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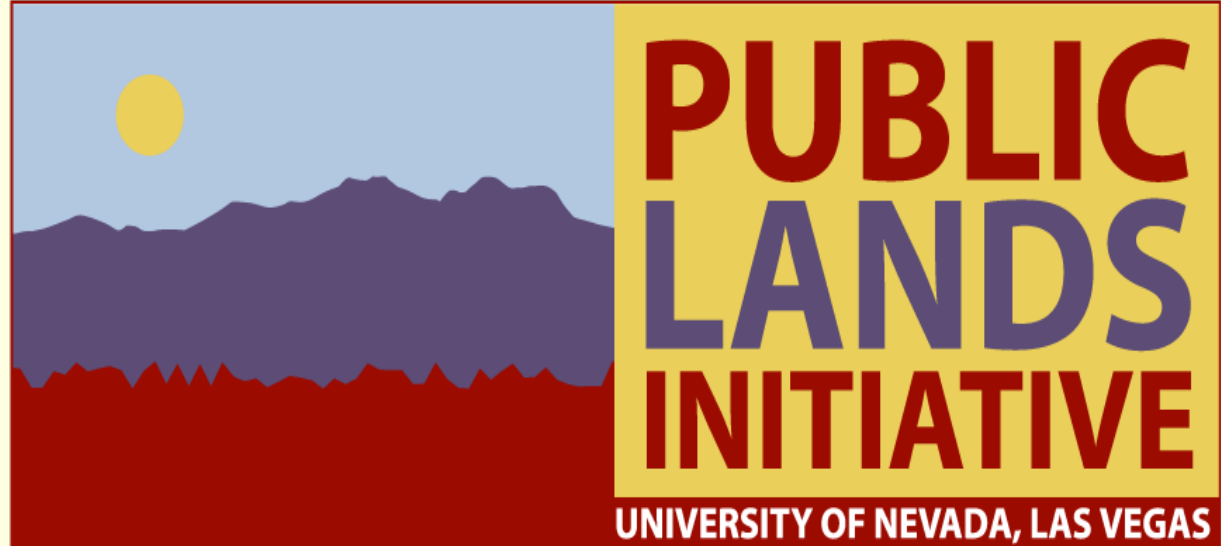
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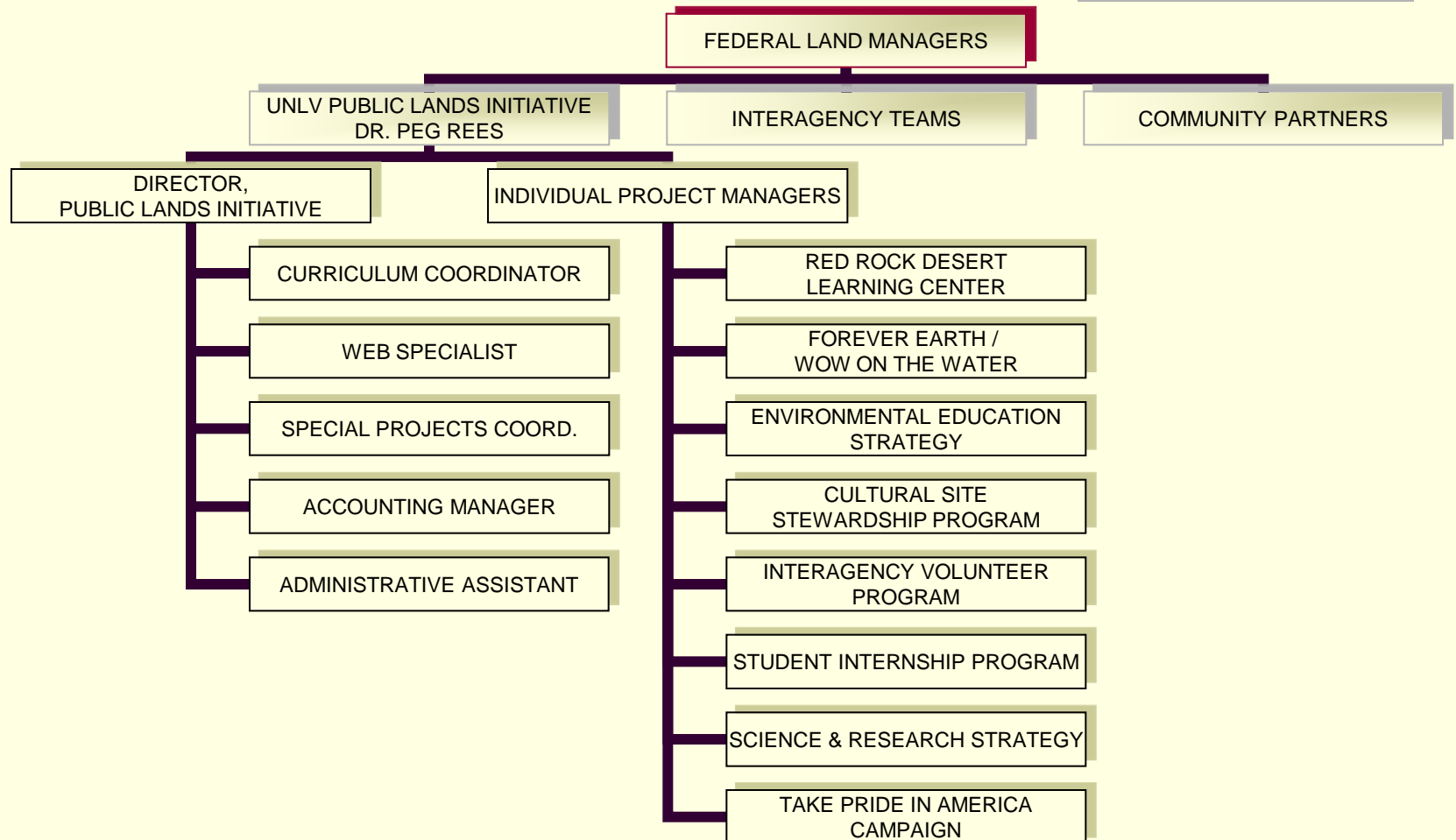
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UNLV Public Lands Partnership



