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ANNUAL PROGRESS REPORT

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Period Covering July 1, 2009 - June 30, 2010

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

Executive Summary

- From July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2010 the Volgistics database has increased the number of records from 6,226 to a total of 6,536 records at the end of this period.
- Website activity this year averaged 109,216 hits per month, with an average of 10,443 pages viewed per month.
- The team attended 14 community outreach events resulting in 2,588 direct contacts and 300 new mailing list records.
- The Interagency Volunteer Program (IVP) completed a total of 67 volunteer events contributing a total of 15,195 volunteer hours.
- A total of 131 volunteers completed orientations and trainings with the IVP.
- A total of 127 volunteers attended the recognition banquet.

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

- The Volgistics volunteer database is now populated with 6,536 records, representing an increase of 310 individuals from July 1, 2008.

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

Website activity tends to fluctuate depending on the time of year. Website averages for July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010 are as follows:

- An average of 109,216 hits per month.
- An average of 10,443 pages viewed per month.

Task 3. Evaluate and revise, as appropriate, Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for all areas of interagency volunteer management.

The Interagency Volunteer Team (IVP) met once each month to coordinate volunteer events, develop training agendas, establish recruitment strategies, plan the recognition event and coordinate support for other SNAP teams.

- As the need for operational volunteers increases; the IVP team re-examined their recruiting strategies which largely focused on attracting attendance to one-time volunteer events. The team decided to target their messaging campaign at recruiting volunteers to fill on-going positions.
- The operational volunteer recruitment began in the November, 2009 to prepare for the fall volunteer season. The following is a breakdown of the number of radio and print ads included in the media plan:

Medium	November	December
Public Radio	267 Spots	107 Spots
Country Radio	100 Spots	40 Spots
Review Journal	2 Print Ads	3 Print Ads
Rebel Yell	3 ½ Page Print Ads	
KNPR E-Blast	Reached up to 10,000 members	

- During Q2 the Interagency Volunteer Team (IVP) met four times, with its primary focus on the Volunteer Recognition Banquet, Make-A-Difference Day Events, and planning for spring events and training schedule.
- A four-hour volunteer assistant training workshop was created. In addition, an IVP Volunteer Assistant Training Manual was completed. IVP Volunteer Assistant Training workshop was held in February 2010.
- The IVP team filed a no-cost extension to SNPLMA. The team asked for an extension until 2013 with the understanding that the NPS and USFS would likely close out in 2012. This extension was approved by the SNAP board and has been sent to SNPLMA for review.
- The IVP team submitted a CESU extension with UNLV Public Lands Institute. The goal is to have the CESU extension mirror that of the SNPLMA extension request. The team will have the CESU request submitted by April 30, 2010.
- The IVP team revised and updated the Interagency Volunteer Team Standard Operating Procedures manual as needed.
- The IVP team started the initial stages of automating the volunteer orientation training class. PLI has contracted with the University of Nevada, Las Vegas Distance Education unit to complete this web-based, interactive training delivery system by December 31, 2010.

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

The IVP team continues to deliver the Get Outdoors Nevada electronic newsletter. The e-newsletter replaces the monthly text-only email updates, which all active volunteers and

mailing list recipients receive. It is a dynamic HTML based newsletter that is archived at the Get Outdoors Nevada blog spot, and accessible from the home page of the website. The newsletter compliments the website and contains the following sections:

- Upcoming events
- Current volunteer positions
- Current trainings
- A volunteer spotlight
- A list of work accomplished by volunteers in the previous month
- A safety tip
- A SNAP conservation project spotlight
- A desert ecosystem spotlight

The monthly newsletter continues to be well received. The newsletter is not only being sent to volunteers in the Volgistics database, it is also being forwarded to many other organizations. For example, the newsletter is now distributed to the City of Las Vegas, Bailey Middle School staff, faculty and students at UNLV, and to a number of Clark County commissioners.

Over the past two months GON email has received many compliments about the newsletter. It continues to be a great recruitment tool.

