



United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT
Red Rock Canyon / Sloan Field Office
1000 Scenic Loop Drive,
Las Vegas, Nevada 89161



VOLUNTEER POSITION DESCRIPTION

POSITION TITLE: Invasive Snail Collection

BACKGROUND INFO & POSITION DESCRIPTION: Invasive snails prey on Red Rock Canyon National Conservation Area's (NCA) native snail populations, and there are no natural predators of the invasive snails to keep their populations from growing exponentially. This unchecked growth can severely impact our native snail populations. Under the direction of a BLM Biologist or a qualified proxy, volunteers assist in removing invasive snails from springs within Red Rock Canyon NCA. The removed snails are humanely euthanized. All projects outside of the primary outlined duties for this assigned position will be approved through an annual work plan and will be in coordination and authorized by the assigned TEAM lead, BLM Volunteer Coordinator, and NCA Manager.

PHYSICAL ACTIVITY/FITNESS REQUIREMENTS: This project can be moderately strenuous and requires kneeling and standing for prolonged periods. It is sometimes conducted in less-than-ideal weather conditions (e.g., breezy, chilly). Work will be performed around springs, so getting wet or dirty is a possibility. Both teamwork and individual work are required for this position.

PHYSICAL LOCATION OF PROJECTS: BLM public lands within Red Rock Canyon NCA. These areas range from areas that are approximately 5 miles away from the closest urban area to wilderness-type areas, which can be about 15 miles or more away from an urban area. Terrain ranges from open desert with steep hills to higher elevation mountains and canyons with varied vegetation and surface/soil types.

TRAINING REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteer Orientation.
- Personal Safety and Situational Awareness (Safety Briefing Before Project).
- [Leave No Trace Principles](https://www.blm.gov/learn/leave-no-trace-principles) (Self-paced Online Search: **Leave No Trace 7 Principles site: [lnt.org](https://www.blm.gov/learn/leave-no-trace-principles)**).

REQUIRED PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT (PPE):

- Closed toe shoes (closed toed sandals, such as Keens, can be worn)
- Sun protection
- Long pants and long-sleeve shirts, highly recommended

POTENTIAL HAZARDS: Review attached Risk Management Worksheet for more detail.

- Trip/fall hazard, walking and standing in rugged, uneven, and/or wet terrain
- Cut/puncture hazards
- Pinch/crush hazards
- Environmental hazards

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- **Follow Check in/Check out protocol and other procedures and stipulations with the BLM Supervisor**
- **Immediately report any injuries (within 48 hours)** sustained while in volunteer service to your BLM Supervisor, even if you think the injury is not serious. Worker's compensation claims require documentation and have strict timelines.
- **Immediately report any damages** to personal or government property sustained while in volunteer service to your BLM Supervisor.
- **All volunteer hours are due by September 30th** each year for BLM end of year reporting. If you have any issues reporting hours. Please contact Emily Ryan at eryan@blm.gov.
- **Volunteers will not act as Law Enforcement but will report concerns and illegal activity to their BLM Supervisor.**

OTHER REQUIREMENTS:

- Volunteer agreements must be renewed in **October** each year.
- Refer to attached Risk Management Worksheets to mitigate all risks as effectively as possible.
- Let the BLM Ranger know if I do not consent to photographs being taken of me.
- When in service, BLM volunteers are representing the BLM. As such, volunteers must adhere to all relevant BLM policies, including, but not limited to: Public Contact protocols, Equal Employment Opportunity, Drugs and Alcohol, Prevention of Sexual Harassment.
- **Cultural and paleontological briefing:**
 - Red Rock Canyon NCA has many cultural and paleontological resources. The Archaeological Resources Protection Act and Paleontological Resources Preservation Act, both state that touching, removing, taking, or damaging in any way, any archaeological and paleontological resources is illegal and can be punishable by law.
 - If you find something, do not move the item, cease work in the vicinity of the find and notify a BLM ranger. Err on the side of caution. This includes arrowheads, pottery sherds, any artifacts that look at least 50 years old and animal tracks on rocks, which are the types of fossils found in Red Rock.

SUPERVISION: Marissa Dowalter-Miracle (BLM Biologist) / Other BLM Staff and Designated Volunteer Leads / Emily Ryan (Volunteer Coordinator)

IMPORTANT CONTACT INFORMATION:

Red Rock Canyon Main Information Line: (702) 515-5350

LAKE Non-emergency Dispatch: (702) 293-8998

Emily Ryan (Volunteer Coordinator): eryan@blm.gov or (702) 515-5313

* Any work completed outside of this job description may lead to termination of the authorized volunteer agreement.