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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering October 1, 2010 to December 31, 2010

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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 decreased by 1.17% over the last quarter. The database now contains 6,534 records.
- Results show an average of 836 visits per month, with an average of 2,081 pages viewed per month.
- Get Outdoors Nevada supported nineteen volunteer events in a variety of ways. These events utilized 1,225 volunteers whom contributed 6,921 hours of service.
- Volunteer fall training has been completed with 61 volunteers attending 3 trainings.
- Fall training has been completed.
- Spring training scheduling is underway.
- Volunteer Orientation Training Automation is scheduled to be completed in February.
- One hundred and thirty-four people attended the Volunteer Recognition Event.

Summary of Attachments

IVP team meeting agendas

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

The Volgistics volunteer database is now populated with 6,534 records. (*See Figure 1*). The number of volunteers in the database decreased by 1.17% over the quarter and can be attributed to the database being purged in October 2010, archiving records that have had no activity in the past two years. This year we removed 1,716 records. However, there has been an increase of 1.06% from October to December 2010.

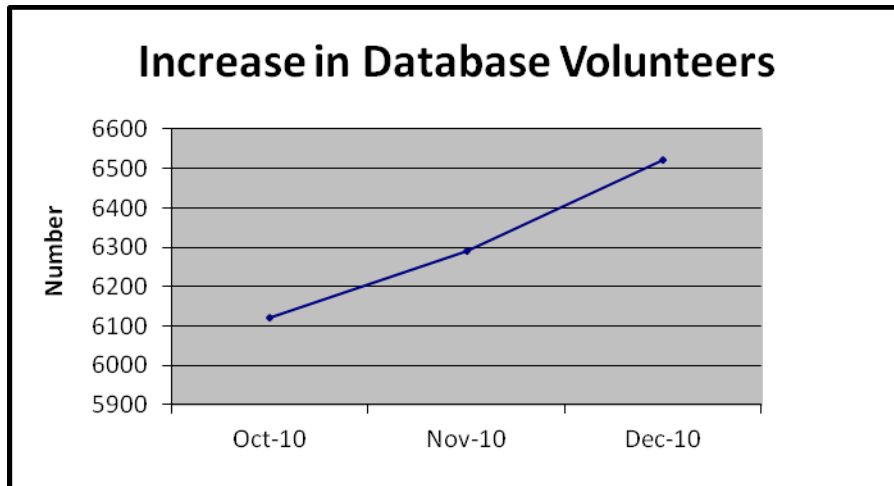


Fig. 1 above shows the number of records in the database of volunteers.

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

The new tracking method continues to provide a more in depth look at the IVP Website. Results are as follows:

Table 1. Number of Website Visits

Period	Number of visits	Number of page views	Average time spent on site	First time visits
October 1, 2010- October 31, 2010	1,188	2,936	00:01:57	55.30%
November 1, 2010- November 30, 2010	661	1,730	00:01:51	57.49%
December 1, 2010-December 31, 2010	660	1,579	00:01:22	53.64%

Table 1 shows the number of visits to the website, pages viewed, time spent and first time visitors.

- An average of 836 server requests per month, a decrease of 4.7% over the average for last quarter.
- An average of 2,081 pages viewed per month, a decrease of 5% over the average for the previous quarter. (See Fig. 2 below.)

The resulting decrease of server requests and page views may be attributed to the decrease in the number of newsletters sent out this quarter.