In addition, 14 community outreach events were attended. Staffed by the Public Lands Institute, these events are an opportunity to personally meet and recruit new people to volunteering with Get Outdoors Nevada. Table 1 contains a summary of the contacts made.

Table 1. Community Outreach Attendance April - June

Event Name	Number of Direct Contacts	Number added to Mailing List
Rebel Service Gives Back	52	15
New UNLV Staff/Faculty Fair	161	20
Conservation Outreach Event	534	40
Red Rock Visitor Center Grand Opening	176	47
Clark County Children's Festival	25	14
Party for the Planet 2010	237	25
Barrick Museum	232	0
Live Well, Go Green	558	0
USFS Spring Cleaning	83	43
Neighborhood	110	11

Sustainability Day		
Henderson National Trails Day	289	65
CMG Vision 2010	22	8
Make A Difference Day	79	12
Cadwallader MS	30	0
Totals	2,588	300

Table 1 shows the number of contacts made at community outreach events and the mailing list sign ups that resulted from these contacts.

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

The Interagency Volunteer Program (IVP) supported a number of SNAP teams in a variety of ways (i.e., recruiting, staffing, and advertising). In their efforts, IVP supported a total of 67 volunteer events, wherein volunteers contributed a total of 15,195 volunteer hours.

The following is a compilation of all volunteer events from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010:

Spring Mountain Sweep the Peak Monthly Event

July 11, 2009 - Spring Mountains - USFS

A total of 32 volunteers helped the USFS remove 63 bags of trash from a fuel reduction area in Lee Canyon.

Spring Mountain Sweep the Peak Monthly Event

August 8, 2009 - Spring Mountains – USFS

A total of 21 volunteers removed 150 pounds of trash from the Hilltop Road area in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

National Public Lands Day

September 12, 2009 - Spring Mountains National Recreation Area - USFS

The United States Forest Service celebrated National Public Lands Day a few days early. 28 volunteers collected six lbs. of wax currant seeds and 1.5 lbs of nodding brome seed heads

Spring Mountain Sweep the Peak Monthly Event

September 19, 2009 – Spring Mountains – USFS

A total of 19 volunteers removed 800 pounds of trash from the Harris Springs Road area in the Spring Mountains National Recreation Area

Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) Clean-Up

September 19, 2009 - Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) – North End of Decatur Rd. Las

Vegas - BLM

Bureau of Land Management continued their clean-up efforts at the Conservation Transfer Area (CTA) located on the north end of Decatur Rd. in Las Vegas where 23 volunteers cleaned up 85 cubic yards of household as well as construction debris.

National Public Lands Day - Boulder Harbor

September 26, 2009 - Lake Mead National Recreation Area - NPS

As a part of National Public Lands Day, 94 volunteers picked up 18 cubic yards of trash and debris from the area, plus 1200 lbs of glass in three hours.

National Public Lands Day - Gold Butte

September 26, 2009 - Gold Butte -Falling Man - BLM

BLM held an event in partnership with the Friends of Gold Butte in the Gold Butte Area of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC). There were 40 volunteers whom split into three groups. Within four hours, one group had planted approximately 50 Creosote and Mormon Tea seedlings and transplanted 30 Barrel Cacti and Beavertail Cacti. Another group had built a 300 foot hiking trail that leads into a popular hiking area. The last group had installed 300 feet of split rail fence around a new parking area at the trail head.

National Public Lands Day – Red Rock Canyon

September 26, 2009 - Red Rock Canyon - BLM

In partnership, BLM and Friends of Red Rock, completed a goal of eradicating unauthorized OHV trails. Ten routes were visibly eliminated. The eradication efforts covered approximately 1.5 miles and consisted of vertical mulching, installing Carsonite signage as well as installing physical barriers. Two youth groups and several adult groups collected trash from multiple areas – these efforts filled a large Republic Services dumpster with building refuse, what appeared to be parts of a boat, bedsprings, computer components and a great deal of trash

National Public Lands Day – Ash Meadows

September 26, 2009 - Ash Meadows - USFWS

In celebration of National Public Lands Day the US Fish and Wildlife Service conduct a planting at Ash Meadows. A total of 24 volunteers planted approximately 500 Alkali sacaton plants.