UNLV Public Lands Initiative and SNPLMA

- University engages in selected SNPLMA projects as determined by the four federal agencies, which are:
 - Compatible with UNLV's mission.
 - Enhance education and research.
 - Draw upon expertise of faculty, staff, and students.
- Partnership began with Round 4 projects.

Current SNPLMA Projects

- Current UNLV Round 4 projects are:
 - Red Rock Desert Learning Center
 - Forever Earth Program
 - WOW on the Water Program
 - Environmental Education Strategy
 - Natural Resources Career Internship Program
 - Cultural Site Stewardship Program
 - Science and Research Strategy
 - Southern Nevada Take Pride In America Program
 - Interagency Volunteer Program

Red Rock Desert Learning Center: UNLV's Role

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

Red Rock Desert Learning Center: Status Report

- Environmental assessment is underway.
- Schematic designs completed December 2004.
- Science curriculum completed January 2005.
- Core curriculum currently under development.
- Communications plan in progress.
- Website has been launched.



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: Status Report

- Project manager hired – 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 through Outside Las Vegas Foundation.

WOW on the Water: UNLV's Role

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

WOW on the Water: Status Report

- Project manager hired – Daphne Sewing.
- 5 half-day activities created:
 - Bird-watching
 - Kayaking
 - Canoeing
 - Fishing
 - Art
- First event scheduled for March 23. Nine other events scheduled between April and June.
- Assessment instruments developed.

Outdoor Education Strategy: UNLV's Role

- Develop 5-year strategic plan for environmental and interpretive education on public lands and throughout Clark County.
- Integrate curricula and programs where desirable.
- Provide an integrated implementation plan for use in:
 - Visitor Centers
 - Educational programs
 - Interpretive programs
 - Outdoor venues
 - Interpretive trails
 - Museums

Outdoor Education Strategy: Status Report

- Project manager hired – Allison Brody.
- Educational themes established by Outside Las Vegas Environmental Education Committee.
- Meetings underway between project manager and community stakeholders and agency personnel.
- Survey of existing programs underway.
- Survey of audiences underway.

Student Internship Program: UNLV's Role

- Implement and manage a paid student internship program for high school juniors and seniors with the federal land management agencies.
- Target to ethnically diverse youth.
- Provide transportation to work sites, supervision, and uniforms.
- Encourage college attendance and future employment in natural resource management fields.

Student Internship Program: Status Report

- Program manager hired – Geannine Jordan.
- Internship forms and processes created.
- Students recruited, interviewed and hired.
- Graduate student hired as driver/supervisor.
- Internship experience began February 7 with BLM and Forest Service.
- Next rotation mid-April with National Park Service in Boulder City.

Cultural Site Stewardship Program: UNLV's Role

- Recruit and train site stewards.
- Create database of volunteers and site locations.
- Assign stewards to monitor and protect cultural and natural resources in Southern Nevada.
- Create integrated training program.
- Coordinate with Interagency Volunteer Program where appropriate.

Cultural Site Stewardship Program: Status Report

- Project manager hired – George Phillips.
- Database records loaded.
- Site information compiled.
- Training manual created.
- Incident report forms created.
- Site steward ID cards created.
- Meetings held with stakeholder groups.
- Orientation session held March 19.

Science and Research Strategy: UNLV's Role

- Coordinate partnerships among federal agencies and scientists/researchers.
- Facilitate development of strategic plan for science and research proposals.
- Provide written strategy for use by the federal agencies.
- Oversee process for review of proposals.
- STATUS: Search for project manager underway.

Take Pride in America Campaign

- Sponsor regular series of clean-ups on public lands.
- Develop anti-litter/desert dumping strategic plan for Southern Nevada public lands.
- Develop recycling plan.
- Conduct judicial review of littering fines and restitution.
- STATUS: Search for project manager underway.



Interagency Volunteer Program

UNLV's Role

- Develop an integrated volunteer database for all four public lands agencies in Southern Nevada.
- Develop common application forms.
- Develop a volunteer training program.
- Develop a program to reward volunteers.
- Help federal agencies implement volunteer events on public lands.



Interagency Volunteer Program: Status Report

- Project manager hired – Donna Grady.
- Interagency application forms created.
- Database software selected and records loaded.
- Website completed: getoutdoorsnevada.org
- First event held March 5, Great American Clean Up
- Future Events:
 - April 2, Red Rock Day
 - June 4, National Trails Day
 - September 24, National Public Lands Day



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