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Nevada Interagency Volunteer Program: Helping Hands Across Public Lands – Phase II: Quarterly Progress Report, Period Covering January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering January 1, 2011 to March 31, 2011

Cooperative Agreement Number H8R07060001
Task Agreement Number J8R07070001

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

Executive Summary

- The number of records in the volunteer database increased by 15.35% over the last quarter. The database now contains 7,537 records.
- The number of site visits increased 38.5% over the last quarter. Results show an average of 1,356 visits per month.
- The number of page views increased 29.15% over last month. Results show an average of 2,081 pages viewed per month.
- Get Outdoors Nevada supported 22 volunteer events in a variety of ways. These events utilized 692 volunteers whom contributed 2,930 combined hours of service.
- Four volunteer trainings have been completed; 72 volunteers attended the trainings.
- Volunteer Orientation Training Automation is scheduled to be completed in July.

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 7,537 records. (See Figure 1). The number of volunteers in the database increased by 1.15% over the quarter.

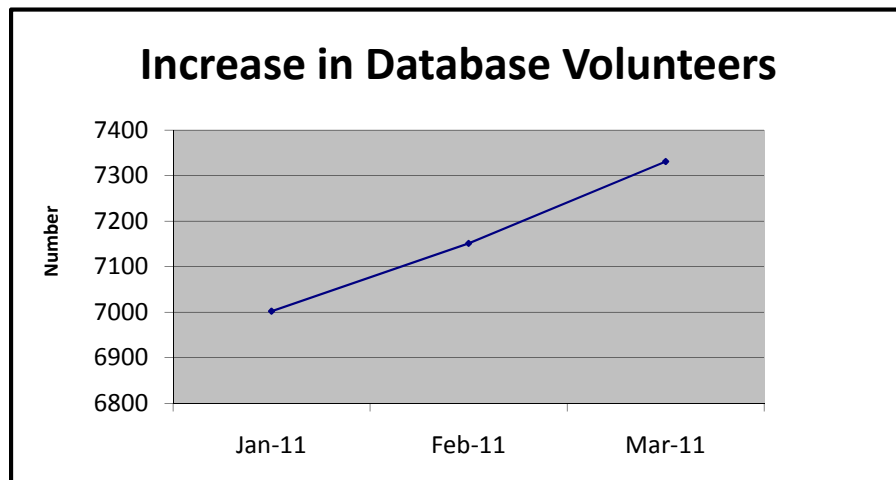


Fig. 1 above shows the number of records in the database of volunteers.

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
January 1, 2011- January 31, 2011	1,425	3,189	00:01:36	55.51%
February 1, 2011- February 28, 2011	1,287	2,852	00:01:40	50.19%
March 1, 2011- March 31, 2011	1,356	2,770	00:01:48	50.15%

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

- An average of 1,356 server requests per month, an increase of 38.5% over the average for the previous quarter. (See Fig. 2 below.).
- An average of 2,937 pages viewed per month, an increase of 29.15% 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.