National Public Lands Day – Jean Dry Lake Area

September 26, 2009 - Jean Dry Lake Area - BLM

In recognition and celebration of National Public Lands Day the Bureau of Land Management worked with Boy Scout Troop 949 and the Nevada Rangers Shooting Club and conducted a large scale clean-up at the Jean Dry Lake Area. This area is riddled with spent shotgun casings and shot up debris (i.e., Jacuzzi tub, wood, household items). They were able to clean three shoot sites and removed 80 cubic yards of debris.

National Public Lands Day – Alan Bible Visitor Center

September 26, 2009 - Alan Bible Visitor Center (ABVC) - NPS

With the help of 6 volunteers, the group began by removing rocks and vegetation. Once that was complete the 15 year old liner was removed. Once everything was removed

from the 19 x 15 foot pond, the volunteers laid the new liner down and began filling the pond. The line held the water. Plants were replaced and then the rocks rolled back into to their new home. Volunteers successfully completed the project in 4 hours.

Sloan Canyon Clean-Up

October 1, 2009 – Sloan Canyon – BLM

A total of 16 volunteers helped the BLM remove 35 cubic yards of trash from the surrounding areas in Sloan Canyon.

Sunrise Mountain Clean-Up

October 3, 2009 - Sunrise Mountain – BLM

Seven volunteers removed 35 cubic yards of trash, including landscape and household trash debris from the Sunrise Mountain area.

Great Unconformity Clean-Up

October 8, 2009 – Great Unconformity – BLM

A total of 27 volunteers, including 24 Bailey Middle School students, removed 2 cubic yards of trash from the Great Unconformity area.

Get Out and Stay Out Event

October 10, 2009 - Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge – USFWS

Eight volunteers planted over 200 native plant plugs in the Pahrnagat National Wildlife Refuge.

Hollywood Blvd. and Alto Avenue Clean-Up

October 16, 2009 – Hollywood Blvd. and Alto Avenue Area -BLM

A total of 35 Windemere employees removed 35 cubic yards of trash from the neighborhood areas of Hollywood Blvd. and Alto Avenue.

Sandy Valley Community Clean Up

October 17, 2009 – Sandy Valley - BLM

A total of 30 Volunteers removed 238 cubic yards of trash from the Sand Valley area.

Summerlin Clean Up

October 17, 2009 - Summerlin Area - BLM

As a part of a joint effort between Get Outdoors Nevada, the Bureau of Land Management and the Howard Hughes Corporation- over 200 volunteers with the media present worked to remove trash from the area.

Six Mile Cove Clean Up

October 24, 2009 – Six Mile Cove - NPS

A total of 17 volunteers removed 48 bags of trash and 4 buckets of glass from the Six Mile Cove beach area.

Make A Difference Day – Red Rock Canyon

October 24, 2009 - Red Rock Canyon – BLM

Over 430 volunteers worked to complete a series of designated goals including tree plantings, graffiti removal, painting (curbs, sidewalks, and bathrooms), seed ball making, invasive species removal, vegetation trimming, fence repair/removal, rebuilt steps and retaining walls, sanded and sealed boardwalks, trail rehabilitation and delineation, and repairs to Oliver Ranch.

5th Annual Interagency Volunteer Recognition Banquet

October 31, 2009 – SNAP Team

A total of 127 volunteers attended in the fifth Annual Interagency Volunteer celebration.

Callville Bay – Lake Mead National Recreational Area

November 14, 2009 – Lake Mead NRA- NPS

A total of 137 Volunteers removed 40 cubic yards of trash from the Callville Bay area of Lake Mead.

Native Seed Planting – Ash Meadows NWR

November 14, 2009 – Ash Meadows NWR - USFWS

A total of 65 Volunteers planted almost 500 Leather Leaf Ash Tree seedlings.

Kiwanis Club Clean-Up – Red Rock Canyon NCA

November 14, 2009 – Red Rock Canyon NCA - NPS

A total of 21 volunteers worked to remove trash from the West Cheyenne, NW Red Rock Canyon NCA area.

