

Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group

All of you are either POC's for the Park Ranger Mobile App or you are about to be in the next couple of months. On October 1, 2015 we had a meeting with the Tulsa District Colonel and Ace-it along with Tulsa District Operations Division Management. From that meeting we not only got the green light for future expansion but learned a lot about where this program is headed. As part of that meeting I included the creation of the Park Ranger Mobile App Users Group consisting of all Project POC's, which is why you are receiving this email. The goal is to discuss what is going on with the App and share ideas for new additions to the App. When we get a few more projects on board we will probably start meeting quarterly via webinar or email and perhaps down the road even find neutral ground somewhere to actually meet up. For now, email will have to work. Below is some of the details on what came out of the meeting on October 1, 2015:



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- 1) Ace-it expressed they did not have the desire to take the App over, however they would help in any roadblocks that we faced with interface issues.
 - 2) Ace-it also said they could make the direct link work from the Blackberrys to the PC so that we could skip the stand alone and SD cards and download the App straight from the Field Drive to the Phone itself. More to come on that.
 - 3) Received the go ahead for Full District implementation from the Colonel, as soon as I can get the skeleton's built for those lakes.
 - 4) Ace-it is working on securing tablets for the district, however we are still a long way away from that happening. The goal is to eventually merge the Park Ranger Mobile App with the Dashboard program to run off the tablet giving the Park Ranger complete mobility and field access to all Corps Resources using one program. The only down side is the one-touch phonebook would not work on the tablets but would still provide critical numbers. The tablets just would not be able to make phone calls.

I want to say thanks to everyone for being willing to be part of this program. Through the creation, piloting, and implementation you have had to face new challenges, take chances, and sometime speak in front of some pretty high ranking people in USACE. You have made a difference in the success of this program and hopefully going forward we can keep this as the only Corps Computer System that not only works, but is inspired, developed, and maintained by Park Rangers.