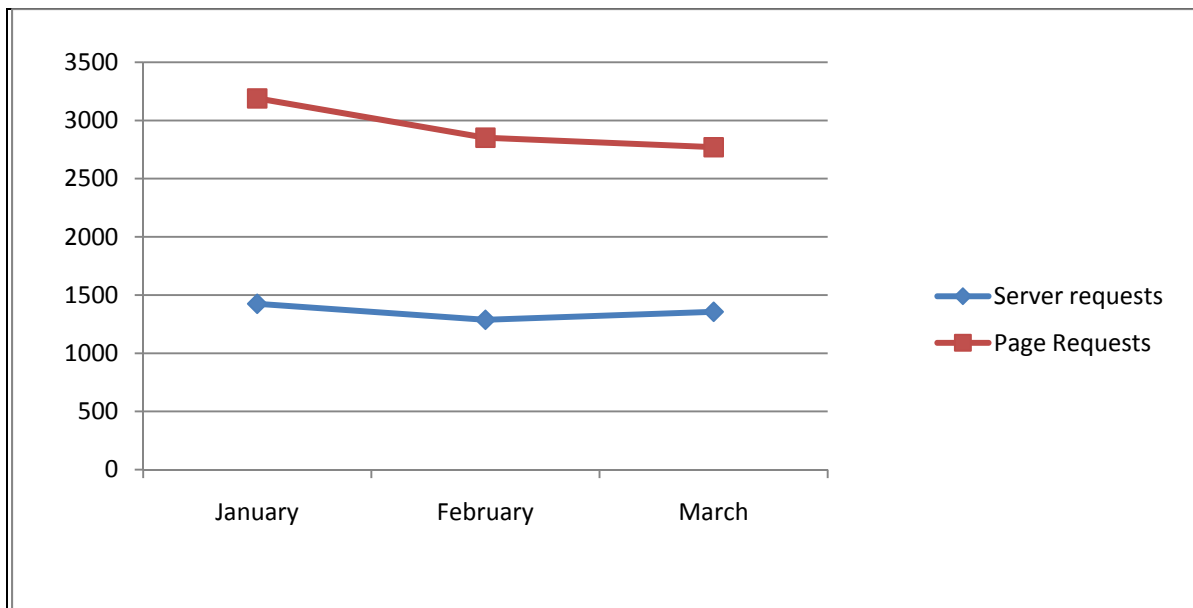


Fig. 2 Get Outdoors Nevada Website Activity

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, Red Rock, Make A Difference Day, upcoming events, Get to Know your Federal Lands alternative bus tour, and final planning for volunteer appreciation week barbecues scheduled for April 9, 2011 and April 16, 2011. The volunteer Orientation Automation Project is on task to be completed in July 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 January – March 2011

Event Name	Number of Direct Contacts	Number added to Mailing List
UNLV Spring Involvement Fair	56	35
PEP Summit Geocaching	43	0

In addition, the IVP team supported 22 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.

Lovell Canyon Clean-Up

January 8, 2011- Lovell Canyon- USFS

Sixteen volunteers removed 32 bags of trash (512lbs), 150' of barbed wire, seven one-gallon buckets of glass, one pickup truck load of wood, signs, miscellaneous trash and one large campfire ring.

Route Restoration Project

January 15, 2011- Lovell Canyon- USFS

Seventeen volunteers restored 239 ft of a 15 ft wide user created route and removed one bag of trash.

Martin Luther King Jr. Day Project – Route Restoration

January 17, 2011- Lovell Canyon- USFS

A total of 24 volunteers restored 249 ft. of a 15 ft wide user created route and 1 bag of trash.

Cattail Cutting

January 22, 2011- Ash Meadows NWR- USFWS

Ten volunteers removed one dump-truck load of cattails along approximately 200 yards of Crystal Spring outflow.

Mesquite Groves Clean-Up

January 22, 2011-Parump- BLM

With the efforts of the Nevada Conservation Corps (10-person crew, 1-18 thru 1-21 & 200 cu yards) and the community volunteers (7-BLM, 15-volunteers, 1-22 & 80 cu yards), a total of 280 cubic yards of trash were removed and there was participation in one on camera news interview on KPVM-TV Channel 41.

<http://www.youtube.com/user/KPVM41#p/search/0/o-OoiB-0dtU>

South Hollywood Clean-Up

January 29, 2011-Hollywood and Vegas Valley- BLM

Eighty volunteers removed 140 yards of trash.

Road Decommissioning

January 29, 2011- Desert Wildlife Refuge- USFWS

This event was cancelled.

Pick Up Your Shoot

February 5, 2011- Sloan Canyon- BLM

A total of 109 volunteers removed 40 cu yards of recyclables and 60 cu yards of other garbage and debris.

Bailey Middle School Field Trip

February 15, 2011- The Great Unconformity- BLM

Seventy students removed two cubic yards of trash.

Weed Pull

February 19, 2011- Corn Creek- USFWS

Due to inclement weather and lower than expected turn-out, focus of event was changed to plant salvage. Seven volunteers salvaged salt grass from an area which is to become a staging area for the upcoming pond dredging. Volunteers helped save a lot of salt grass from being trampled under digging equipment tires. The salt grass is now at CSN nursery for propagation to use at

the new visitor center. A total of 142 one-gallon pots and 37 - 2' x 4' flats of salt grass were salvaged.

