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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering April 1- June 30, 2008

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Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program: Helping Hands Across Public Lands – Phase II

Executive Summary

- The number of records in the volunteer database increased 6% since January 1, 2008. The database now contains 5,171 records.
- Website activity decreased, recording an average of 67,180 hits per month, a decrease of 19% from last quarter, with an average of 6,618 pages viewed per month.
- Spring volunteer training has been completed
- Fall events have been scheduled.
- The first Interagency Volunteer Program Bus Tour has been completed.
- The new seed collection events have been completed

Summary of Attachments

- 2008 Fall event schedule

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

- The Volgistics volunteer database is now populated with 5,171 records, representing an increase of 305 individuals since last quarter. (*See Figure 1 on next page*).

Fig. 1

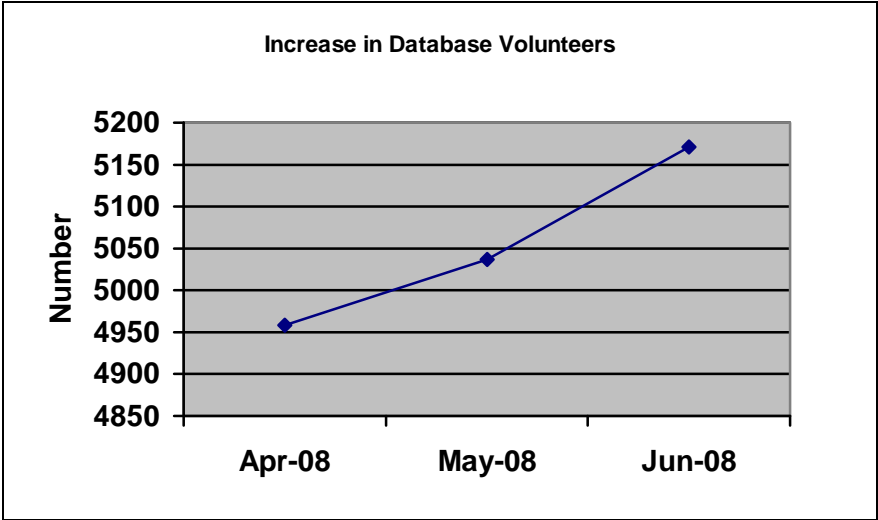


Fig. 1 above shows increase in number of records in the database of volunteers.

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

Website activity continues to fluctuate depending on the time of year. During this quarter, Website activity decreased; results are as follows:

- An average of 67,180 hits per month, a decrease of 19%.
- An average of 6,618 pages viewed per month. (See Fig. 2 below.)

Fig. 2

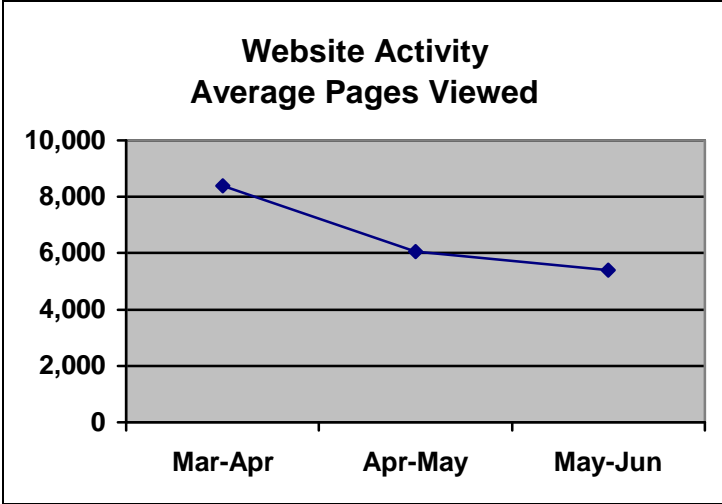


Fig. 2 illustrates activity on the Website.

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 their 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 for litter clean-up events. The following are the volunteer events that were held this quarter.

- **Saturday, April 12, 2008- Thirty-three Hole- NPS**

A total of 13 volunteers removed 30 cubic yards of litter from Thirty-three Hole Overlook. Volunteers contributed 52 hours.

- **Saturday, April 18, 2008- Spring Mountains- USFS-Earth Day Event**

A total of nine volunteers helped restore an illegal OHV road. Volunteers added slash to the ground and planted native Joshua Trees to a half mile of road that was quite steep.

- **Saturday, April 19, 2008- Ash Springs- BLM- Earth Day Event**

A total of 38 volunteers collected 30 cubic yards of litter and debris, and removed graffiti from an old foundation. Volunteers contributed 154 hours.

- **Saturday, April 19, 2008- Thirty-three Hole- NPS**

A total of 40 volunteers removed 30 cubic yards of litter from Thirty-three Hole Overlook. Volunteers contributed 160 hours.

- **Saturday, May 3, 2008- Near the Great Unconformity- BLM-Join Hands Day**

A total of 20 volunteers cleaned-up litter and debris near the Great Unconformity. Volunteers contributed 80 hours and removed 50 cubic yards of litter and debris.

- **Saturday, May 10, 2008- Spring Mountains- USFS/Spring Mountain Volunteer Association- Spring Mountains Spring Cleaning**

A total of 175 volunteers cleaned-up litter and debris in both the Lee Canyon and Kyle Canyon Areas. Volunteers collected 310 cubic yards of litter and contributed 875 hours.

