



FACT SHEET

Vision Driven • Mission Motivated • Solution Oriented

We deliver high-quality research, education, and outreach for public land management and stewardship

- Public Lands Initiative began January 2004.
- Public Lands Initiative becomes Public Lands Institute April 2005 with approval from the Nevada System of Higher Education Board of Regents.
- 62 permanent and temporary employees in four specialty areas: Environmental Education & Interpretation, Civic Engagement, Research & Support Services, and GIS/Database Management.
- \$16.3 million in Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act funds from FY 04 to FY 10.
- Collaborate and work with 56 partners and friends from the university and public and private sectors.
- Public Lands Institute also works in collaboration with the Southern Nevada Agency Partnership (SNAP), which includes the Bureau of Land Management, National Park Service, U.S. Fish & Wildlife Service, and U.S. Forest Service. SNAP has been working to coordinate the protection, conservation, and use of the federal lands of Southern Nevada.
- Association of Partners for Public Lands (APPL) awarded a Certificate of Achievement to PLI for its five years of exemplary service to the public lands community.
- Volunteer management programs managed by PLI recognized with four national awards.
- Created the Nevada Certification Program for Environmental Education and Interpretation.
- Implemented the Discover Mojave Forever Earth program to benefit more than 4,985 students, teachers, researchers, agency personnel, and others.
- Implemented the Discover Mojave Outdoor World program to benefit more than 1320 underserved children in Clark County.
- Partnerships with Hispanic community organizations resulting in successful cultural and outdoor recreation events.
- More than 400 site stewards and five regional coordinators monitor approximately 500 cultural sites in Southern Nevada, and new sites frequently submitted to land managers for monitoring consideration.

- Created a central clearinghouse for Southern Nevada public lands volunteers with 6,000 active volunteer records.
- Conducted clean-up events with more than 3,500 volunteers participating and removing 11,000 cubic yards of waste.
- More than 11,700 acres inventoried or monitored and 248 newly discovered archaeological sites documented on Lake Mead National Recreation Area and Parashant National Monument.
- Surveyed more than 1,273 miles of federal lands in Clark County for invasive, exotic plant species. Also removed 623,168 individual invasive plants from federal lands.
- Providing technical assistance and developing best practices for the sampling and monitoring of quagga mussels at Lake Mead National Recreation Area.
- Coordinated the establishment of the UNLV GIS/Remote Sensing Core Laboratory.
- Implemented a database designed to manage and record stewardship involvement, agency information, and cultural site status.

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