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DESERT CONSERVATION PROGRAM PROJECT COMPLETION SUMMARY:

RELICT LEOPARD FROG CONSERVATION PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION 2015-UNLV-1550A

The work for the above referenced project has been completed. Below is a summary of project related information.

The purpose of the above referenced project was:

The purpose of this project was to provide conservation actions and planning towards the persistence of the relict leopard frog and towards the establishment of additional populations. This project continued efforts from previous projects funded by the Desert Conservation Program over several periods (2005–2007, 2007–2009, 2009–2011, 2011–2015).

The major accomplishments or findings of this project include:

The overall abundance of R. onca showed an increased trend in adult and juvenile frogs over the project period, with seasonal counts in 2017 and 2018 being the highest recorded since monitoring began. The number of sites occupied increased from 19 in early 2016 to 21 in 2019. The large number of frogs reflect robust populations established at three translocation sites: Union Pass, Tassi, and Grapevine springs. The drop in number in 2019, however, reflected a real decrease in leopard frog population.

For more information about this project and/or for other Project Reports or Symposium Reports, please visit our <u>website</u>

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