St. Thomas – Clean-Up

November 21, 2009 – St. Thomas, Lake Mead NRA - NPS

A total of 30 volunteers removed 900 pounds of garbage from the area.

Duck Creek Detention Basin- Clean-Up

November 21, 2009 – Duck Creek Basin/ Starr Hills - BLM

A total of 26 volunteers removed 120 cubic yards of trash from the Duck Creek Detention Basin area.

Great Unconformity – Clean-Up

December 3, 2009 – Moccasin Road Area - BLM

A total of 63 Volunteers, including 60 Bailey Middle School students, removed 2 cubic yards of debris from the Great Unconformity area.

Moccasin Road – Clean-Up

December 12, 2009 – Moccasin Road Area - BLM

A total of 15 Volunteers removed 140 cubic yards of debris from the Moccasin Road area.

Red Rock Christmas Bird

December 19, 2009 – Moccasin Road Area - BLM

A total of 13 Volunteers covered eleven sites within the NCA and accounted for forty-five species with a total of 308 individual birds sighted and identified.

Lovell Canyon – Clean-Up

January 6, 2010 - Lovell Canyon Spring Mountains NRA– U.S. Forest Service
The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 16 volunteers for a clean-up event in the Spring Mountains NRA. Volunteers contributed 127 hours and restored part of Lovell Canyon Rainbow Mt. Wilderness. Volunteers also restored 2 campsites and removed 17 buckets of glass, 1 couch, and 2 water coolers. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Quarterhorse and Torino Clean-Up

January 9, 2010 - Bureau of Land Management
The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit five volunteers for a litter clean-up near the intersection of Quarterhorse Lane and Torino in the Southwest part of Las Vegas. Volunteers contributed 25 hours and removed over 35 Cubic Yards of trash including couches, landscape debris, other furniture and household trash. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Westside of Spring Mountains Clean-up

January 16, 2010 - Spring Mountains NRA- U.S. Forest Service
The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 33 volunteers for a clean-up event to help restore a portion of Lovell Canyon. Volunteers contributed 259 hours and removed 12 buckets of glass, 1 broken chair, 43 bags of trash, 2 TV sets, and 3 sheets of OSB panels and other construction materials. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Eagle Home School Group Clean-up and Restoration Event

January 29, 2010 - Corn Creek, Desert National Wildlife Refuge - U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 15 volunteers for a clean-up and restoration event near Corn Creek. Volunteers contributed 60 hours to cut dense cattail from 20 linear feet of stream channel and Remove 7 cubic yards of un-compacted brush from the grounds around Corn Creek. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state to be enjoyed by all.

Lovell Canyon Clean-Up

January 30, 2010 - Spring Mountains NRA– U.S. Forest Service
The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 10 volunteers for a clean-up event in the Spring Mountains NRA. Volunteers contributed 60 hours and restored over 4,000 square feet of wilderness part of Lovell Canyon Rainbow Mt. Wilderness. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Great Unconformity Clean-Up

February 4, 2010 - Frenchman Mountain – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to support a clean-up event at the Great Unconformity. A total of 42 Bailey Middle School students contributed 245 hours and removed 10 cubic yards of trash during an educational field trip to the Great Unconformity. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant geological site to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Lake Mead NRA Fence Restoration

February 6, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit eight volunteers for a restoration event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 36 hours and mended 200 linear feet of fence in order to keep OHV from a sensitive cultural area. Volunteers also removed 75 pounds of debris from the surrounding area. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Placer Cove Clean-Up

February 13, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 32 volunteers for a clean-up event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 128 hours and removed 2,500 pounds of garbage from in and out of the water. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Lovell Canyon Route Restoration

February 20, 2010 - Spring Mountains NRA– U.S. Forest Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit six volunteers for a restoration event at two different locations in the Spring Mountains NRA. Volunteers contributed 48 hours and restored over 237 linear feet of route in the Rainbow Mt Wilderness area and 128 linear feet of route in the La Madre Wilderness area for a total of 627 square feet. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Mountains Edge Community Clean-Up