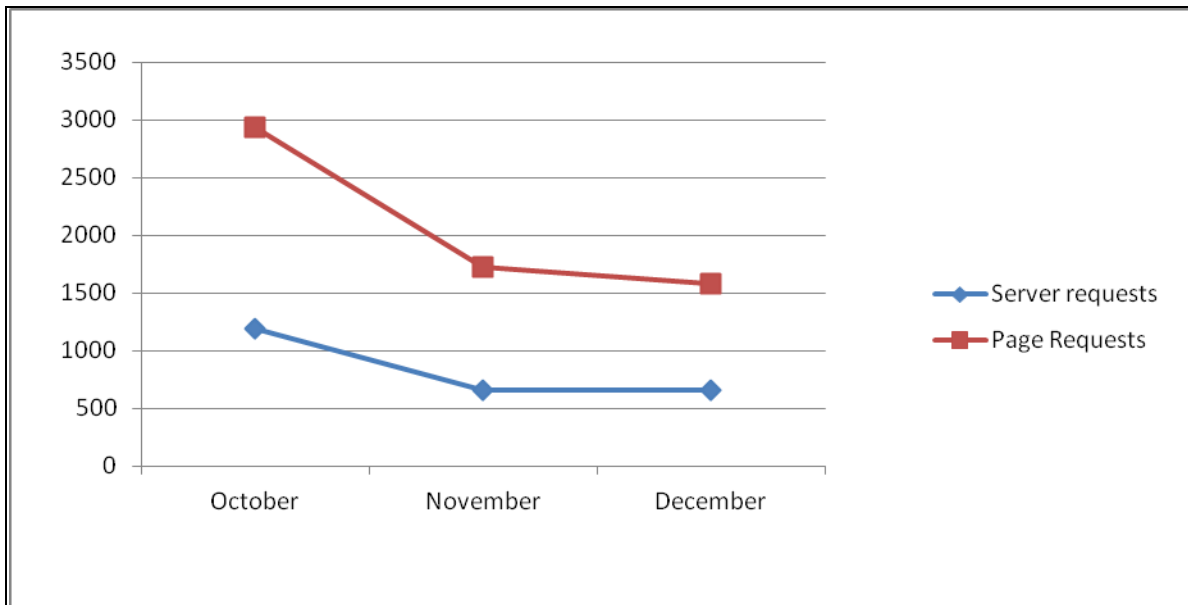


Fig. 2 Get Outdoors Nevada Website Activity

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

The Interagency Volunteer Team (IVP) met three times during the quarter, with its primary focus on volunteer orientation automation, Make-A-Difference Day events, and planning for spring events and training schedule. The volunteer Orientation Automation Project is on task to be completed in February 2011.

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

The IVP team continues to create and send out a monthly newsletter, which includes information on how to volunteer for upcoming volunteer opportunities. These opportunities include episodic volunteer opportunities, as well as operation volunteer opportunities. The IVP team also continues to recruit volunteers through *volunteer.gov* and their own agency websites.

Two 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 2 contains a summary of the contacts made.

Table 2. Community Outreach Attendance October-December 2010

Event Name	Number of Direct Contacts	Number added to Mailing List
Volunteer Recognition Banquet	134	
National Trails Day	534	62

In addition, the IVP team supported 19 volunteer events. Table 3 below highlights the number of volunteers recruited through Get Outdoors Nevada as well as the number of volunteers attending

the events. For many of the events in which attendance was greater than the number of volunteers registered through Get Outdoors Nevada reflects additional recruitment efforts by the four agencies.

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

The IVP team continues to work with other SNAP teams to provide logistical support for volunteer events. The Public Lands Institute provided support for the following events which are summarized in Table 3 below.

Moapa Valley NWR Tidy-up

October 2, 2010-Moapa Valley NWR- USFWS

Fourteen volunteers cleared three acres of construction debris, dead plant matter, and weeds.

Upper Lake Seed Sowing

October 9, 2010- Pahrangat NWR- USFWS

Two volunteers hand-tilled and planted native seeds about ½ acre of Upper Lake bank.

Cottonwood Cove Beach Clean-Up and Eco-Drive

October 9, 2010- Cottonwood Cove-NPS

A total of 223 volunteers participated.

**Recruitment through getoutdoorsnevada.org and newsletter, reservations taken by NPS.

Bridging America – Celebration Event

October 14 and 16, 2010- NPS

Over 600 volunteers donated approximately 4000 hours.

