

**Agency/Organization:** Outside Las Vegas Foundation/DBA Get Outdoors Nevada

**Project Name:** Mojave Max Education Program

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**QUESTION 1: What did you accomplish during this reporting period? How did these accomplishments help you reach the goal of your project? If relevant, what indicators or benchmarks were used to determine your progress?**

- Assemblies: Over two thousand first through third grade students were reached through 14 Mojave Max assemblies this quarter. Staff has received overwhelmingly positive feedback regarding the content updates that have been implemented in order to increase engagement during presentations. The mascot is better received by this age group and new characterizations of the presenters make the experience more dynamic for the audience. The additional Mojave Max Team members have been wonderful in helping to level up the experience during each assembly.
- Tortoise Talks: During Quarter 2, GON completed Tortoise Talk presentations for 20 classes reaching 455 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students. Participating schools included: Mabel Hoggard, Laura Dearing, Hewetson, Elaine Wynn, Sue Morrow, and Kay Carl elementary schools. Some schools were visited more than once to accommodate more than one teacher request as well as remaining under the maximum student count for each program. So far, there has been no negative feedback received regarding the changes to programming this year and the restrictions placed on grade level participation. Staff report the students to be engaged and the topics age-appropriate.
- Outreach Events: GON staff has helped support four Mojave Max outreach events this quarter helping to make 1,649 points of contact.
  - Celebrating National Night Out in Downtown Summerlin
  - Desert Cleanup Event at the Boulder City Conservation Easement
  - Celebrating Nevada Day at the Springs Preserve
  - A Raiders Game at Allegiant Stadium
- Emergence Contest: As of December 2024, there are only 426 Emergence Contest guesses. Our goal is still to surpass last year's number of submissions. We plan to organize our efforts around greatly increasing the number of guesses in the next two quarters up until Max's emergence.
- Emergence Contest Winner Classroom Visit and Field Trip: This deliverable will be completed in the second half of the Spring semester.

**QUESTION 2: What, if any, problems were encountered? Briefly describe those problems and the manner in which they were dealt.**

- Despite the overwhelming positive experiences at Mojave Max assemblies, there have been a couple of experiences this quarter that have actually left the team unwilling to return to the school in subsequent program years. Judith Steele ES proved quite difficult due to lack of appropriate space as well as equipment and teacher oversight. Teachers even left during the presentation and students interrupted the presentation trying to interact with the mascot during the presentation. At another school, Claude Perkins, staff at the site were not welcoming or approachable. There were no preparations made for the team previous to arrival. Ultimately, the assembly was completed in a shared space with students from another grade level trying to complete a learning activity. This location was secured after the Mojave Max Team explained the assembly could not be completed outside in the school's courtyard. Priority was given to a Christmas celebration in the multipurpose room.

**QUESTION 3: What, if any, proposed activities were not completed? Briefly describe those activities, the reasons they were not completed and your plans for carrying them out.**

- No proposed activities have not been completed.

**QUESTION 4: What is the calculated percent of work completed?**

- 45% We have close to half of the work completed for this agreement. During this quarter, we have focused on implementing our plan from quarter one, and we expect to make even larger strides towards our deliverables during the Spring semester 2025.

**QUESTION 5: Do you foresee any upcoming problems with future project activities? If so, how do you propose to overcome those problems?**

- No, we do not foresee any upcoming problems with future activities at this time.

**QUESTION 6: Is there anything else you want to tell the DCP about this project?**

- We appreciate the opportunity to partner with DCP on this important project.

**QUESTION 7: What was produced during the reporting period?**

- 20 Tortoise Talks were completed for 455 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- 14 Mojave Max Assemblies were completed – reaching 2,029 elementary school students
- 4 Outreach Events – reaching 1,649 community members in 18 hours