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## "I have an idea..."

















# What happened next?

- No Time!
- No Resources!
- Not a Priority!













## Where do we start?

- Tulsa not a stranger to Innovative ideas.
- 2015 we developed and piloted (in house), the Tulsa District Park Ranger Mobile App.



No IT Help



App Flexibility



Big Advantages





# Park Ranger Mobile App

**LAKE OFFICES** 

RECREATION

**PHONE BOOK** 

**CITATIONS** 

SAFETY

**POLICIES** 

Tulsa District APP

Where can I download the App?





Two Levels: District Level

- Connects all Apps across District.
- One touch dial district phonebook.
- All AHA's listed for quick access.
- Comprehensive and searchable policy guide and library.





# Park Ranger Mobile App

#### Two Levels: Project/Lake Level

- Resources that are specific to that project.
- Maps, brochures, guides, and forms that can be emailed to the visitor in the field.
- Flood resources for flood watch.
- Run citations across all lakes in the Tulsa District over last 5 years.
- One touch dial situational phonebook.





#### LAKE TEXOMA



Maps & Brochures Phone & Contacts

Local Policy Access Codes

Forms Shoreline

FLOOD Joe Says.....

SAFETY Citations/Forfieture





2015 to present day Gotten City WICHTA tell MANSAS ONEAHOMA AHOHA Vance TEXAS. AFB Georgia HH CHL4HONA GTV Norman McAlester Fort Sill Leadon Broken Bow Samer **PARK RANGER MOBILE APP** US Army Corps U.S.ARNY

of Engineers ®

## What do we do now?

 Create an avenue and resources for great ideas.



 Create an atmosphere where everyone can bring their ideas to the table.



# **Build an Innovations team** for the Tulsa District.





## How to build an IPDT?

First and most importantly, find people who **WANT** to be part of the PDT.

Don't assign someone.



- Foster creativity.
- Willing to work on Innovative Ideas. (Not Necessarily Yours)







# Get away from normal...

#### Create a team that...

 supports creative ideas from across the district.



empowers them to build prototypes
 & models.



 Sees all aspects of the idea including how it operates and performs.







## Type of Team Members...

Who do we need for this team?

#### **Experience**



#### **Open thinkers**



#### Systems/Tech







## What the PDT is not...

- Complain Festival, talk about how bad you think things are.
- Foster irrational ideas... Get rid of VERS,
   OMBIL, or other systems.
- Social Club.











## Building a Team in Tulsa

## June 2016



PMRA POC's

Added 5 Team Members

## August 2016



#### **OPM Referrals**

Added 6 Team Members





# Tulsa District Innovations PDT Team

All District Areas Represented:

- (3) Eastern Area
- (2) Northern Area
- (2) Texoma Area
- (2) Hugo Area
- (1) Ft. Gibson Area
- (1) Kansas Area
- (1) District Office

Diverse Work Group:

- (6) Park Rangers
- (1) CE Tech
- (2) ES Specialist
- (1) Lead Ranger
- (1) Assistant LM
- (1) District Lead
- \* Pull in additional help if needed for specific innovations.

#### Goals:

- I nnovate the
- P lanning and
- **D** evelopment of
- T echnology
- Benefit: All Corps
   Staff and the Public
- Recreation and Environmental Stewardship
- Broad Innovative Range





## Innovation Season

#### **Innovation Season (October to May)**

- Inclusive instead of Exclusive.
- Organize a district wide meeting to gather innovative ideas.

#### **Gathering of ideas (Summit)**

- **ANYONE** District or Field Staff, on IPDT team or not, could come up with a presentation and present their idea to the Summit.
- If not on the IPDT Team and your idea is chosen you become a temporary member for that FY and get to lead the sub-team.
- The team would decide after the Summit on what Innovations they could fit into their 2016-17 workload, around 2-3 ideas max.











# 2016 INNOVATIONS PDT TEAM Summit Meeting

USACE Jr. Park Ranger Club App.

> PDT Innovation Submission By: Park Ranger Shawna Polen - Canton Lake

**Automated Fee Collection** 



U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

REAL ESTATE
TRACKING SYSTEM

STARTER

Shoreline Remote Control

CORPS
Parks Plus+







USACE Jr. Park Ranger Club App.

