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Urban tree inventory completed in Clark County

CARSON CITY, Nev. – The Nevada Division of Forestry (NDF) recently completed a census of publicly-managed urban trees in Clark County. The collected data is used to better understand the benefits trees provide, including an estimate of the dollar value of those benefits. This will allow local agencies to prioritize necessary maintenance, treatment and potential replacement of urban trees.

The project inventoried 117,059 trees throughout the cities of Las Vegas, North Las Vegas, Boulder City, Henderson and Mesquite, in addition to trees at the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, public schools and unincorporated parks within Clark County. The survey identified 262 distinct tree species, with Afghan pine being the most common.

NDF Urban Forestry Program Coordinator David Howlett said, “This inventory provides various communities within Clark County with important information about their urban forest, including tree population, condition and the environmental benefits provided by the trees. The benefits provided by our urban trees are astounding, not only in terms of the actual environmental benefits from carbon reduction, energy savings and air quality improvements, but also the monetary value of those benefits.”

Trees are a valuable resource to Clark County residents and visitors. Annually, the urban forest provides \$3.9 million in environmental benefits to the surrounding community and the replacement value of the trees is estimated at \$276 million.

The reports and data are available on the NDF website’s Forest Resources page at www.forestry.nv.gov.

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