



NEWSLETTER

MAY/JUNE 2017

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

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

Welcome to the Family Eufaula Area Lake Projects

EUFAULA LAKE

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After yet another successful launch, we would like to welcome the Eufaula Area Lake Projects to the Park Ranger Mobile App family. This includes Eufaula Lake, Wister Lake, Robert S. Kerr Lake, and WD Mayo Lake. Each of these lakes now have their own individual App which Park Rangers from across the district can access, providing even more resources to pull from.

Partnerships LIVE, and interactive

Wonder what the next big thing to hit the Park Ranger Mobile App is? Well for this update, the focus is on Partnerships and Volunteers, which is the lifeblood of many projects in getting work done and providing more opportunities for the recreating public.

So what is it going to be like having the power of Partnerships and Volunteers in the palm of your hand? Well let's ask the App's new interactive avatars.



Lets start by talking to Nala. Nala is the interactive construct for

everything Partnerships. Nala, tell us what your going to be doing in the new Partnerships Live site. "Well my job is to help App users get to resources and understand what partnerships to use and when to use them. You can pretty much ask me anything about the program."



So Alan, what about you? "Well I am designed to take the guesswork out of Volunteers. I have my Masters Degree in Volunteers, so you can ask

Partnerships LIVE!

me the tough questions. But hey, the most important thing is I am there when you need me."

Partnerships Live will also boast comprehensive resources for both the Partnerships & Volunteers Program for those who do not want to use the interactive features.

Look for Partnerships Live on your App in very early FY 2018.

So how do I get the Park Ranger Mobile App at my project?

Step 1: Make Contact

- You can request the App for your Lake Project, Demo, or Webinar by



Step 2: Make a Decision

Once you make a decision that PRMA is right for your Lake Office, You will need 3 things:

- 1) a Lake Office POC to help build and maintain your Lake Offices App.
- 2) a commitment to purchase smartphones

(Samsung Galaxy S7s) to run the App on.

- 3) a full week to bring in a PRMA Developer and build and launch your lake's App.
- 4) ***IF you are not in the Tulsa District***, you are going to need approval from your district management chain for all of the above. This has already been approved for the Tulsa District Lakes.

Step 3: Gather, Build, and Launch

- 1) Prior to the Launch week, gather as much info as

you can for the App.

- 2) Monday-Wednesday, train & build the App with Lake POC.
- 3) Wednesday afternoon, presentation and overview of App for all Ranger Staff to learn where info is stored and get feedback.
- 4) Thursday, continue build.
- 5) Friday, launch App on all smartphones.

Process Complete. Your App is now live!

New advances in the Park Ranger Mobile App

With more lakes joining the Park Ranger Mobile App family, comes more ideas and additions to the App. With the push for alternative fuel, especially E85, the Department of Energy launched the Alternate Fueling Station Locator. This

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Station Locator

Fuel Type

Biodiesel (B20 and above)

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Location

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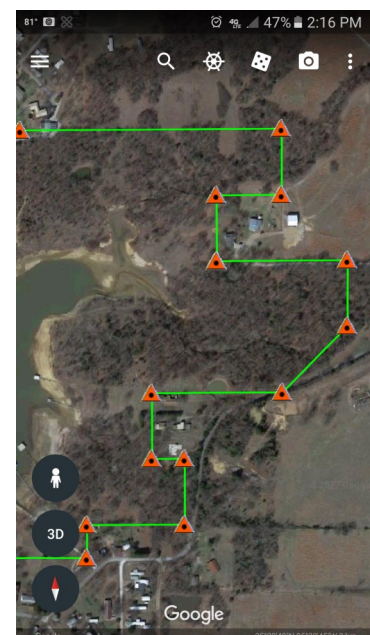
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is now featured on the Park Ranger Mobile App under the Tulsa District Level Recreation Tab.

Our Lake office POCs are starting to get really good at coming up with new Innovations for the App. Capitalizing on the Android's mapping abilities, many projects have now taken the projects GIS data and converted these layers into KMZ files. These KMZ files, launched from the Park Ranger Mobile App, can be combined with other layers from the App for multiple layers effects. This makes walking boundary line and check-

ing for encroachments a lot easier than it used to be.





