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QUARTERLY PROGRESS REPORT

University of Nevada, Las Vegas
Period Covering April 1, 2011-June 30, 2011

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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 increased by 12.2% over the last quarter. The database now contains 8,460 records.
- The number of site visits decreased by 12.3 % over the last quarter. Results show an average of 1,188 visits per month.
- The number of page views increased 26.4% over last month. Results show an average of 2,632 pages viewed per month.
- The IVP standard operations manual is under final review.
- Get Outdoors Nevada supported twenty-one volunteer events in a variety of ways. These events utilized 1,112 volunteers whom contributed 4,599 combined hours of service.
- 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 8,460 records. (*See Figure 1*). The number of volunteers in the database increased by 12.2% over the quarter.

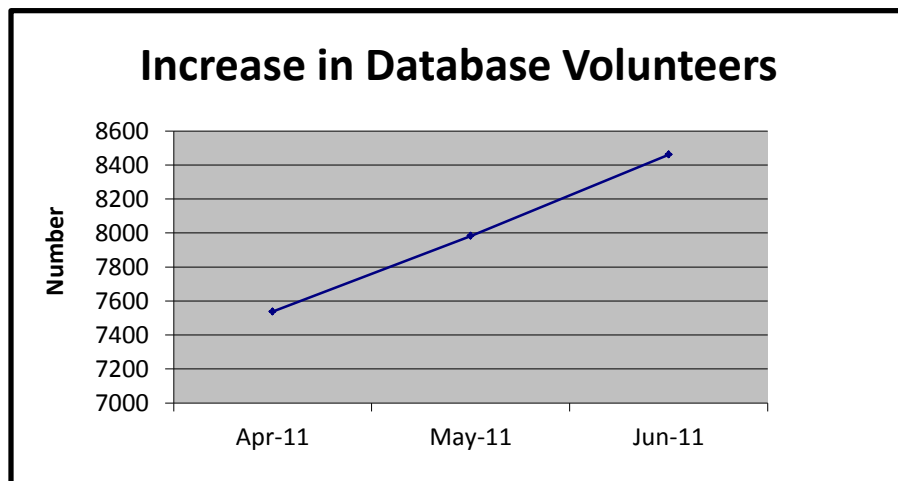


Fig. 1 above shows the number of records in the database of volunteers.

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
April, 2011- April 30, 2011	1,516	3,295	00:01:31	51.19%
May 1, 2011- May 3, 2011	1,123	2,405	00:01:15	49.96%
June 1, 2011-June 3, 2011	926	2,197	00:01:28	51.40%

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

- An average of 1,188 server requests per month, a decrease of 12.3% over the average for last quarter.
- An average of 2,632 pages viewed per month, an increase of 26.4 % over the average for the previous quarter. (See Fig. 2 below.)