> PUT Innovation Submission By: Park Ranger Shawna Polen - Canton Lake

**Team Lead: Shawna Polen** 

RFTS

**U.S. Army Corps of Engineers** 

REAL ESTATI

**Team Lead: James Vincent** 

Shoreline Remote Control

**Team Lead: Matt Sexton** 





## Sub teams at work...

- What policies/regs are prohibiting this idea?
- What are other Corps projects/private sector doing about this idea?
- What alternate methods are there out there?
- What technologies would enhance this idea?
- Draw out what this idea looks like to you.





# Workshops...

- Lake Texoma
   December 5<sup>th &</sup> 6<sup>th</sup>
- Research & Discussion
- Draw out Innovations
- Go over progress
- Decide if any Innovations need to be tabled.













# Workshops...

- Oologah Lake March 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup>
- Prototype Progress
- Design Adjustments
- Pilot testing locations...



Don't Wait For Inspiration Build The Foundation For It.





# Workshops...

- Undetermined Early May 2017
- Finishing touches on prototypes for pilot
- Customize for pilot location









## Pilot Phase...

Jr. Park Ranger App

Target date of June 1, 2017 Canton Lake

#### **RETS Starter**

Target date of July 1, 2017 Lake Texoma, Eufaula Lake, & Keystone Lake











# Prototypes







#### Sub Team Lead:

- Shawna Polen
- Park Ranger, Canton Lake

#### Who Benefits:

- Creates a platform for Interpretation that normally would not get done due to time and personnel limitations.
- Enhances the experience for the recreating public.





# Interpretation



#### Water Safety

- Very important, but already spend lots of time, energy, & resources.
- Not exclude but not the main focus.

#### Jr. Park Ranger App Focuses on:

- Corps Mission
- Environmental (Wildlife, Fisheries, etc.)
- Recreational (Park Safety, preparation, etc.)
- All other types...







# Public Experience

New ways to get the public involved:

- Adapt to new technology.
- Offers a different experience for the public.
- Gets the message across to the next generation.







How to Play

Select a Lake

Send Feedback

Help & Support









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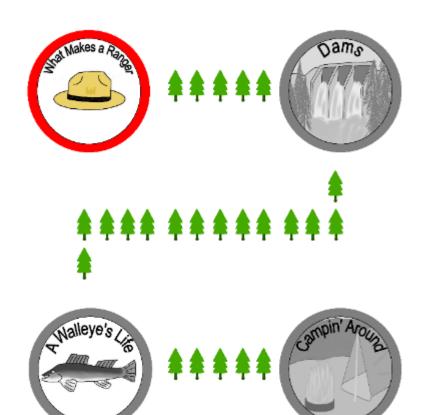


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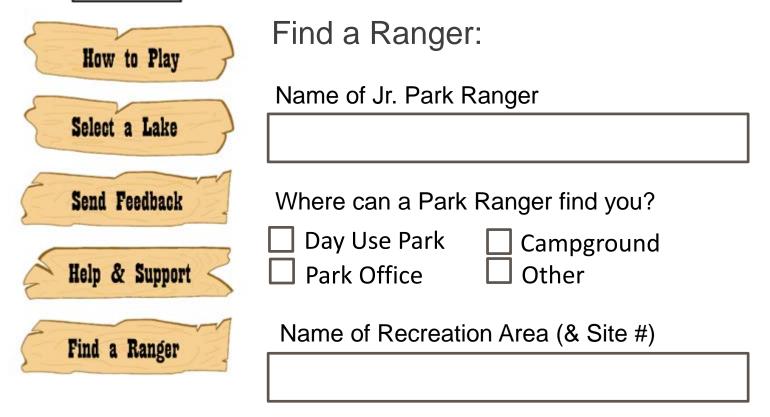
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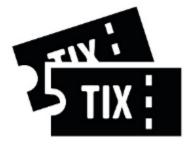




## Awarded With...









Share photos on...











# Prototypes







#### Sub Team Lead:

- James Vincent,
- Texoma Area Environmental Specialist

#### **Sub Team Members:**

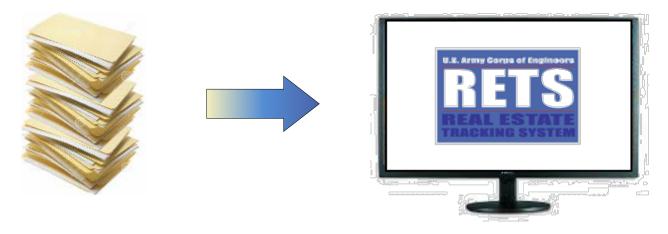
 Ryan Butler, Jake Ellison, Chris Gilliland and Josh Wingfield





## What is RETS?

- RETS = Real Estate Tracking System
- Web-based system
- Streamlines workflow by electronically routing and tracking Real Estate packages through the approval process
- Transitions from hard copy packages to digital packages
- Creates historical record







## What is RETS?



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# Why RETS Starter?