Cattail Cutting

February 26, 2011- Ash Meadows- USFWS

Five volunteers from Las Vegas and Amargosa removed cattails along 40 linear meters of Kings Pool outflow.

Family Day

February 26, 2011- Lake Mead- NPS

A total of 42 volunteers donated 168 hours despite the rainy weather. Volunteers trimmed 40 oleander trees and filled one and a half six yard dumpsters. After completing the project, 30 volunteers attended an interpretive program on the desert tortoise and leave no trace principles.

Alpha Epsilon Delta Clean-Up

February 26, 2011- Iron Mountain and Decatur- BLM

A total of 49 volunteers removed 55 cubic yards of trash.

Road Decommissioning

March 5, 2011- Corn Creek- USFWS

Eleven volunteers turned 300 meters of road from two tracks to one track by use of vertical mulch and slash. Six cubic yards of trash removed for proper disposal.

Sahara Mustard Pull

March 5, 2011- Lake Mead- NPS

Twelve volunteers contributed 60 hours to pull invasive Sahara Mustard weed on 1/3 of an acre of beach at Sandy Cove or approximately 120 pounds of plant material.

Tropical and Ann Clean-Up

March 17, 2011- Tropical and Ann- BLM

Twelve volunteers removed 32 cubic yards of trash.

Placer Cove Clean-Up

March 19, 2011- Placer Cove –NPS

A total of 37 divers and 55 volunteers assisted with the removal of 12 cubic yards of trash, plus 2400 lb of glass.

Native Planting at Tubb's Spring

March 19, 2011- Ash Meadows NWR- USFWS

Twelve volunteers planted 275 one-gallon pots of native grasses and ash trees around Tubb's Spring.

Boy Scout Eagle Project

March 19, 2011- Vegas Valley Drive- BLM

A total of 59 volunteers removed 40 cubic yards of trash.

Willow Tree Planting

March 19, 2011- Pahrnagat NWR- USFWS

To increase bird habitat, nine volunteers planted 243 one-gallons pots of vegetation including trees, shrubs, forbs and graminoids into an area covering 1.2 acres at the northwest corner of the refuge above Upper Marsh.

Nelson Rd. Clean-Up

March 26, 2011- Nelson RD- BLM

A total of 23 volunteers removed 35 cubic yards of litter from the Nelson road shooting area.

Boy Scout Project

March 26, 2011- Greenway RD- BLM

A total of 48 volunteers removed 63 cubic yards of trash.

Table 3. 2010 IVP Volunteer Events – January - March 2011

Date	Agency	Location	Nature of Work	Number of Volunteers	Accomplishments	Total Volunteer Hours
01/08/11	USFS	Lovell Canyon	Clean-Up	16	Removed 32 bags of trash (512lbs), 150' of barbed wire, 7 one gallon buckets of glass, 1 pickup truck load of wood, signs, miscellaneous trash and 1 large campfire ring	64
01/15/11	USFS	Lovell Canyon	Route Restoration	17	Restored 239 ft of a 15 ft wide user created route and 1 bag of trash	136
01/17/2011	USFS	Lovell Canyon	Route Restoration	24	Restored 249 ft. of a 15 ft wide user created route and 1 bag of trash	144
01/22/11	USFWS	Ash Meadows	Cattail Cutting	10	Removed one dump-truck load of cattails along approximately 200 yards of Crystal Spring outflow	40

01/22/11	BLM	Pahrump	Clean-Up	15	With the efforts of the Nevada Conservation Corps and community volunteers, a total of 280 cubic yards of trash were removed	60
01/29/11	BLM	Hollywood and Vegas Valley	Clean-Up	80	140 yards of trash was removed	320
01/29/11	USFWS	Desert National Wildlife Refuge	Restoration		CANCELLED	0
02/05/11	BLM	Sloan Canyon	Pick Your Shoot Up	109	40 cu yards of recyclables and 60 cu yards of other garbage and debris was removed	436
02/15/11	BLM	The Great Unconformity	Bailey Middle School Clean-Up	70	2 cubic yards of trash was removed	280
02/19/11	USFWS	Corn Creek	Weed Pull	7	Volunteers helped save a lot of salt grass from being trampled under digging equipment tires. The salt grass is now at CSN nursery for propagation to use at the new visitor center. A total of 142 1-gallon pots and 37 - 2' x 4' flats of salt grass were salvaged.	28

