

Creating the Team...

Tulsa District FY 2016

Team Expansion FY 2018

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Field Ideas Fail

- No money
- No Time
- No local support

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**Team Established:
Summer of 2016**

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**Innovations Season:
September – May 1**

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**First Innovations
Summit
October 19, 2016**

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- **5 Innovations Seasons**
 - **20 District Join**
 - **7 Divisions Join**
 - **3 National Awards**
 - **15 Pilots / Prototypes**



Team Mission:

**“To Plan and Develop Technology for Park Rangers, Field Employees,
and to create new recreational opportunities for our recreating public”**

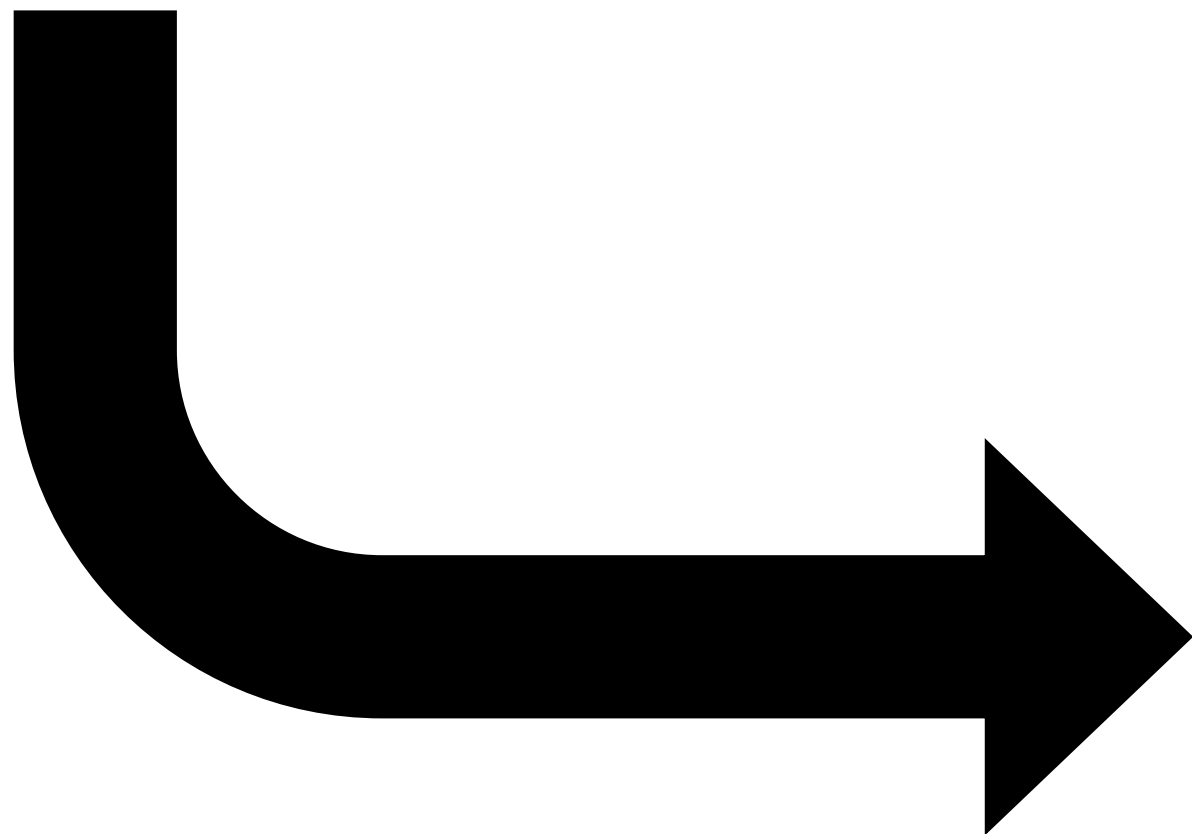
**Ideas come from the field, team chooses what to build, team builds these
ideas, then is rolled up the ladder (bottom-up method).**

75% Field EE Representation at all times

50% NRM Park Ranger Representation at all times.



Annual Innovations Season...



- **Location TBD**
- **September 20 – 24, 2021**
- **Expo to Showcase Innovations from Season 5.**
- **Gather and present ideas from all across USACE.**
- **Team votes on workload for the year.**
- **Sub Team Leaders and Sub Team Members are selected.**
- **Begin Workshop #1, R&D, Draw out Innovation**

Workshop #2

Hosted by our partners at



- **Generally, 1st Week in January each year**
- **Sub teams decide if they need IT help with their Innovations OR they can accomplish with in-house resources.**
- **Innovations with IT needs are presented to University Capstone Class. Class generally works on 3-5 Innovations per semester.**



Workshop #3

Hosted by a Volunteering USACE Location

- **April/May – Date to be announced later in Season.**
- **SWOSU Class presents final products in late April.**
- **Sub Teams using In-house resources take advantage of time together to get as much work done on pilot.**
- **Pilot locations are determined by Sub Teams.**
- **May 1st is the Pilot Deadline for Sub Teams and the end of Innovations Team Season 6.**

May 1, 2022 Pilot Deadline & end of Season 6.

Each Innovation worked on goes into one of the three categories listed below at the end of each season:

Product

Innovation ready for general use by either USACE EE's or the public.

Storage Location:

Innovations Team Store.

Prototype

Innovation is piloted in the field through the summer months. Team sees innovation in action.

Storage Location:

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Tabled

Innovation not ready for field use and may be continued to the next Season.

Innovations Off-Season

All Team Members focus back on summer duties.

Team Leadership continues to:

- **Plan next Season**
- **Work with Partners**
- **Work with Innovation Pilots**
- **Expand Program Resources & Exposure.**