Usability Studies for the Nevada Climate Change Portal Ivan Gibbs University of Nevada, Reno

Web technologies have prove to be very helpful to users and have proliferated. As web technologies evolve rapidly, the environment is constantly changing. Specialized web portals have been created to deliver climate change related information and data. One of these portals is the Nevada Climate Change Portal. Currently, there are questions regarding how to use this portal while it is still in its early stages of development. In an attempt to answer some of these questions, usability studies were designed and will be performed to assess the fitness of this web portal for its stated requirements. Details of designed usability tests are presented herein, with emphasis on methods accessibility testing and competitive testing.