- **Saturday, May 31, 2008-Near Christmas Tree Pass-NPS- Seed Collection Day**

A total of 23 volunteers collected 100 lbs of wet Blackbrush seed for restoration efforts. Volunteers contributed 138 hours.

- **Saturday, June 7, 2008- Spring Mountains-USFS-National Trails Day**

A total of 32 volunteers helped restore the South Loop Trail on Mount Charleston by creating six water bars and cutting one tree that had fallen in the trail. Volunteers also collected 8 cubic yards of litter contributing 128 hours.

- **Saturday, June 7, 2008- Lee Canyon- NPS- Seed Collection Day**

A total of 19 volunteers collected 30 gallons of wet black brush seed. Volunteers contributed a total of 123 hours

- **Saturday, June 14, 2008- Wee Thump Wilderness- NPS- Seed Collection Day**

A total of 19 volunteers collected a total of 30 gallons of wet seed and 10 cubic yards of litter. Volunteers contributed a total of 114 hours

- **Saturday, June 21, 2008- Lovell Canyon- NPS- Seed Collection Day**

A total of 30 volunteers collected 50 gallons of wet black brush seed. Volunteers contributed a total of 150 hours.

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

Three volunteer trainings were completed this quarter. Volunteer trainings are held three times a year. Due to low enrollment both volunteer orientations were canceled.

- Ten volunteers completed First Aid/CPR/AED training on April 1,2008
- Thirteen volunteers completed a Native Plant training in the Spring Mountains on June 14,2008
- Eight volunteers completed a cultural resource training on June 18, 2008

The first Annual IVP Bus Tour was held on May 16, 2008. Fifty volunteers attended the tour and visited Red Rock Canyon Conservation Area and Lake Mead National Recreation Area. Highlights included:

- Specialists discussing a variety of topics including wild horse and borrows, sub-merged cultural resources, and lake levels

- A boat tour of Lake Mead on the Desert Princess
- An interpretive talk at Willow Springs in Red Rock Canyon
- Positive feedback from volunteers

It is also important to note that registration for this training was full three days after posted on the Get Outdoors Nevada website.

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:

- HSBC World Environment Day
- 2008 Summerlin Earth Day Festival

We are now developing a relationship with the Regional Transportation Commission to create carpool program for volunteer events.

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

- The Volunteer Recognition Awards Ceremony will be held on November 1, 2008. We have now secured the Renaissance Hotel where we will be hosting the event.

Submitted by:

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June 30, 2008

Date

2007 Summer/Fall 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>	<u>To Register for Event</u>
2007							
Saturday, August 18 8:30 am - Noon	U.S. Forest Service	Archery Range Cleanup	Spring Mountains NRA, Mt. Charleston, Deer Creek Hwy.	Litter/Debris Cleanup	Minimum age – 8 yrs.	35	Sign up here
Saturday, September 8 8:30 am- Noon	U.S. Forest Service	National Public Lands Day	Spring Mountains NRA Mt Charleston	Seed Collection		50	Registration opens 8/3/07
Saturday, September 22 8:00 am – 1:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	National Public Lands Day	Sloan Canyon NCA	Litter/Debris Cleanup	Minimum age – 12 yrs.	200	Registration opens 8/3/07
Saturday, September 29 8:00 am – 11:30 am	National Park Service	National Public Lands Day	Lake Mead NRA	Litter/Debris Cleanup		100+	Registration opens 8/3/07
Saturday, October 13 8:30 am – 1:00 pm	U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service	National Wildlife Refuge Week	National Wildlife Refuge (Decatur, approximately 5 miles north of 215)	Litter/Debris Cleanup	Minimum age – 18 yrs.	50	Registration opens 9/7/07
Saturday, October 27 8:00 am - 1:00 pm	Bureau of Land Management	Make a Difference Day	Red Rock Canyon NCA	Trail maintenance, litter clean-up, painting, and graffiti removal		200	Registration opens 9/7/07

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.

2008 Fall 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, Sept. 13 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	U.S Forest Service	National Public Lands Day	Spring Mountains NRA Mt Charleston	Seed Collection	Volunteers under 18 must have adult supervision	30
Saturday, Sept 27 8:30am – 12:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	National Public Lands Day	Red Rock Canyon NCA	Guzzler work/trail rehabilitation	Volunteers under 18 must have adult supervision	50
Saturday, Oct. 4, TBD	National Wildlife Refuge Week	U.S Fish and Wildlife Service		Hosting 5 bird count stations along the lake and guiding people to stations to ensure people to locations		
Saturday, Oct. 4 8:30 am – 12:00 pm	National Park Service	National Public Lands Day	Lake Mead NRA	Litter/Debris Clean-up	Volunteers under 18 must have adult supervision	50+
Saturday, Oct. 18	U.S Fish and Wildlife Service	National Public Lands Day	Ash Meadows			
Saturday, Nov. 15 8:30 -12:00pm	National Park Service	National Family Day	Lake Mead NRA		Volunteers under 18 must have adult supervision	

Saturday, Nov.15 8:30 -12:00pm	Bureau of Land Management	National Family Day	Red Rock Canyon NCA			