02/26/11	BLM	N. Decatur Conservation Transfer Area	AED clean-up	49	Volunteers removed 55 cubic yards of trash	196
02/26/11	NPS	Boulder Beach	NPS Family Day	12	pulled invasive Sahara Mustard weed on 1/3 of an acre of beach at Sandy Cove or approximately 120 pounds of plant material	60
02/26/11	USFWS	Ash Meadows	Cattail Cutting	5	removed cattails along 40 linear meters of Kings Pool outflow	20
03/05/11	NPS	Sandy Cove	Sahara Mustard Pull	12	Removed 120 pounds of plant material (mustard seed) from 1/3 acre of beach	60
03/5/11	USFWS	Corn Creek	Road Decommissioning	11	300 meters of road were turned from two track to one track by use of vertical mulch and slash. 6 cubic yards of trash removed for proper disposal.	55
03/17/11	BLM	Tropical and Ann	Boy scout Clean-up	12	removed 32 cu yds of trash	48
03/19/11	USFWS	Ash Meadows NWR	Native Planting	12	12 volunteers planted 275 1-gallon pots of native grasses and ash trees around Tubb's Spring	42

03/19/11	USFWS	Pahrnagat NWR	Willow Tree Planting	9	To increase bird habitat, volunteers planted 243 1-gallons pots of vegetation including trees, shrubs, forbs and graminoids into an area covering 1.2 acres at the northwest corner of the refuge above Upper Marsh.	53
03/19/11	BLM	Vegas Valley	Boy Scout Project- Clean-up	59	Volunteers removed 40 cubic yards of trash	236
03/19/11	NPS	Placer Cove	Clean-Up	92	37 divers and 55 volunteers remove 12 cubic yards of trash, plus 2400 lb of glass.	368
03/26/11	BLM	Nelson Road	Clean-Up	23	Volunteers removed 35 cu yards of litter from the Nelson Road shooting area	92
03/26/11	BLM	Greenway Road	Clean Up	48	Volunteers removed 63 cubic yards of trash	192
TOTALS				692		2,930

Table 3 shows the details of the types of events that were conducted with the assistance of the IVP team from January to March, 2011.

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 July 2011. Upon completion, the IVP team will resume orientation trainings using the newly created DVDs.

The IVP team held volunteer supervisory training on January 26, 2011, from 9:00am – 2:30pm at Lake Mead Safety Training Building.

Nancy Bernard is hosted an Advanced Supervisor Training on March 1, 2011 – March 3, 2011. This training was 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. January- March 2011 Trainings

<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of Volunteers Attended</u>
Saturday, January 15 1:00 PM	Waterfowl Identification	Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge	Volunteer enrichment	16
Saturday, February 5 1:00 PM	Waterfowl Identification	Pahranagat National Wildlife Refuge	Volunteer Enrichment	12
Saturday, February 12 9:00 AM	CPR/First Aid	Lake Mead – Water Safety Center	Volunteer Enrichment	21
Monday, March 7 8:00 AM	CPR/First Aid	Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area	Volunteer Enrichment	23

Table 4 shows the details of the types of trainings that were scheduled by agencies in January – March of 2011.