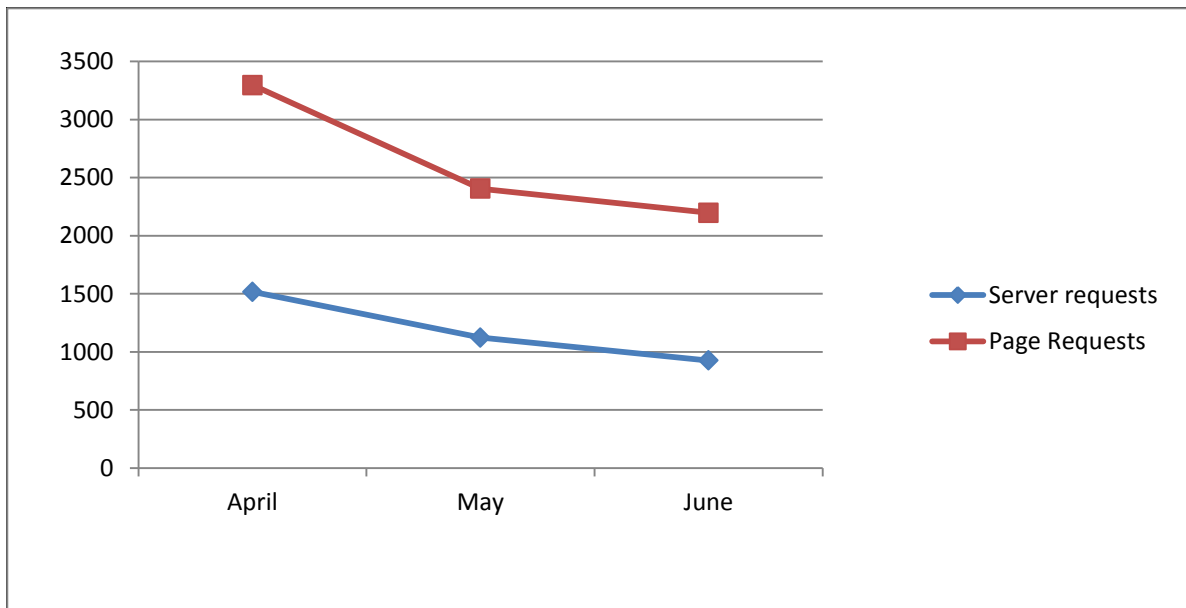


Fig. 2 Get Outdoors Nevada Website Activity

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

The Interagency Volunteer Team (IVP) met twice during the quarter, with its primary focus on writing the SNPLMA extension request, finalizing SOP's, volunteer orientation automation, and event and training planning.

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.

Five 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 April- June 2011

Event Name	Number of Direct Contacts	Number added to Mailing List
Party 4 the Planet	335	32
Green Fest	601	61
Science Expo	100	24
UNLV Festival of Communities	75 (Approximate)	23
Spring Celebration Family Festival	251	28

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. Additional recruitment efforts by the four agencies are reflected in many of the events in which attendance was greater than the number of volunteers registered through Get Outdoors Nevada.

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.

Great American Clean-Up

April 2, 2011- 33 Hole Overlook, Lake Mead- NPS

175 Volunteers filled a twenty-cubic yard dumpster with trash collected from the 33 Hole overlook and along the lakeshore. Volunteers also picked up an estimated 2400 pounds of broken glass, five tires, and one Smith's grocery cart.

Ash Tree Planting

April 2, 2011- Desert Wildlife Refuge- USFWS
20 volunteers from Four Seasons Hotel planted 20 Ash Trees along the stream banks at Corn Creek.

Bailey Middle School Clean-up

April 5, 2011- Great Unconformity- BLM & NPS
70 students removed 2 cubic yards of trash.

Starbucks Clean-up

April 20, 2011- Hollywood and Vegas Valley- BLM
82 volunteers

Hollywood Clean-up

April 22, 2011- Hollywood and Vegas Valley- BLM
45 volunteers

Red Rock Days

April 23, 2011- Red Rock- BLM
86 volunteers removed dead and invasive plants from the parking area, planted new vegetation around the parking area, picked up trash and debris, painted one bathroom and information kiosk, placed posts to prevent parking alongside the road, Repaired gate and fencing, installed post and cable fencing around the parking area, and repaired entry road

Native Planting

April 23, 2011- Ash Meadow- USFWS
12 volunteers planted 181 one-gallon pots of native grasses and ash trees at Point of Rocks.

Graffiti Removal

April 23, 2011- Spring Mountains- USFS
20 volunteers restored 355 feet of user-created trail, removed 554 square feet of graffiti, and picked up 2 cubic yards of litter.

Big Dune Clean-up

April 23, 2011- BLM

Native Planting

April 30, 2011- Moapa Valley NWR- USFWS
20 volunteers planted 120 plants in the Apcar section.

Willow Tree Planting

April 30, 2011- Pahrnatagat NWR- USFWS
3 Volunteers and staff planted 241 plants and 180 willow tree cuttings

Seed Collection

April 30, 2011- Lake Mead NRA- NPS

17 volunteers collected 95 gallons of Cheese bush seeds. They donated 51 hours to the program.

Spring Cleaning

May 7, 2011- Spring Mountains- USFS

304 volunteers removed 3940 lbs. of litter throughout Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon, and Deer Creek Highway. Volunteers were treated to a barbeque sponsored by the Mt. Charleston Resort.

West CTA Cove Clean-up

May 11, 2011- Lake Mead NRA- NPS

24 volunteers, including 20 9th and 10th grade students from West CTA school removed 2 cubic yards of trash from a cove on Boulder Island.

Bird Count

May 14, 2011- Pahrnagat NWR- USFWS

7 volunteers assisted the refuge biologist in a statistical assessment of bird nesting activities. Volunteers and staff obtained the number and type of bird nests throughout ½ acre of habitat.

Whispering Plant Salvage/Trail Construction

May 16, 2011- Desert NWR- USFWS

4 volunteers donated 28 hours to preserve genetic stability at Corn Creek Station by salvaging 30 desert plants. Afterwards, the crew began construction of the 126 meter Whispering Ben trail spur.

Whispering Plant Salvage/Trail Construction

May 17, 2011- Desert NWR- USFWS

2 Volunteers donated time to the completion of the newly constructed 126 meter Whispering Ben trail spur. Afterwards, volunteers cleared brush and obstructions from other trails at Corn Creek Station.

