	Volunteer Coordinators	Jim Cribbs	20
Saturday, May 3	9:00am - 3:00pm	Interagency Orientation	Lake Mead NRA,	Volunteer Coordinators	Nancy Bernard	20
Tuesday, May 13	9:00am - 4:00pm	First Aid/CPR/AED	UNLV CSB 164	Ben Fausett	Amy Ansari/ Doug Joslin	18
Saturday, June, 14	9:00am - 4:00pm	First Aid/CPR/AED	Red Rock Canyon NCA- Meet at visitor center	Ben Fausett	Jim Cribbs	18
Saturday, June 14	9:00am - 12:00pm	Native Plants	Spring Mountains NRA, Lee Meadows	Joseph Betzler Native Plant Society	Amy Nichols	15
TBA	TBA	Defensive Driving (will be calling Larry early April to confirm date)	Las Vegas Field Office	Larry Benham	Amy Nichols/Jim Cribbs??	??

2008 Spring/Summer Events

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Agency</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Nature of Work</u>	<u>Special Requirements</u>	<u>Volunteers Needed</u>
2008						
Saturday, January 12 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Conservation Transfer Area Litter Clean up	Las Vegas Wash/ Losse	Litter/Debris Cleanup	Minimum age- 6 yrs. with adult supervision	250+
Saturday, March 1 8:00am – 2:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	Mormon Mountains Wilderness Volunteer Day	Mormon Mountain Wilderness	Various projects including trail restoration and litter clean up	Individuals under 18 must be accompanied by a parent	20
Saturday, March 8 8:45am – 3:00pm	U.S Forest Service	Rainbow Mountain Volunteer Day	Rainbow Mountain Wilderness Area	Erasing vehicle tracks, vertical mulching, and transplanting native plants	Must be 18 years old or accompanied by parent/legal guardian	8
Saturday, March 8 8:00 am – 12:00 pm	National Park Service	Great American Clean Up	Lake Mead NRA Government Wash	Litter/Debris Cleanup	Minimum age- 6 yrs. with adult supervision	100+
Monday, March 17 9:00am – 12:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Restoration and Education Project	Upper Las Vegas Wash	Road Removal Project		10
Tuesday, March 18 9:00am- 12:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	Restoration and Education Project	Upper Las Vegas Wash	Road Removal Project		10
Wednesday, March 19 9:00am- 12:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	Restoration and Education Project	Upper Las Vegas Wash	Road Removal Project		10
Thursday, March 20 9:00am- 12:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	Restoration and Education Project	Upper Las Vegas Wash	Road Removal Project		10
Saturday, March 29 8:30 am – 1:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Gypsum Cave Graffiti Removal and Litter Clean Up	Near Gypsum Cave	Litter/Debris Cleanup and Graffiti Removal	Minimum age- 12 yrs. with adult supervision	25-40
Monday, March 31 8:00am – 3:00 pm	U.S Forest Service	Griffith Peak Trailhead Project	Griffith Peak Trailhead- Spring Mountains Please register by calling Friends of Nevada Wilderness at (775) 324-7667	Restoring areas degraded by motorized vehicles	Individuals under 18 must be accompanied by a parent.	8

					Need 4WD vehicle to drive to project location, otherwise carpool	
Saturday, April 12 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	National Park Service	Thirty-three hole Litter Clean Up	Lake Mead NRA Thirty-three Hole Overlook	Litter/Debris Cleanup		30-50
Friday, April 18 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	U.S Forest Service	Earth Day Celebration	Spring Mountains NRA Mt Charleston (Specific location TBD)	Restoration	Minimum age- 6 yrs. with adult supervision	20
Saturday, April 19 7:30 am – 1:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Earth Day Celebration	Red Rock Canyon NCA	TBD	TBD	TBD
Saturday, May 3 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Join Hands Day	Near Sunrise (Henderson)	Litter Cleanup	Minimum age- 6 yrs. with adult supervision	50-100
Saturday, May 16-18 Overnight trip Meeting time TBD	Bureau of Land Management	Invasive Weed Removal Volunteer Project	TBD- Please contact Pat Bruce with Friends of Nevada Wilderness for more information 775-324-7667 or pbruce@nevadawilderness.org	Invasive Weed Removal	Must be 18 years old or accompanied by parent/legal guardian	8
Saturday, June 7 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	U.S Forest Service	National Trails Day	Spring Mountains NRA Mt Charleston (Specific location TBD)	Trail Maintenance and Restoration	Minimum age- 6 yrs. with adult supervision	40

Please note:

Start time for all events includes a 30 minute check –in period

All volunteers under the age of 18 must provide a signed parental approval form.