February 22, 2010 - Mountains Edge– Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 65 volunteers for a litter clean-up. Volunteers contributed 445 hours and removed debris from five vacant parcels in the Mountains Edge Community. Volunteers removed approximately 140 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Stewart's Point Clean-Up

February 27, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 53 volunteers for a cleanup event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 162 hours and removed 13 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Ash Meadows Restoration Event

February 27, 2010 - Ash Meadows National Wildlife Refuge– U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 21 volunteers for a habitat restoration event in the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge Area. Volunteers contributed 105 hours and removed 300 cubic yards of cattails from the area. The removal of this species provides opportunities for other native species to re-vegetate the area, increasing biodiversity of the refuge. The efforts put forth by the volunteers improved the pupfish habitat and helped to secure the ecological health of the outflow of the Kings Pool.

Sloan Canyon Clean-Up

March 6, 2010 - Sloan Canyon NCA– Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit six volunteers for a litter cleanup. Volunteers contributed 18 hours and removed 8.56 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant conservation area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Great American Clean-Up

March 6, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 117 volunteers for a cleanup event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 468 hours and removed 1,200 pounds of glass and more than 5,200 pounds of garbage. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Greenway and Ray Clean-Up

March 13, 2010 - Greenway and Ray– Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 67 volunteers for a litter cleanup at the intersection of Greenway and Ray Road. Volunteers contributed 201 hours and removed 56 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Las Vegas Boat Harbor and Eco Dive Clean-Up

March 13, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 85 volunteers for a clean-up event

in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 340 hours and removed 1,500 pounds of garbage and 500 pounds of glass and metal. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Save the Desert Eco Walk

March 13, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 113 volunteers for a clean-up event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 452 hours and removed 40 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

Lasell College

March 16, 2010 - Sunrise Mountain– Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 12 volunteers for a clean-up event near Sunrise Mountain. Volunteers contributed 60 hours and removed 8 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

River Mountain Loop Clean-Up

March 20, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 48 adult and 133 youth volunteers for a cleanup event on Lake Mead NRA land. The 181 volunteers removed 100 cubic yards of debris.

Fairbanks Native Fish Translocation

March 24, 27, & 28, 2010 - Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge– U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program promoted and recruited 44 volunteers for a 3-day habitat restoration event at the Ash Meadows Wildlife Refuge Area. Volunteers contributed 289 hours to assist staff in the transfer of 3,150 native Amargosa Pupfish, and 12,000 endemic snails from an old to newly dug channel for Fairbanks Spring. In the process they also removed 2,710 invasive crayfish. The efforts put forth by the volunteers improved the pupfish habitat and helped to secure the ecological health of the outflow of the Kings Pool.

Protectors of Tule Springs Great American Clean-up

March 27, 2010 - CTA Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 69 volunteers for a litter clean-up at the intersection of Greenway and Ray Road. Volunteers contributed 276 hours and removed 90 cubic yards of trash and debris. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant area to be restored back to its well-kept state.

6 Mile Cove Clean-Up

March 27, 2010 - Lake Mead NRA– National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) to promote and recruit 38 volunteers for a clean-up event in the Lake Mead NRA. Volunteers contributed 152 hours and removed 22 cubic yards of trash. The efforts put forth by the volunteers allowed this significant Recreational area to be restored back to its well-kept state. Participating groups included Wells Fargo, Beta Alpha Psi, Chapparral High School (Las Vegas), Clark County Dept of Juvenile Justice.

Great Unconformity Clean-Up

April 8, 2010 – Great Unconformity, Frenchman Mountain – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management with their Great Unconformity Clean-up event. The IVP program provided trash bags, water, and other supplies for this event as well as recruited 64 student volunteers from Bailey Middle School. Students contributed 256 hours learning about and helping to restore this area of geologic wonder. Students removed two cubic yards of broken glass from the area.

End of Horizon Ridge Parkway Clean-Up

April 10, 2010 – Horizon Ridge Parkway – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management to recruit 34 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 102 hours and removed 55 cubic yards of trash and debris from the area.