- Addresses current challenge of preparing and uploading electronic packages into RETS.
- Why are packages challenging to prepare?
  - Complex
  - Requires institutional knowledge
  - Resources (forms, links, etc.)
- Particularly difficult for new employees and staff who infrequently prepare packages.







### What is RETS Starter?

- Web-based tool
- Intuitive step-wise process for preparing and uploading packages
- Integrates institutional knowledge
- Improves access to resources







## What are the Benefits?

- Moderates learning curve
- Facilitates Knowledge Management
- Improves consistency across Tulsa District







### **Review and Choose your Checklist...**

Select your Checklist below by clicking on the "Select" Button, or for more details click on the "Details" button for a situational summary.

#### Checklists:

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Annexation	Details	Select
Boat Dock or Boat Launching Ramp	Details	Select
Consent to Flowage Easement	Details	Select
Construction Request	Details	Select
Easements	Details	Select
Encroachment	Details	Select
Land Disposal	Details	Select
Lease	Details	Select
License	Details	Select
Natural Resources Disposal	Details	Select
Oil and Gas	Details	Select
Permit	Details	Select
Ports and Barge Mooring	Details	Select
Recreation Outgrant	Details	Select
Structures Improvement Disposal	Details	Select
Termination	Details	Select
Wildlife	Details	Select

#### Description & Situations:

Items in association with a Shoreline Use Permit

- Electrical Lines
- Water Lines
- On property structures
- Boat Ramps

#### Checklist Preview:

#### BOAT DOCK OR BOAT LAUNCHING RAMP LICENSE CHECKLIST

Determine the type of action (renewal or new) and check all boxes listed under that category to ensure that all necessary papersork is included in the entgrant request. Please refer to the Checklist Key for the type of action that request the use of this checklist.

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**New Action** 

Change/Modification Action

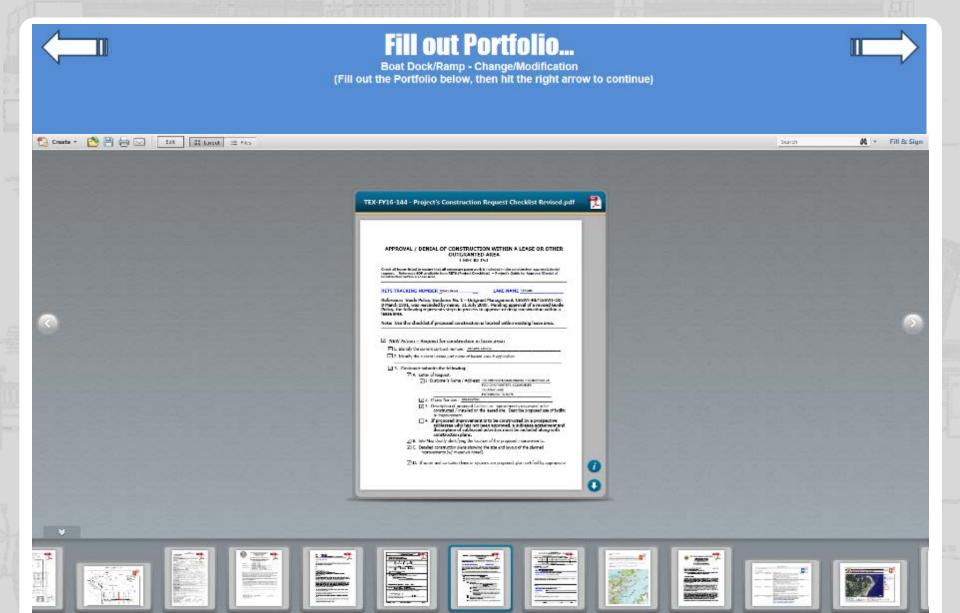
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**Termination (No restoration)** 