West CTA Cove Clean-up

May 19, 2011- Lake Mead NRA- NPS

19 volunteers, including 16 9th and 10th grade students from West CTA School removed 2 cubic yards of trash from Boulder Island

West CTA Cove Clean-up

22 volunteers, including 19 9th and 10th grade students from West CTA School removed 2 cubic yards of trash from Boulder Island.

West CTA Cove Clean-up

May 25, 2011- Lake Mead NRA- NPS

18 volunteers, including 15 9th and 10th grade students from West CTA School removed 2 cubic yards of trash from Boulder Island

Starbucks Clean-up

April 20, 2011- Hollywood and Vegas Valley- BLM

82 volunteers removed 70 cubic yards of trash.

Hollywood Clean-up

April 22, 2011- Hollywood and Vegas Valley- BLM
45 volunteers removed 50 cubic yards of trash.

Big Dune Clean-up

April 23, 2011- BLM
60 volunteers removed 10 cubic yards of trash.

National Trails Day

June 04, 2011- Spring Mountains- USFS
25 volunteers, 2 Friends of Nevada Wilderness Staff, 2 Forest Service Staff and 4 SCA Interns cleared and maintained the first mile of the Bonanza Trail which included: Clearing 13 down trees, pruning numerous branches that blocked the trail, rehabilitated 4 switch back cuts, dug out 4 water bars, cleared 6 drainage ditches, and reinforced 1 switchback corner

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

Date	Agency	Location	Nature of Work	Number of Volunteers	Accomplishments	Total Volunteer Hours
04/02/11	NPS	Lake Mead	Clean-Up	175	Filled a twenty-cubic yard dumpster with trash collected from the 33 Hole overlook and along the lakeshore. Volunteers also picked up an estimated 2400 pounds of broken glass, five tires, and one Smith's grocery cart.	700
04/02/11	USFWS	Desert Wildlife Refuge	Planting	20	volunteers from Four Seasons Hotel planted 20 Ash Trees along the stream banks at Corn Creek	80
04/05/11	NPS&BLM	Great Unconformity	Clean-up	70	Students removed 2 cubic	210

					yards of trash.	
04/20/11	BLM	Hollywood and Vegas Valley	Clean-Up	82	removed 70 cubic yards of trash	832
04/22/11	BLM	Hollywood and Vegas Valley	Clean- Up	45	volunteers removed 50 cubic yards of trash	180
04/23/11	BLM	Red Rock Canyon	Clean-up and Restoration	86	Removed dead and invasive plants from the parking area, planted new vegetation around the parking area, picked up trash and debris, painted one bathroom and information kiosk, placed posts to prevent parking alongside the road, Repaired gate and fencing, installed post and cable fencing around the parking area, and repaired entry road	642
04/23/11	USFWS	Ash Meadows	Native Planting	12	Planted 181 one-gallon pots of native grasses and ash trees at Point of Rocks.	36
04/23/11	USFS	Spring Mountains	Restoration, graffiti removal and clean-up	20	Restored 355 feet of user-created trail, removed 554 square feet of graffiti, and	56

					picked up 2 cubic yards of litter.	
04/23/11	BLM	Big Dune	Clean-Up	23	removed 10 cubic yards of trash	92
04/30/11	USFWS	Moapa Valley	Planting	20	Planted 12-plants in the Apcar section	100
04/30/11	USFWS	Pahranagat NWR	Planting	3	Planted 241 pants and 180 willow tree cuttings	23
04/30/11	NPS	Lake Mead NRA	Seed Collection	17	Collected 95 gallons of cheese bush seeds	51
05/07/11	USFS	Spring Mountains	Clean-up	304	Removed 3940 lbs. of litter throughout Kyle Canyon, Lee Canyon, and Deer Creek Highway.	1216
05/11/11	NPS	Lake Mead NPS	West CTA clean-up	24	Removed 2 cubic yards of trash from a cove on boulder island	48
05/14/2011	USFWS	Pahranagat NWR	Bird Count	7	Assisted the refuge biologist in a statistical assessment of bird nesting activities. Volunteers and staff obtained the number and type of bird nests throughout ½ acre of habitat	35

