

# Visitation Estimation and Reporting System (VERS) Modernization Effort Summary Status 12 September 2012

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## **Products, Programs and Efforts:**

### Bottom Line Up Front:

- Target Deliverable – FY 13 Visitation Report using survey information from FY12 and FY13 data collection effort. Scheduled March 2014
- Target Deliverable – VERS revised (VERS rev.) Software system FY 14

### Current Status/Activity Completed-to-date:

- Recreation Area and Traffic Meter Evaluation
  - Workbooks completed
  - Conversion of Field Workbook to Geospatial data
- VERS field surveys
  - Pretest completed Nashville Region – Fall season
  - National sample – peak season – Seven Regions

### FY 12 Activity Completed:

- Development of survey instrument, training materials, scopes of work
- Half of required survey effort for peak season data collected for modeling development
- Sunset of webVERS software
- VERS CATT members update and meter best practices training

### FY 13 Estimated Activity Start:

- Alignment of OMBIL PSAs facility reports and VERS data structures
- Implementation of meter best practices in meter placement
- Completion of peak season data collection required for variance estimates
- Shoulder season data collection
- Data acquisition/software/management system for fee camping data
- Analysis of FY12 data collection efforts

### Ongoing Activities:

- Historic VERS reporting archival procedures
- OMBIL annual updates
- Recreation Area and Traffic meter data review and revisions
- Oversight of working teams – Geospatial, Data Analysis, Software Development, Data Integration, Contract efforts

VERS Team Members:

- POC: M. Kathleen Perales, PhD
- Team Leads: ERDC, IWR, Nashville, and Michigan State
  - Meredith Bridgers, IWR, Field Operations
  - Richard Kasul, ERDC, Sampling, Analysis & Modeling
  - Virginia Dickerson, ERDC, Software Development & Data Integration
  - Dena Williams, Nashville, OMBIL Working Group
  - Dr. Yue Cue, MSU, Geospatial Operations
  - Sam Franco, ERDC, webVERS
  - VERS Coach, Assist Training Team (VERS-CATT) Leaders – one from each District

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