**Terminations (With Restoration)** 













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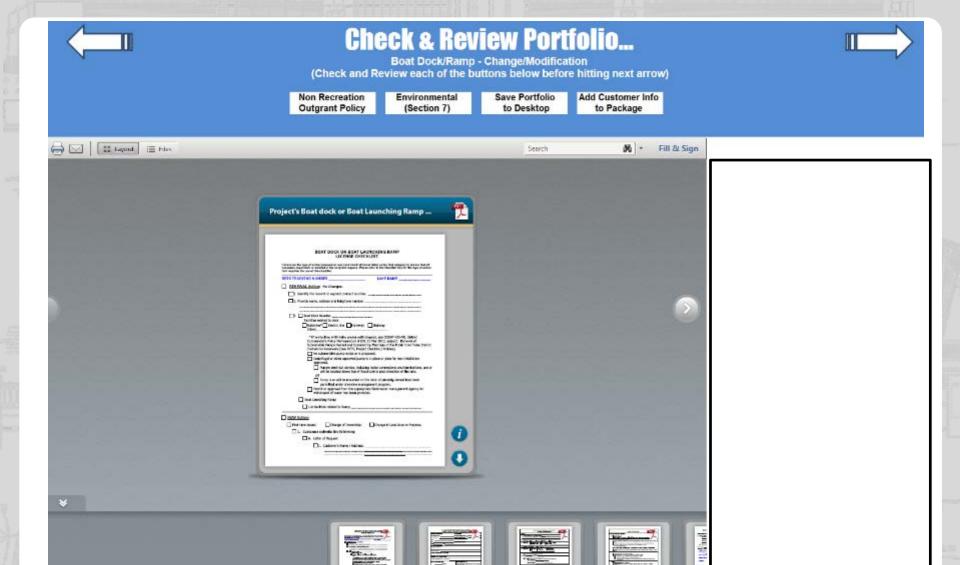


Boat Dock/Ramp - Change/Modification (Fill out the Portfolio below, then hit the right arrow to continue)

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Site Contents

### **Upload RETS Package...**



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Boat Dock/Ramp - Change/Modification
(Click on "Document Link" at bottom of the Ranger Tab.
Click here to Load Files & Navigate to RETS Folder, then drag the Portfolio over to RETS)

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#### **Process Complete...**



(You can start a new real estate package with the left arrow, or leave RETS Starter and work in RETS with right arrow.)

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## In Conclusion





## Need for Innovation

### Mission Critical...

- Fostering new ideas & innovations to streamline and assist our already heavy workload.
- Creating new opportunities to reach the public that we would not normally have the time for.
- More empowered workforce...
  - Creates energy in the NRM Workforce





# Going Forward...



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### Resources...



NEWSLETTER

JANUARY/FEBRUARY 2017

"Don't wait for inspiration, build the foundation for it."
Casey Williams, CE Tech John Redmond Lake, IPDT Team Member

#### Lake Texoma: New Google Earth Layers



Since the Park Ranger Mobile App Era began, one of the major goals have been to find a way to incorporate great mapping abilities into the App. Thanks in part to new Android smart phones that support Google Earth, and the research and development of the Lake Texoma Park Ranger staff, this is now a reality. Having access to the Lake projects docks, boundary lines, monuments, contour lines, vegetation maps, soil maps, and other KMZ file maps is such a big help to be able to access these resources from your smartphone and use them in the field in real time.

Current limitations are only the ability to manipulate the layer off of Google Earth application, however the Lake Texoma Staff and the Park Ranger Mobile App Project POC's are up to the challenge.

#### Fort Gibson Lake: Welcome to the App Family

As of January 27th, 2017 the Park Ranger Mobile App family just got a little bigger. We want to welcome our newest members, Ft. Gbson Lake, Newt Graham Lake, and Chouteau Lake to the PRMA family. With these three additions, our current count is up to 11 lakes and growing inside the Tulsa District, and 1 in the Mobile District.

FORT GIBSON LAKE

Back to Main
Recreation

Natural Resources
Parks & PSA's

Maps & Brochures
Phone & Contacts

Access Codes
Shoreline
FLOOD
Local Policy
Forms

SAFETY
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- Newsletter covering the newest Innovations and PRMA happenings.
- Six editions per year, once every two months.
- Currently goes out to seven districts in USACE.
- Originally meant for PRMA and Innovations Team Members, but has spread since.





### Resources...

Natural Resources Management Gateway

### Google the NRM Gateway:

- "Innovations Team"
- "Park Ranger Mobile App"

















