



TMN VMS Support Team Newsletter

2019 Data Review

We've started the 2019 Data Review. It should be much less involved than the 2018 LBE review. We're going to look at state park opportunities this year, along with the standard metrics.

The 45 Day Rule...

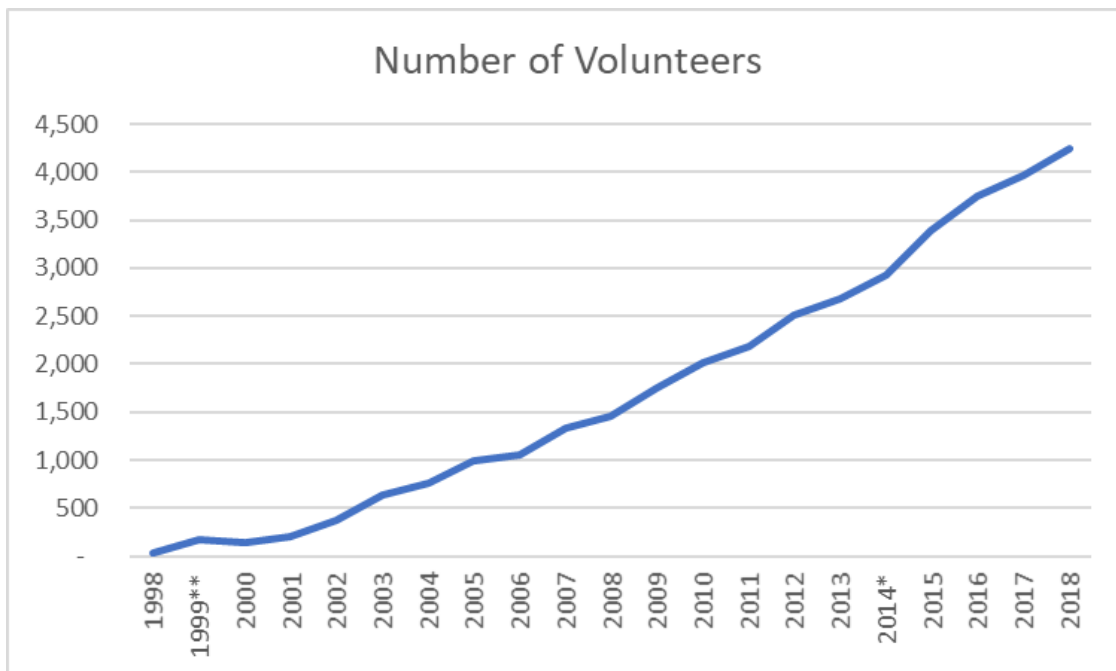
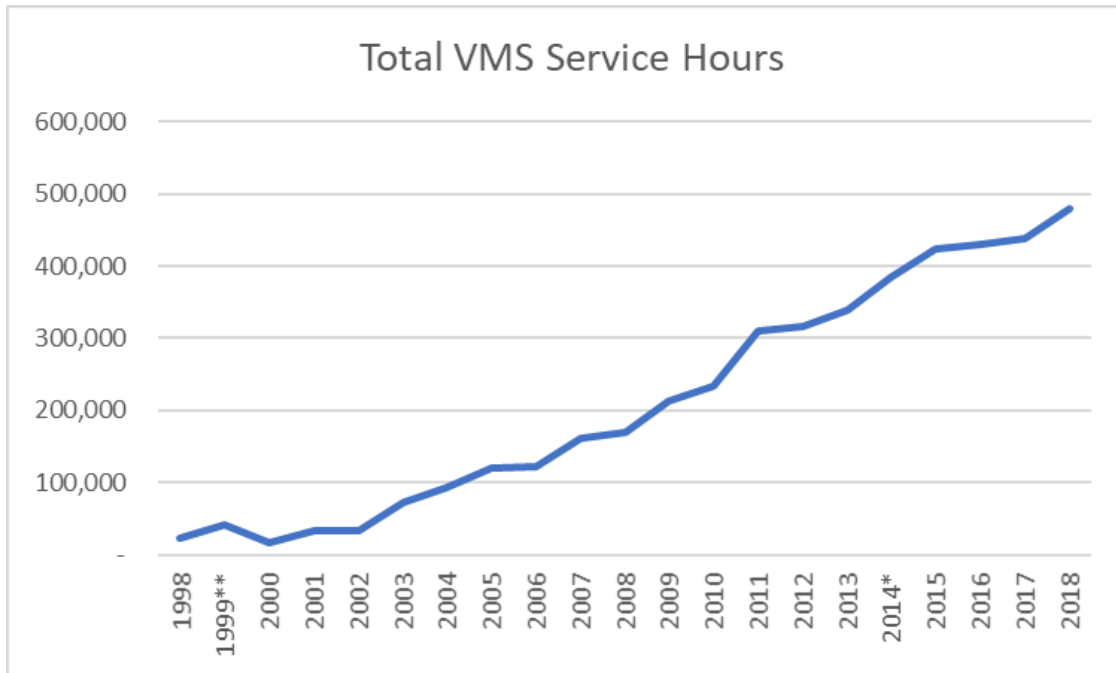
We have negotiated a fix to help us navigate the 45 day rule for entering hours. We have created a role for one admin at each chapter that will be able to fix and enter hours outside the 45 day rule.