2017 Natural Resource Management Workshop

April 18 - 20, Norman Oklahoma

Defining innovation for the Tulsa District

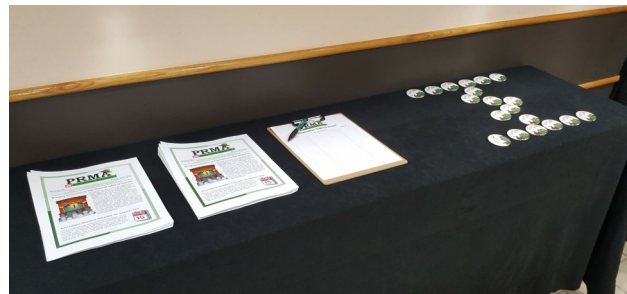
If you had the opportunity to go to the National NRM Workshop, we hope you got the chance to attend the plenary session on our Tulsa District Innovations Team. Two excellent speakers kicked off the session and really helped set up our presentation. Mary Coulombe, Chief of Natural Resources in USACE Headquarters took the stage first with the call to order, and was followed by keynote speaker Tim McAllister, Chief of Operations for USACE Fort Worth. Both speakers addressed the question and the need for innovation in our agency and offered the challenge to address this issue across the Corps of Engi-

neers. With that incredible setup, our Innovations Team began their Presentation. The team presented how we were innovating across the Tulsa District to capture great ideas and incorporate technology into those ideas to create solutions. The presentation also included a short preview of our Park Ranger Mobile App that is sweeping across the Tulsa District. Special thanks to everyone who came up to us throughout the Workshop to ask questions, give positive comments, and encouragement for what we are trying to do. Also thanks to everyone who came by our table during the workshop, grabbed an Innovate button, and signed up for the PRMA Newsletter.



Innovative resources

Special thanks to Innovations Team members **Shawna Polen** and **James Vincent** for their excellent presentations at the NRM Workshop and for their help in setup and providing resources for our Innovations table. If you missed any of the resources at the NRM Workshop, listed below are some opportunities for you to download. Sorry, as popular as the Innovate buttons were at the workshop, you can't give those out via newsletter.



[Innovations Presentation](#) (Video File)
[Innovations Team Interview](#) (Video File)
[Innovations Team Preview Video](#)
[Innovations Team Presentation](#) (PPS)
[Innovations Team Page](#) (NRM Gateway)
[PRMA Website](#) (NRM Gateway)

PRMA Newsletter expands from 8 to 20 Districts

Thanks to an awesome response from everyone who attended the National NRM Workshop, our PRMA Newsletter now reaches 20 districts across the nation. That is a huge jump from 8 districts prior to the workshop. If you know of anyone interested in PRMA, please share this newsletter with them. This newsletter is available for all Corps employees across the country.



RETS Starter launched

After a very successful Season 1 of the Tulsa District Innovations Team, we are proud to roll out in pilot form RETS Starter for the RETS system. The RETS Starter prototype was rolled out May 28th & 29th, at Lake Texoma. The Lake Texoma staff will be pilot testing the prototype giving much needed feedback and input on how

the system is operating, what fixes need to be made, and what could be done differently to take the prototype to the next level. This pilot at Lake Texoma will fulfill the need to test the system out at a large lake.

A second pilot will be launched sometime in the

summer. This pilot will be tested at a medium to small lake in the Tulsa District that is yet to be determined.



Jr. Park Ranger App continued to FY 2018 Season



In early May, a decision was made to continue the Jr. Park Ranger App into the FY 2018 Season. Due to a heavy spring workload across the Tulsa District, the Sub Team was not able to cover as much ground as they would have liked. Also they did not want to rush the product and have a pro-

totype that was not worthy of being piloted. The plan is to launch the Jr. Park Ranger App May 1, 2018. Hopefully we can bring in more partners and have additional pilot launch sites for this Innovation for the following year. More to come from Ranger Eagleton and the Jr. Park Ranger App in FY 18.

Do you have an innovative idea brewing?

