



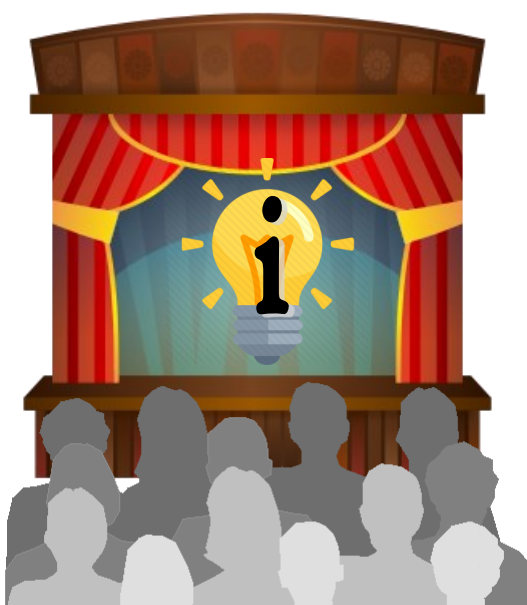
NEWSLETTER

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"Don't wait for inspiration, build the foundation for it."

Casey Williams, CE Tech John Redmond Lake, IPDT Team Member

Bringing Innovation to The National NRM Workshop



In only its first season, the Tulsa District Innovations Team (formerly known as a IPDT) has been invited to go center stage for the National NRM Workshop in April. Following the Keynote Speaker on Day One, Team Leader Jason Knight, and Sub-Team Leaders Shawna Polen and James Vincent will present the makings behind this Inaugural Innovations Team as well as the Innovations that drive the team. Sub Team Leaders will give an inside look at our two newest Innovations, the Jr. Park Ranger App and RETS Starter. The Jr. Park Ranger App benefits the visiting public and gives Corps Park Rangers an avenue for Interpretation that they to often do not have outside of Water Safety. RETS Starter benefits the Park Ranger and the projects directly by automating and streamlining the initial real estate package build.

Innovations Deadline Adjusted, for Season One

Due to a rough and busy spring across the Tulsa District, the Innovations for Season One are slightly behind schedule as are the workshops. The target pilot date of May 1, 2017 is a tough goal to hit this season. So we are pushing back the launch dates for these Innovations. The Jr. Park Ranger App will be set to launch May 31, 2017 and the RETS Starter will have a target launch date of June 15, 2017.



Innovations Workshop Results, Oologah Lake

On March 7th & 8th, Oologah Lake hosted our 2nd Innovations Team Meeting of the Season. The meeting started with a review of current prototypes for both the Jr. Park Ranger App and RETS Starter. Shortly after the reviews and team input, the meeting switched gears transforming into our Workshop giving time to work on these Innovations as a group.

Using the videos and the photos from our Canton Lake shoot in early February, the

team was able to put the opening video on the Jr. Park Ranger App and also build in some of the Ranger Card games both from a safety and a nor-



mal duty perspective. Ranger Eagleton also got a makeover. Thanks to the workshop, both innovations are one step closer to pilot testing.

PRMA Focus Team Paying Off BIG, Early On



The Tulsa District PRMA Focus Team has not officially been launched. However with its two current members, the Team has already discovered many new innovative ideas pertaining to the Park Ranger Mobile App. Some of these include, how to remove the App's images from the S7 photo gallery, how to bypass the stand alone to download photos straight to your work PC, and

several new mapping features. With our current two member team, we are still searching for up to two more who would like to join the team and push the limits of the Park Ranger Mobile App Innovation. This team officially launches May 1, 2017.

Current PRMA Focus Team:

- 1 - Matthew Sexton (Lead)
- 2 - Corey Bowlin
- 3 - Vacant
- 4 - Vacant

PRMA Focus Team goals:

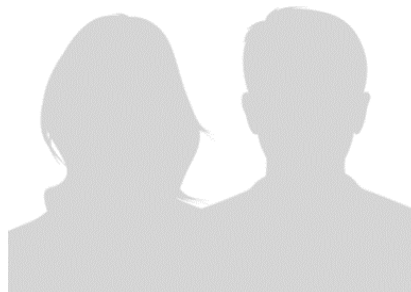
Innovation - Find ways to Innovate the App and explore new directions.

Resources - Create new resources for the App and its users to have access to in the field.

Efficiency - Explore new ways to do old jobs, streamlining workflows, and time savings.

Support - Support project POCs and Field staff in App related issues or ideas.

THIS COULD BE YOU.