Fairbanks Native Planting

April 10, 2010—Fairbanks Springs – U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted the Fish and Wildlife Service to recruit 12 volunteers to help with a re-vegetation project. Volunteers contributed 83 hours and planted 300 1-gallon pots of native grasses, ash trees, and aquatic plants adjacent to the newly restored Fairbanks spring outwash channel.

Earth Day Beach and Eco Dive Clean-Up

April 17, 2010—Lake Mead NRA- National Park Service

The interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the National Park Service to recruit 63 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 315 hours of service and removed 1,200 lbs. of trash and litter from the beach area.

Earth Day

April 22-24, 2010 – Hollywood and Alto Residential Area – Bureau of Land Management

The IVP team collaborated with the Take Pride Interagency Program (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management on this event. The IVP team helped to recruit 131 volunteers for this three day event. Over the three days the 131 volunteers contributed 524 hours and removed 315 cubic yards of debris and litter from this area.

Red Rock Days Clean-Up

May 1, 2010 – Red Rock Canyon NCA – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management to recruit 50 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 250 hours and removed 50 cubic yards of trash from this conservation area.

Great Unconformity Clean-Up

May 6, 2010 – Great Unconformity – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management to recruit 50 student volunteers from Bailey Middle School. Students contributed 200 hours learning about and helping to restore this area of geologic wonder. Students removed two cubic yards of broken glass from the area.

West Ann Road Clean-Up

May 15, 2010 – West Ann Road – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the Bureau of Land Management to recruit 33 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 165 hours and removed 32 cubic yards of trash and debris from the area.

Wasp Seed Collection Event

May 15, 2010 – Lake Mead NRA – National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted in recruiting 10 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 30 hours of collecting native brittlebush seeds at Lake Mead NRA. The 10 volunteers collected 60 gallons of seed around the native plant nursery.

Spring Cleaning Clean Up

May 15, 2010– Spring Mountains NRA – U.S. Forest Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the U.S. Forest Service and recruited 310 volunteers, provided the Don't Trash Work Trailer, and helped staff the event with two UNLV PLI employees. Volunteers contributed 1,240 hours and removed 5,200 lbs. of trash for several Spring Mountains locales.

Wasp Seed Collection Event

May 22, 2010 – Lake Mead NRA – National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted in recruiting 12 volunteers for this event. Two volunteers were no shows and two volunteers dropped-in. Volunteers contributed 36 hours and collected six gallons of sweet brush at Lake Mead NRA.

International Migratory Bird Day

May 22, 2010 – Pahrnagat NWR– U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted with the recruitment of volunteers for this restoration event. Thirty-five volunteers contributed 30 hours and created nine nesting boxes that were installed at various locations around Upper Pahrnagat Lake.

Las Vegas Blvd. and Agate Road Clean-Up

May 22, 2010 – Las Vegas Blvd and Agate Rd Residential Area – Bureau of Land Management

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management with this clean-up by recruiting 35 volunteers. Volunteers contributed 231 hours and removed 90 cubic yards of debris from a vacant BLM parcel adjacent to a residential area.

Wasp Seed Collection Event

June 5, 2010 – Lake Mead NRA – National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted in recruiting eight volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 24 hours and collected 85 gallons of Sweet Brush and Bursage Seeds.

National Trails Day Clean-Up and Restoration Event

June 5, 2010 – Spring Mountains NRA– U.S. Forest Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program recruited 26 volunteers for the U.S. Forest Service Sponsored National Trails Day event. Volunteers contributed 104 hours restoring, building, and maintaining trails at Sawmill Trailhead. Volunteers also removed two cubic yards of litter from the area.

Wasp Seed Collection Event

June 12, 2010 – Lake Mead NRA – National Park Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program assisted in recruiting volunteers for this event. This event was cancelled because no volunteers signed-up.

North Las Vegas Wash Mud Dune/ Corn Creek Clean-Up

June 26, 2010 – North Las Vegas – Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service

The Interagency Volunteer Program collaborated with the SNAP Anti-litter and Desert Dumping team (Don't Trash Nevada) and the Bureau of Land Management and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service by recruiting 6 volunteers for this event. Volunteers contributed 24 hours and removed 36 cubic yards of debris from this heavily trashed area.