A Reminder: Hours entered outside the 45 day rule should be rare and approved by your board or other chapter leadership.

If you need the exception for your chapter, contact the help desk.

Historical Data from VMS

We recently pulled some historical data for the 20th anniversary project at TPWD. The growth of the Master Naturalist program is truly impressive.



Texas Waters Specialization (TWS)

We have been working with Melissa Alderson and Danielle Knapp-Smith at TPWD to help them streamline their management of the TX Waters Specialization Certification.

Part of that effort involves the new field option mentioned below. We've also added a column to the TMN-Standard grid to show the volunteer TWS status.

For **initial certification**, members only need to complete the 8 hours of AT. They do not need to complete any water or watersheds service time. All AT hours should be coded to the "AT: TX Waters Certification Training" opportunity which all chapters should have. 4 hours can be Texas Stream Team training (but should still be coded to the TX Waters Certification opportunity).

Do not change the title of the opportunity, it's how the Waters Program team does their reporting.

To **complete their certification**, members need to complete 10 hours of service project volunteer time within a year of completing their AT.

If your chapter would like Danielle or Melissa to come to a meeting or do a webinar style training give them a call. Additionally they host a Texas Waters Day before every TMN Annual Meeting in October.

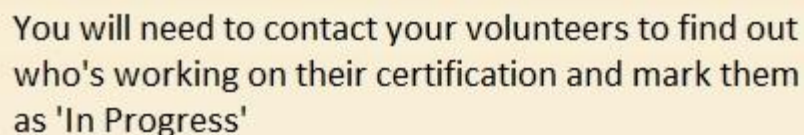
For more information: check out the [Waters Specialization Page](#).

Field in Focus - TX Waters Specialist Status

We have changed the Logbook entry to only show the TX Waters Certification checkbox if the volunteer is working on their specialization or already has it.

Volunteers who have already completed their certification will be marked "Yes" and will be able to see the TX Waters checkbox for recertification.

If you are not able to see the Texas Waters Specialist option on the volunteer profile, put in a help desk request with the name of the volunteer you're trying to change.



You will need to contact your volunteers to find out who's working on their certification and mark them as 'In Progress'

Personal
Ethnic Background
User Defined
Language
Registration
Emergency

Attachments
History

Group

- General
- Background and Driver Cl
- Alternative Workforce
- Confidentiality Agreemen
- Media Waiver
- Group Affiliation
- Certifications
- Contact
- TMN Recognition
- TMN Officers/Committees
- Texas Waters Specialist C

Texas Waters Specialist Certification

Yes
No
In Progress

Texas Waters Specialist

Date Certification Completed::

Date Hours Completed::

Service Hours Completed:

Quick Links

Get quickly to the help desk: [TXMN.org/help](https://txmn.org/help)

Check your public facing chapter page: [TXMN.org/apply](https://txmn.org/apply)

Login Page: [TXMN.org/hours](https://txmn.org/hours)

Don't forget to report your Texas Master Naturalist volunteer time!

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