**Various recruitment methods used by NPS, including getoutdoorsnevada.org and newsletter, all reservations taken by NPS.

Birdsong rail Construction

October 23, 2010 – Corn Creek – USFWS

A total of 34 volunteers completed the construction of 1300 feet of trail.

Fairbanks Native Planting

October 23, 2010 – Ash Meadows – USFWS

Eleven volunteers planted 212 - 1 gallon plants along 500 feet of the Fairbanks outwash channel.

Step Ladder

October 23, 2010 – Middle Kyle – USFS

Three volunteers finished the project of establishing 75 ft. of out-slope of tread, contouring backslope, etc.

Sunrise Mountain Clean Up

October 25– Sunrise Mountain – BLM

Seventeen volunteers removed 250 cubic yards of trash

Las Vegas Boat Harbor Clean-up & Eco-Dive

October 30, 2010- NPS

Thirty volunteers donated 120 hours.

**Recruitment through getoutdoorsnevada.org and newsletter, reservations taken by NPS.

Make a Difference Day

October 30, 2010- Red Rock Canyon- BLM

A total of 109 volunteers contributed 606 hours completing 8 projects including; painting kiosks, replacing signs spreading landscaping stones, building concrete pads for BBQ's, planting native vegetation, repairing ¼ mile of trails at Red Springs, ½ mile of trail at Turtle Head Peak Trail, and ¼ mile of trail around the fee station.

Birdsong Trail Construction

October 30, 2010 – Corn Creek - USFWS

Fourteen volunteers completed the construction of 1000 feet of trail.

Sloan Canyon – Clean Up

November 5, 2010 – Sloan Canyon- BLM

A total of 6 Volunteers worked with NDOT and Southwest tactical to remove 140 cubic yards of trash from the shooting area of Sloan Canyon.

Sloan Canyon- Clean Up

November 6, 2010 – Sloan Canyon- BLM

Nine volunteers removed 100 cubic yards of trash from the shooting area of Sloan Canyon.

Cattail Cutting

November 6, 2010– Ash Meadows-USFWS

This event was cancelled. Not enough people signed up.

Birdsong Trail Construction

November 6, 2010- Corn Creek- BLM

A total of 34 volunteers completed the construction of 1200 feet of trail.

America Recycles Day

November 13, 2010- Lake Mead NRA- NPS

Callville Bay Marina

Forty volunteers donated 160 hours.

**Recruitment through getoutdoorsnevada.org and newsletter, reservations taken by NPS.

Weed Removal and Plant

November 20, 2010- Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge- USFWS

A total of 35 volunteers removed thousands of palm tree sprouts and cleared 1/3 of an acre of overgrown weeds. Two large empty planters were filled with soil and planted with native species.

Stewardship Saturday

December 4, 2010- Ash Meadows- USFWS

Fourteen volunteers cleared about 200 feet of overgrown vegetation along the Crystal stream channel.

Lovell Canyon Clean-Up

December 11, 2010- Lovell Canyon-USFS

Schylar Brown and members from troop # 624, along with two volunteers from Get Outdoors Nevada removed 35 cubic yards of debris from a shooting area off of Lovell Canyon road

Bailey Middle School Field Trip

December 14, 2010- The Great Unconformity- BLM

A total of 28 Bailey Middle School students cleaned up 10 cubic yards of trash as part of a service-learning based field trip to the Great Unconformity

Table 3. 2010 IVP Volunteer Events – October - December 2010

Date	Agency	Location	Nature of Work	Number of Volunteers	Accomplishments	Total Volunteer Hours
10/02/2010	USFWS	Moapa Valley NWR	Tidy-up	14	3 acres construction, dead plant matter, and weeds were removed.	70
10/09/2010	USFWS	Pahranagat NWR	Planting	2	About ½ acre of Upper Lake bank was hand-tilled and planted with native seeds.	13
10/09/2010	NPS	Cottonwood Cove	Clean-Up and Eco Drive	223		892
10/14&16/2010	NPS		Celebration Event	600		4000
10/23/2010	USFWS	Corn Creek	Trail Building	34	Volunteers completed the construction of 1300 feet of trail.	190
10/23/2010	USFWS	Ash Meadows	Native Seed Planting	11	212 - 1 gallon plants were planted along 500 feet of the Fairbanks outwash channel.	74
10/23/2010	FS	Middle Kyle	Trail Building	3	finished the project of establishing 75 ft. of out-slope of	18

