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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering July 1- September 30, 2008

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Executive Summary

- The number of records in the volunteer database increased 10% since June, 2008. The database now contains 5,706 records.
- Website activity decreased, recording an average of 48,361 hits per month, a decrease of 28% from last quarter, with an average of 4,925 pages viewed per month.
- Fall volunteer training has been scheduled.
- Fall events have been scheduled.

Summary of Attachments

- 2008 Fall event schedule
- 2008 Fall training schedule

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

- The Volgistics volunteer database is now populated with 5,706 records, representing an increase of 535 individuals since last quarter. (See *Figure 1* on next page).

Fig. 1

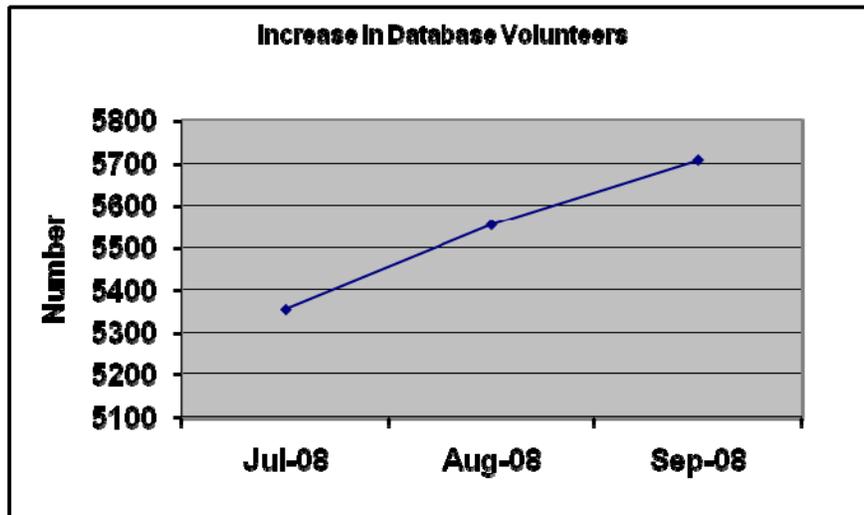


Fig. 1 above shows increase in number of records in the database of volunteers.

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

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

- An average of 48,361 hits per month, a decrease of 28%.
- An average of 4,925 pages viewed per month. (See Fig. 2 below.)

Fig. 2

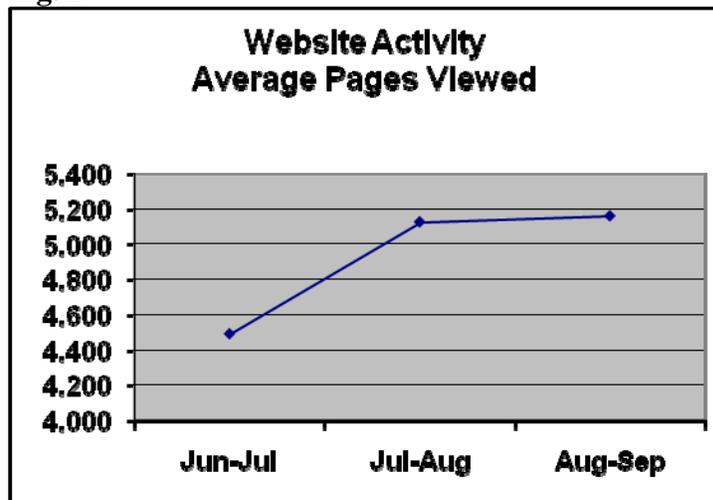


Fig. 2 illustrates activity on the Website.

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 Volunteer Recognition Banquet, 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.

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

One volunteer training was 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

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:

- UNLV Involvement Fair
- UNLV Harrah College of Hotel Administration Involvement- the IVP team and the students from the Hotel Administration Program have established a relationship to carry out the Interagency Volunteer Program Recognition Banquet. Students will help the IVP team plan and execute portions of the event. In turn, the students will receive academic credit as well as experience.

Additionally, we are developing a relationship with the Regional Transportation Commission to create a 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. The event will be hosted at the Renaissance Hotel. The IVP team is working in collaboration with the Harrah College of Hotel Administration to help plan and execute portions of the banquet. All awardees have been finalized. Invitations are being finalized and will be mailed out mid- September. The videographer and photographer have also been hired. We have contacted the TPIA office and have two leads for our guest speaker: (1) Doug Blankinship and (2) Secretary of the Interior, Dirk Kempthorne.

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