05/16/11	USFWS	Desert NWR	Restoration and Construction	4	Preserved genetic stability at Corn Creek Station by salvaging 30 desert plants. Afterwards, the crew began construction of the 126 meter Whispering Ben trail spur	28
05/17/11	USFWS	Desert NWR	Restoration and Construction	2	Donated time to the completion of the newly constructed 126 meter Whispering Ben trail spur. Afterwards, volunteers cleared brush and obstructions from other trails at Corn Creek Station	8
05/19/11	NPS	Lake Mead NRA	West CTA Clean-up	22	Removed 2 cubic yards of trash from a cove on boulder island	44
05/20/11	NPS	Lake Mead NRA	West CTA Clean-up	18	Removed 2 cubic yards of trash from a cove on boulder island	36
05/25/11	NPS	Lake Mead NRA	West CTA Clean-UP	25	Removed 2 cubic yards of trash from a cove on Boulder Island	50
06/04/11	USFS	Spring Mountains	Restoration	33	cleared and maintained the first mile of the Bonanza Trail which included: Clearing 13 down trees, pruning	132

					numerous branches that blocked the trail, rehabilitated 4 switch back cuts, dug out 4 water bars, cleared 6 drainage ditches, and reinforced 1 switchback corner	
TOTALS		<u>21 Events</u>		<u>1,012</u>		<u>4,599</u>

Table 3 shows the details of the types of events that were conducted with the assistance of the IVP team from April to June, 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 DVD’s.

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

Table 4. April – June 2011 Trainings

<u>Date/ Time</u>	<u>Event Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Number of Volunteers Attended</u>
Saturday, June 18	Natural Educator Training	Red Rock Canyon	Volunteer enrichment	18
Saturday, June 25	Natural Educator Training	Red Rock Canyon	Volunteer Enrichment	18

Table 4 shows the details of the types of trainings that were scheduled by agencies in April- June of 2011.

Submitted by:

 Margaret N. Rees, Principal Investigator

June 30, 2011

Date

AGENDA -IVP Meeting

Date: May 12, 2011
Meeting Location: Fish and Wildlife Conference Room
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Harry Konwin (USFW), Marisa Anderson (USFS), and Jim Cribbs (BLM)

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- 9:00 – 9:30** **Round Table**
All
Catch up on current happenings with each agency member
-
- 9:30 – 9:45** **June Newsletter**
Dan
Bring information for the newsletter such as events, training, and positions to post so Dan can include in the June newsletter.
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- 9:45 – 10:00** **Orientation Project**
Dan
Update the team on the progress. Discuss what we will be doing on May 26th for next IVP meeting.
-
- 10:00 – 10:15** **Break**
-
- 10:15 – 10:45** **Wilderness Team’s Request**
Nancy
Review request from Wilderness team and discuss options.
-
- 10:45 – 11:15** **Review National Volunteer Week BBQ**
Dan
Team to discuss how they felt the BBQ went.
-
- 11:15 – 12:00** **Fall Recognition Event**
Nancy
Discussion and Begin planning – what do we want to do? Same as last year?
Theme for the Fall Recognition event?
-
- 12:00 – 1:00** **Lunch**
-
- 1:00 – 1:30** **SNAP Project Assessment**
Nancy
Discuss if your Federal Manager discussed the assessment with you.
-
- 1:30 – 2:30** **IVP SOP**
Nancy
Review SOPs and discuss plan of action if they need to be updated.
-
- 2:30 – 3:00** **IVP Budget and B-7**
Nancy
-

Begin reviewing what we have and plan as if the SNPLMA extension will be given

Bring with you:

Calendar

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

Newsletter - Month listed below is the month the articles will appear. Articles are 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: June 9, 2011
Meeting Location: Lake Mead Conference Room
Meeting Called By: Nancy Bernard (NPS) and Dan Chase (PLI)
Attendees: Harry Konwin (USFW), Bob Loudon (USFS), and Jim Cribbs (BLM)

9:00 – 9:30 Round Table

All
Catch up on happening with each agency member

9:30 – 10:00 Share Summer Vacation and Work Schedules

Nancy
Look at calendar and share work/vacation

10:00 – 10:15 Break

10:15 – 10:45 Event Planning

Nancy
Begin looking at our Summer/Fall event season. Begin discussing and planning for NPLD.

10:45 – 11:15 Training Schedule

Nancy
Do we want to have training this summer? If so, what?

11:15 – 12:00 Recognition – Awards

Nancy
Strategize how to get employees/volunteers to nominate each other for our awards

12:00 – 1:00 Lunch

1:00 – 1:30 Newsletter – July and August

Dan
Team provides feedback on the July newsletter.

*Conservation spotlight Ranger
Species - Better photo?*

1:30 – 2:00 "Get to Know Your Federal Lands" Bus Tour

Nancy
Do we want to do this as discussed earlier in the year? If so, where?

2:00 - 2:30

2:30 – 3:00

Bring with you:

Calendar