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

Volunteer training sessions composed of numerous educational events are offered three times each year: fall, winter and spring. The IVP team completed a total of 15 successful training events. The trainings are as follows:

- 3 volunteers attended the GPS training on September 8, 2009 event
- 4 volunteers attended the tortoise information session on September 16, 2009 event
- 5 volunteer completed the Graffiti Removal training on October 16, 2009
- 10 volunteers completed the Bird count training on October 15, 2009
- 2 volunteers completed the Map and Compass training on October 29, 2009

- 10 volunteers completed the First Aid and CPR training on November 7, 2009
- 28 volunteers completed the Flower Identification training on November 12, 2009
- 8 volunteers completed the First Aid and CPR training on November 4, 2009
- 8 volunteers completed the Volunteer Assistant Training on February 1, 2010.
- 9 volunteers completed the First Aid and CPR training on February 20, 2010.
- 20 volunteers completed the First Aid and CPR training on April 10, 2010
- 3 volunteers attended the Bird Identification training on April 17, 2010
- 6 volunteers attended the Graffiti Removal training on April 17, 2010
- 8 volunteers attended the Reptile training on May 1, 2010
- 7 volunteers attended the Flower Identification training on June 12, 2010

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 included the following:

- UNLV PLI Graduate Assistant presented an overview of GON to station casinos.
- Examined possibilities of service learning grants.
- GON Project Manager presented GON opportunities to five UNLV classes.
- GON events are cross-listed on the Volunteer Center of Nevada website.

The IVP project manager has been searching for appropriate donations and grants to help support and sustain the program. While no grants have been identified, small donations from community organizations have helped offset some minor costs. The following is a list of the donations received:

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| • Costco, Centennial | \$25 gift card |
| • Trader Joes, Summerlin | 1 case of water, 1 bag oranges, 1 bag apples |
| • Whole Foods, Ft. Apache | 6 coolers |

The IVP project manager and the IVP team lead have submitted a time only extension to SNPLMA.

In addition, the IVP team lead, on behalf of the IVP team, has requested a one year CESU extension with UNLV PLI.

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

The Volunteer Recognition Banquet was held on October 31, 2009 with 127 volunteers in attendance. Dancers and a storyteller from the Pauite nation were contracted to perform, and five awards distributed during the ceremony. The banquet will also be highlighted in the November/December issue of the Get Outdoors Nevada newsletter.

The team discussed their successes, lessons learned, and plans for future volunteer recognition events. Get Outdoors Nevada staff have started developing a list of options

with different price points. This will be presented to the IVP team in January or February 2010.

During volunteer appreciation week (April 19-25, 2010) the IVP team hosted their first annual *Volunteer Appreciation Ice Cream Social*. The Ice Cream Social was held at the Lake Mead Water Safety Training Building on April 30, 2010 from 6-8pm.

Accomplished local artist Sharon Schafer presented "The Art of Nature: Images of Southern Nevada". The IVP team reviewed the lessons learned and successes of this event and has decided to host future ice cream socials as a means to recognize volunteers.

SNAP team leads, agency volunteer coordinators, and staff have been sent volunteer award nominations to be returned by close of business, August 27, 2010. The IVP team will make selections of Volunteer recognition award winners on September 9, 2010.

Initial planning for the October 2010 Volunteer Recognition banquet has begun. The banquet will be held at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas on October 16, 2010. Subsequent planning for the banquet will continue throughout the next quarter. Alternative places to hold the banquet have been presented and the team has tentatively agreed to hold the next banquet at UNLV.

Discussions started regarding another bus tour. This bus tour provides volunteers with a chance to interact and learn from SNAP personnel they may otherwise not have a chance to meet. This training is a popular recognition and retention tool providing volunteers with enhanced opportunities to feel part of the federal land management team. The team has also started discussions about alternative bus tours. For instance, instead of the traditional bus tour, the idea of bringing a group down the Black Canyon was suggested. All bus tour planning is in the formative stages.

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