It's that time of year again. Time to start developing those ideas for the 2017-2018 Innovations Summit in October of 2017. We are hoping to have a lot of new and great ideas presented. If you have an idea and would like to present at the Summit, go ahead and start working on it and developing it. Starting June 1, 2017, we will officially start taking submissions for our Innovations Summit. Your idea must be presented in person and must contain a visual representation (power point, model, prototype, etc.) The more developed the idea, the more likely the team will choose your idea to invest resources in. Email



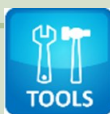
presentation submissions [HERE](#). Closing date for submissions for the 2017-2018 Innovations Summit is August 31, 2017.

Why should you present an idea at the Innovations Summit?

If selected, you will get the much needed time through workshops to work on your idea and develop it.



If selected, you will get the much needed resources, tools and manpower to develop your idea.



If selected, your idea will be a priority to the team and you will get to lead your own sub team.



Want to be part of the 2017-2018 Innovations Team?

As of June 1, 2017, we have at least two vacancies on the Tulsa District Innovations team. If you would like to join this years team, see the following:



Requirements:

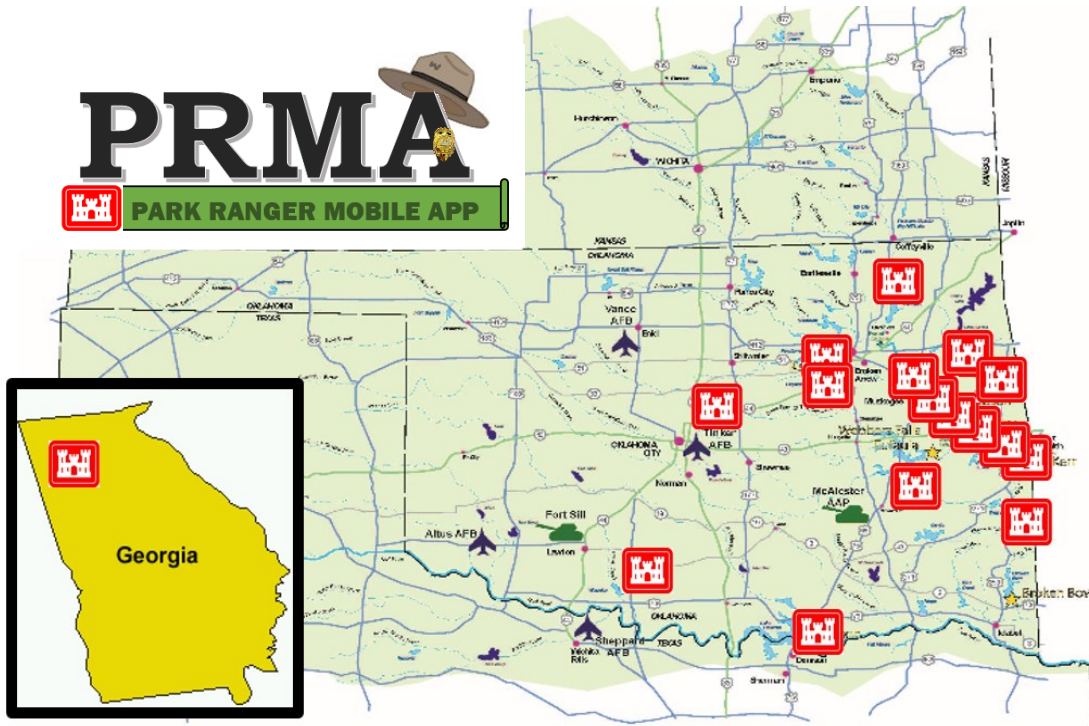
- Must be at least a GS-7.
- Must have a positive attitude and be willing to present and work on Innovative ideas, even if they are not your own.
- Must have your OPM/ Lake Managers permission to join the team.

To Apply, please submit a short write up to include the following items:

- Your name
- Your GS rank
- Your Lake Office
- Short write-up telling why you want to be on the team

- List any special skills or experience you would bring to the team (Excel Database, GIS, Google Earth, Web, etc.) AND/OR program knowledge (NRRS, Fee Collection, etc.)

Email applications [HERE](#) by July 31, 2017.



PRMA Participants:

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)

Skiatook Lake (SWT)
 Birch Lake (SWT)
 Copan Lake (SWT)
 Hulah Lake (SWT)

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