					tread, contouring backslope ,etc.	
10/25/2010	BLM	Sunrise Mountain	Sunrise Mountain Clean Up	17	250 cubic yards of trash removed.	40
10/30/2010	BLM	Red Rock Canyon- Make a Difference Day	Trail Construction	109 27 ages 5-12 82 ages 16+	8 projects were completed, including; painting kiosks, replacing signs spreading landscaping stones, building concrete pads for BBQ's, planting native vegetation, repairing ¼ mile of trails at Red Springs, ½ mile of trail at Turtle Head Peak Trail, and ¼ mile of trail around the fee station.	606
10/30/2010	USFWS	Corn Creek	Trail Construction	14	Completed the construction of 1000 feet of trail.	70
10/30/2010	NPS	Las Vegas Boat Harbor	Clean-Up and Eco-Drive	30		120
11/05/2010	BLM	Sloan Canyon	Clean Up	6	140 cubic yards of trash removed. One boat removed.	30
11/06/2010	BLM	Sloan Canyon	Clean Up	9	100 Cubic yards of trash removed.	45
11/06/2010	USFWS	Corn Creek	Trail Construction	34	Completed the construction of 1200 feet of trail.	174

11/13/2010	NPS	Lake Mead NRA	America Recycles Day- Clean Up	40		160
11/20/2010	USFWS	Moapa Valley	Weed Removal	35	Removed thousands of palm tree sprouts and cleared 1/3 of an acre of overgrown weeds. Two large empty planters were filled with soil and planted with native species.	243
12/04/2010	USFWS	Ash Meadows	Cattail Cutting	14	About 200 feet cleared of overgrown vegetation along the Crystal stream channel.	56
12/11/2010	USFS	Lovell Canyon	Clean-Up	2+ Schylar Brown and troop #624	35 cubic yards of trash and debris were removed from a shooting area.	8
12/14/2010	BLM	Great Unconformity	Bailey Middle School Clean-up	28	10 cubic yards of trash were removed.	112
TOTALS				<u>1,225</u>		<u>6,921</u>

Table 3 shows the details of the types of events that were conducted with the assistance of the IVP team from October to December, 2010

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

The IVP team has contracted UNLV's Division of Educational Outreach, Office of Distance Education to create an automated version of the IVP volunteer orientation training. This project will allow the IVP team to deliver the orientation training to a wider audience using fewer staff.

The first draft of the automation project is complete and currently under review by the IVP team. The final version will be completed in February 2011. Upon completion the IVP team will resume orientation trainings using the newly created DVD's.

The IVP team has scheduled volunteer supervisory training for 1/26/11, from 9:00am – 2:30pm at Lake Mead Safety Training Building.

Nancy Bernard is hosting an Advanced Supervisor Training on 3/1/11 – 3/3/11. This training is primarily for NPS employees; however, Nancy will allow other agencies to register for any open seats.

In addition, four trainings were scheduled this quarter. Table 4 summarizes the trainings offered.

Table 4. October- December 2010 Trainings

<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of Volunteers Attended</u>
Saturday, October 23 10:00AM	Small mammals, birds, and fossils	Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Volunteer enrichment	30
Saturday, November 6 9:00 AM	CPR/First Aid	Lake Mead –Safety First Building	Volunteer enrichment	Cancelled
Saturday, November 13 10:00AM	Small Mammals, Birds, and Fossils	Moapa Valley National Wildlife Refuge	Volunteer enrichment	8
Saturday, November 13 9:00AM	CPR/First Aid	Red Rock Canyon NCA Visitor Center	Volunteer enrichment	23

Table 4 shows the details of the types of trainings that were scheduled by agencies in October - December of 2010.