Spotlight on Innovation: RETS Starter App



The RETS Starter App is the Innovation of 2017 centered on helping the workforce do their job more efficiently with clear benefits. The current

RETS system is unique on its own as most other districts are still using paper. However building off this RETS System, the RETS Starter's goal is to make the creation of a real estate package simple and easy to put together through a 7-8 step process. This process will not only help out lake offices with high volume packages, but will be critical for those lake offices who do less than 10 packages a year and for new

employees just learning how to put the packages together. The system will guide and pull resources into one location and will automate the process as much as possible without interfering with the current RETS System and setup.



Tablets Have Arrived!!!!

They are finally here. Ace-it has released these Dell Latitude Tablets to individuals inside the district office only as they are waiting for the approval of Windows 10. Once the approval has been given from HQ, the plan is to pull all the tablets back to Ace-it, get them re-imaged and then distribute to the field. However if anyone would like to see or try out



one of the new tablets to get a feel for it, see Jason Knight or John Marnell in the District Office.

DID YOU KNOW?

- *The Innovations Team will have at least two vacancies for new members for the 2017-2018 Innovation Season.*
- *Announcements will come out after May 1, when the 2016-2017 Innovation Season concludes. If you have interest, let your local team member know.*

Welcome New Innovations Team Members

In early February, the Innovations Team was approached by members from USACE HQ that were looking for Innovative Apps and Systems to build to benefit the work force and the public.

Ironically, that is exactly what the Tulsa District Innovations Team is doing. So they have decided to join our Innovations Team.

Please welcome to the team Tina Deguzman (IT USACE HQ Specialist) and Kyle Curtis (IT USACE HQ Specialist) Welcome to the Team!

Tulsa District Public App

With the much needed help from our friendly PAO office, together we were able for the first time ever to take ownership of our Tulsa District Public App from the Little Rock District who has been managing the app for us since its creation.

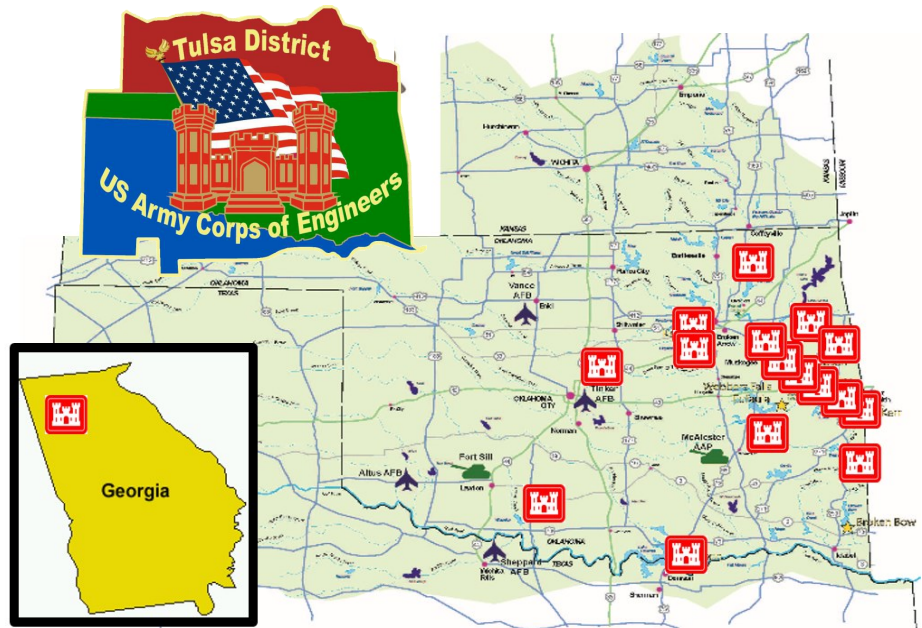
Now with an official Corps of Engineers App platform, many doors could open for both the District, the Innova-

tions Team, and our current Park Ranger Mobile App. Additional public and internal apps could be created using this platform in the future.

For now, the App will be managed by both PAO and Operations to ensure the current data and new data put on the App is accurate and necessary for public consumption.



Allatoona Lake (SAM) 2013
 Oolagah Lake (SWT) 2015
 Tenkiller Lake (SWT) 2015
 Webbers Falls (SWT) 2015
 Keystone Lake (SWT) 2016
 Arcadia Lake (SWT) 2016
 Heyburn Lake (SWT) 2016
 Lake Texoma (SWT) 2016
 Waurika Lake (SWT) 2016
 Truscott Lake (SWT) 2016
 Ft. Gibson Lake (SWT) 2017
 Newt Graham (SWT) 2017
 Chouteau Lake (SWT) 2017
 Eufaula Lake (SWT) 2017
 RS Kerr Lake (SWT) 2017
 W.D. Mayo Lake (SWT) 2017



Wister Lake (SWT) 2017

Up Next:
 Kaw Lake (SWT)

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