Submitted by:

Margaret N. Rees, Principal Investigator

April 1, 2011
Date

ATTACHMENTS

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: January 13, 2011
Meeting Location: Interagency Building – Fish and Wildlife Conf. Room
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Angelina Yost or Harry Konwin (USFW),
Marisa Anderson (USFS), and Jim Cribbs (BLM)

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| 9:00 – 9:30 | Round Table
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Catch up on happening with each agency member |
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| 9:30 – 9:40 | Workforce Connections
All
Share and update on Workforce Connections and Project 5000 Youth opportunity |
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| 9:40 – 10:00 | Next Meeting w/Design Team
Dan and Nancy
Discuss what will happen at the January 20 th meeting regarding the orientation training design. |
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| 10:00 – 10:15 | Break |
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| 10:15 – 10:45 | Event Schedule
All
Team needs to bring in any events that they wish to add to the list of IVP events. |
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| 10:45 – 11:15 | Training
Dan
Update team on status of training schedule and individuals hosting training (below) to update Dan and team on status <ul style="list-style-type: none">• April CPR/first aid Training – Jim?• Graffiti removal Training – Jim?• Wilderness Team Training – all - Discuss if we want to open to all volunteers?• NOLS Training |
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| 11:15 – 11:30 | February Newsletter –
Dan
Bring information other than events or training for the newsletter so Dan can include. |
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| 11:30 – 12:00 | IVP Supervisor Training – January 26th
Nancy
Discuss the training agenda. Bring list of attendee and their nominations. |
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| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch |
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1:00 – 2:00	Review Charter & Update Charter Appendix which includes work-plan Nancy Team to review charter and update the appendix and work-plan
2:00 – 2:50	Discuss Spring Recognition Dan Team to discuss what they want to have for National Volunteer Week in April
2:50 – 3:00	Other Items All Misc. items that needs to be covered.

Meeting Locations:

Angelina (FWS)	Nancy (NPS)	Marisa (FS)	Jim (BLM)
January 13	February 10	March 10	April 14
May 12	June 9	July 14	August 11
September 8	October 13	November 10	December 8

Extra meeting dates for Orientation Design Reviews and Work sessions-

January 20th - at NPS HQ

February 17th - FS will find a place at the interagency building.

Newsletter - Month listed below is the month the articles will appear. Articles due on the first of the month of the previous month.

NPS	BLM	FWS	FS
January	February	March	April
May	June	July	August
September	October	November	December

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: February 10, 2011
Meeting Location: NPS – Headquarters Conference Room
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Angelina Yost or Harry Konwin (USFW),
 Marisa Anderson (USFS), and Jim Cribbs (BLM)

9:00 – 9:30 **Round Table**
 All
 Catch up on happening with each agency member

9:30 – 11:00 **Joseph Cenicola**
 Joseph and All

- Time extension
- Budgets
- Other items

11:00 – 11:30 **March Newsletter –**
 Dan
 Bring information for the newsletter such as events, training, and positions to post so Dan can include.

11:30 – 12:00 **“Bus Tour” – Get to know your federal lands**
 Nancy and Dan
 Team to decide what each agency wants to do and when – this is a deliverable

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 1:30 **National Volunteer Week Recognition – April 10th through 16th.**
 Dan
 Team to decide what can be done and when

1:30 – 2:00 **IVP Charter**
 Nancy
 Team accepts or rejects the charter updates

2:00 – 3:00 **Automation Update – New timeline**
 Dan
 Update team on progress with the orientation training

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AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: March 31, 2011
Meeting Location: Red Rock Visitor Center
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Harry Konwin (USFW), Marisa Anderson (USFS), and Jim Cribbs (BLM)

9:00 – 9:30 **Round Table**
 All
 Catch up on happening with each agency member

9:30 – 10:00 **May Newsletter**
 Dan
 Bring information for the newsletter such as events, training, and positions to post so Dan can include.

10:00 – 11:00 **BBQ**
 Dan
 What do we want to do for entertainment?

11:00 – 11:15 **Break**

11:15 – 11:30 **Automation Update – New timeline**
 Dan
 Update team on progress with the orientation training

11:30 – 12:00 **Time Extension and Budget**
 Nancy
 Where it is and what do we still need to do? Need realistic budgets.

12:00 – 1:00 **Lunch**

1:00 – 2:00 **“Bus Tour” – Get to know your federal lands**
 Dan
 Open discussion. Team to discuss options and strategy for this year and future?

2:00 – 3:00 **Accomplishment Report**
 Dan
 Celebrate what we did in 2010 and discuss the vision of IVP in the future – how we work together.

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