Submitted by:

Margaret N. Rees, Principal Investigator

January 4, 2011
Date

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: October 6, 2010
Meeting Location: NPS Head-quarter's Building
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Jim Cribbs (BLM) & Mark Tanaka-Sanders (BLM), Angelina Yost (USFW)
 Amy Nichols (USFS)

Lunch – Please bring lunch – we will eat while we work.

11:00 – 11:20 **November Newsletter –**
 Dan
 Bring information for Dan

11:20 – 12:00 **NAI Conference Presentation**
 Dan and Nancy
 Brainstorm 3 obstacles and ways to overcome them.

12:00 – 3:30 **Banquet – Update**
 Tammy Gerber
 Provide update about progress and process.

3:30 -3:45 **Automation of IVP Orientation**
 Dan
 Provide update on process

3:45 – 4:00 **Event /Training Updates**
 Dan
 Update

Meeting Locations – 2010

Angelina	Nancy	Amy	Jim
January 14	February 11	March 4	April 8
IA Building – F&W	NPS HQ Conf Rm	IA Building – FS	Red Rock
May 21	June 10	July 8	August 12
IA Building – F&W	NPS HQ Conf Rm	IA Building – FS	Red Rock
September 9	October 14	November 4	December 9
IA Building- F&W	NPS HQ Conf Rm	IA Building - FS	Red Rock

Newsletter – 2010

	Month	Due	Month	Due	Month	Due
FS	Jan	Apr 1 st	May	April 1 st	Sept	Aug 1 st
BLM	Feb	Jan 1 st	June	May 1 st	Oct	Sept 1 st
FWS	Mar	Feb 1 st	July	June 1 st	Nov	Oct 1 st
NPS	April	Mar 1 st	Aug	July 1 st	Dec	Nov 1 st

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: November 4, 2010
Meeting Location: UNLV Distance Education
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Jim Cribbs (BLM) & Mark Tanaka-Sanders (BLM), Angelina Yost (USFW), Amy Nichols (USFS), Christine Ditzler (UNLV Instructional Design)

10:00 – 12:00 **Volunteer Orientation Automation Project**
 Team will meet with UNLV Instructional Design team to discuss automation project

12:00 – 1:30 **Working Lunch – Event Training Updates**
 Team will discuss past events, NAI conference, and trainings

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FWS	Mar	Feb 1 st	July	June 1 st	Nov	Oct 1 st
NPS	April	Mar 1 st	Aug	July 1 st	Dec	Nov 1 st

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: December 9, 2010
Meeting Location: NPS Head-quarter's Building
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Jim Cribbs (BLM), Angelina Yost (USFW),
Marisa Anderson (USFS)

9:00 – 9:30 **Round Table**
All
Meet new team member, Marisa Anderson (FS) and catch up on happening with each agency member

9:30 – 10:30 **Workforce Connections**
Angelina
Learn about Workforce Connections and their opportunities

10:30 – 12:00 **Design Team Update**
Dan and the Design Team
UNLV's Design team will present a draft of the orientation program and get feedback from the team

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 **Event /Training Updates**
All
Bring calendar of events for the next 6 months (January through June). Bring ideas for training opportunities volunteers may need in the next 6 months (January through June). Information will be used to update the work plan and team charter.

2:00 – 2:15 **December/January Newsletter –**
Dan
Bring information other than events or training for the newsletter so Dan can include.

2:15 – 2:20 **Advance Volunteer Supervisor Training**
Nancy
Lake Mead is hosting NPS Regional training on youth volunteer initiatives and volunteerism. Is anyone interested? NPS folks have 1st priority, but there may be space available since travel ceiling may limit attendance.

2:20 – 3:00 **IVP Supervisor Training – January 26th**
Nancy
Is the training still needed? If so, who would like to take the lead?
