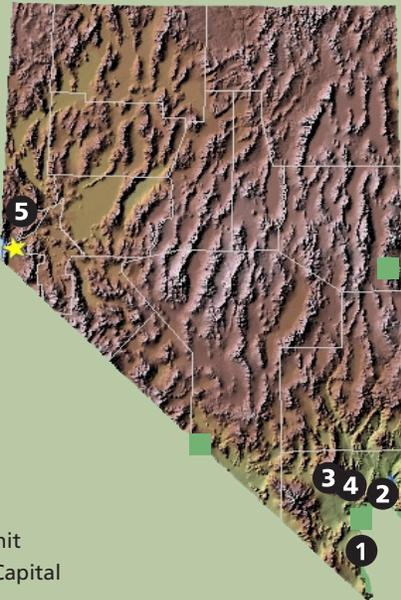




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Paddlers on the Black Canyon Water Trail launch at Hoover Dam.
Photo: Izzy Collett, Desert Adventures

PROJECTS AND PARTNERS 2015



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Nevada Land Trust

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Recent Success

Black Canyon Water Trail

The Secretary of the Interior has designated the Black Canyon Water Trail, a 30-mile segment of the Lower Colorado River that flows through Lake Mead National Recreation Area, as a National Water Trail. Through this designation, the water trail

“The Alliance has taken significant strides forward as a result of NPS facilitation and assistance...”

- Mauricia Baca, Executive Director, Outside Las Vegas Foundation

is now one of 16 nationally recognized water trails and the first water trail in the Southwest.

The water trail begins at Hoover Dam and extends through wilderness areas, sandy beaches, hiking trails, caves, coves and active hot springs. Visitors also learn about the construction of and research connected to Hoover Dam including the sauna cave, gauging stations and catwalks found along the water trail.

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ABOUT US

The Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program is the community assistance arm of the National Park Service. Program staff provide technical assistance to community groups and local, state, and federal government agencies working to protect natural areas and water resources and enhance close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities. We help communities plan, organize partnerships, and achieve on-the-ground success on projects they initiate.

Current Projects

1. Lake Mead Institute

Project Partner: Outside Las Vegas Foundation
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon
Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area, Boulder City
Congressional Districts: AZ - 2, NV - 3

Project Goal

Formation of the Lake Mead Institute partnership that serves a pivotal role in education, interpretation, and stewardship at Lake Mead.

NPS Role

Facilitate the development of a charter that includes the Lake Mead Institute's vision, mission, goals, roles and an action plan. Identify strategies for community engagement, fundraising and communications.

2. Mojave Water Trail

Project Partner: Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon
Location: Lake Mead National Recreation Area
Congressional Districts: AZ - 4, NV - 3

Project Goal

Promote and increase awareness of this 43-mile segment of the Colorado River, which connects to the Black Canyon Water Trail at Eldorado Canyon and extends to Laughlin.

NPS Role

Identify key water trail destinations and collect interpretive information in collaboration with the Alliance, which will be used to develop a website and future water trail guide.

3. Northwest Las Vegas Trails & Open Space

Project Partner: City of Las Vegas
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon
Location: Northwest Las Vegas Valley
Congressional District: NV - 4

Project Goal

Create a connected network of trails, parks and open space at the desert edge.

NPS Role

Facilitate the development of a guiding document for the desert-urban interface that identifies gaps in the trail network, recreation amenities, and open space conservation opportunities.



Opportunities to connect existing trails at Floyd Lamb Park to a regional open space and trails system will be evaluated through the Northwest Las Vegas Trails and Open Space project. Photo: Alan O'Neill, O'Neill Consulting

Current Projects cont.

4. Spencer Greenway and Public Art

Project Partner: Southern Nevada Strong
NPS Contact: Deborah Reardon
Location: Winchester neighborhood in east-central Las Vegas
Congressional District: NV - 1

Project Goal

Explore opportunities for parks, greenways, and trails within a 1.5 mile underutilized utility corridor.

NPS Role

Develop a preliminary feasibility study for the Spencer utility corridor, completed in collaboration with regional and local agencies and key landowners. Identify strategies for community engagement.

5. Truckee River Corridor Management

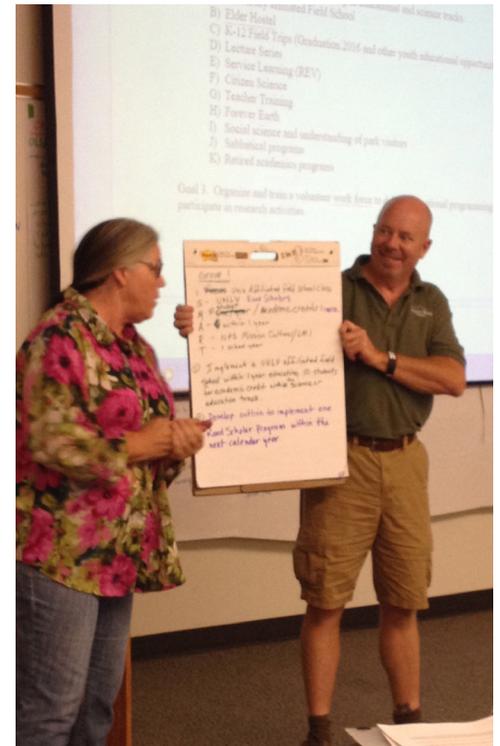
Project Partner: Nevada Land Trust
NPS Contact: Barbara Rice
Location: Reno
Congressional District: NV - 2

Project Goal

Protection, management, and stewardship of 25 miles of the Truckee River corridor, supported by multiple public and private partners and the public.

NPS Role

Through community engagement, develop a shared vision and goals for Nevada portion of the Truckee River, which will be used as a foundation for a subsequent river management plan.



Lake Mead Institute partners participate in a Collaboration Clinic.
Photo: NPS/Deb Reardon



Kayakers enjoy Eldorado Canyon, which provides access to the Black Canyon and Mojave water trails at Lake Mead.
Photo: Izzy Collett, Desert Adventures

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2014 Nationwide Partnership Success

3,278.74 Miles of Trail Developed

2,046.25 Miles of River Conserved

9,411.06 Acres of Open Space and Parkland Protected

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Recent Success cont.

The Black Canyon Water Trail was nominated by the Lower Colorado River Water Trail Alliance, a partnership of over 20 representatives from federal agencies, non-profits, local businesses, and community organizations that are “committed to the protection, enhancement and promotion of water trails within the Lake Mead National Recreation Area.” Formed in 2012, the Alliance serves in an advisory role and provides support, develops recommendations, exchanges information and shares input to Lake Mead National Recreation Area and the Bureau of Reclamation, who are responsible for water trail management.

The Alliance has worked together to develop a water trail website and rack card, host an Eco Dive and beach clean-up event, install new interpretive signs, and obtain grants from the National Parks Conservation Association (\$10k) and Save the Colorado (\$2k). A water trail guide is also under development and will be completed during 2015.

NPS Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance program staff have served as a neutral facilitator for building agreement on the Alliance’s vision, mission and purpose statements, roles, organizational structure, and outreach product content. Building on this success, the Alliance is beginning planning for a second water trail segment, the Mojave Water Trail.



The Black Canyon Water Trail provides access to many historic locations.
Map: Tony Ross, NPS, Lake Mead NRA



The Black Canyon Water Trail provides access to canyons and hiking trails.
Photo: Izzy Collett, Desert Adventures