



An Enterprise Program Newsletter –  
*Supporting communications between Enterprisers  
and our partners.*

## Business Spotlight

Vegetation Management Solutions was chartered to Ron O'Hanlon in November 1999. Ron retired in August 2006. Jules Riley was assigned as the new unit leader of Vegetation Management Solutions Enterprise (VMS) in December 2006.

VMS provides services in two focus areas – ecosystem management support and advanced data technology.

The ecosystem management support side provides assistance to provinces and forests that are in short supply of the following skills:

- NEPA team management and document writing and editing
- Vascular and nonvascular rare plant surveys
- Wildlife surveys to protocol
- Contract development and administration for Wildlife, Botany, and Heritage Surveys



On the advanced data technology side, VMS provides GIS, Oracle and Access database application, data analysis, and other computer expertise to allow clients to leave the computing to experts. Tasks vary from providing GIS and data analysis support for vegetation management, vegetation monitoring, transportation systems, fire management, and other programs; and development and support of database applications for natural resource program applications.

For more information on how VMS can assist with your project needs, contact Jules Riley at (530) 258-5414 or [jliriley@fs.fed.us](mailto:jliriley@fs.fed.us).

<http://www.fs.fed.us/enterprise>

## Enterprise Program Update

The Enterprise Program collaborative business planning process has been underway since January 9th. A number of enterprisers from various teams have been involved. During a six week period there were 24 conference calls as well as an on-line site with resources and questionnaires to take feedback. The virtual phase of the process was wrapped up on February 8th to allow for compilation of the information into a series of posters to be placed on the walls at the annual meeting, February 20-23. Collaboration on the business plan will continue at the annual meeting and then information will be compiled by volunteer draft writers. It is planned that draft sections will be finalized by late March and a complete draft business plan would be laid out and available for review by interested enterprise employees by early April. It is also planned that a draft business plan be available for review by the agency's Executive Leadership Team (ELT) in April.

## Resource Opportunity

In August 2005, the Safe, Accountable, Flexible and Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) was signed into law. It authorizes Federal surface transportation programs for highways, scenic byways, bridges, public trails, enhancements, highway safety, and transit for 2005-2009. The Act also substantially increases funding for a number of programs relevant to Federal Land Management Agencies.



In an effort to communicate key information about the program, a newly designed website provides a series of self-study web-based training modules. This great training resource covers transportation related funding work for use in all recreation and trails work as well as wildlife and fish management work related to transportation planning. Visit the website at <http://www.fs.fed.us/eng/transp/safetea-lu/index.htm>.

## Team Updates

**Streamline** - Spaces are still available for the Redding session of FPI 1900-01, March 5-9. The session will offer a great cadre including two experienced FS Line Officers and one Environmental Specialist from the WO Ecosystem Management Coordination staff. This will be the last chance this FY to take 1900-01 here in R5; the next time this course will be available in California will be in 10 months.

Also available are sessions of FPI Toolbox Module 3 - "Issues & Alternatives" and Module 4 - "Effects in EAs" in Folsom, California, April 17-19. These are advanced NEPA short courses, with the prerequisite being FPI 1900-01. Folsom features bike/pedestrian paths along the American River, plus outstanding safety & security. Folsom in the springtime is too good to miss!

Contact Kelly Fike at [kfike@fs.fed.us](mailto:kfike@fs.fed.us) for application forms and information.

**Recreation Solutions** – In December 2006, Jeni Bradley Evans accepted the Seward District Ranger position on the Chugach National Forest. Jeni began the Recreation Solutions Enterprise Team in October 1998. We wish her all the best in her new role in beautiful Alaska!

The National Forest Store is now offering Forest Service maps for purchase online. Beginning February 1<sup>st</sup>, the store went “live” providing visitor, wilderness and special area maps through a secure server hosted by the National Forest Foundation. Visit <http://www.fs.fed.us/recreation/nationalforeststore> to purchase maps today!

## From the Editor

Enterprising People is a bi-monthly newsletter focusing on Enterprise teams and their partners. Partners and Enterprisers are encouraged to share topics and ideas or join our electronic mailing list by contacting editor Kristi Bray at [kabray@fs.fed.us](mailto:kabray@fs.fed.us).

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## Project Highlight: ACT2

ACT2 is providing data stewardship for the southern **California Arrowhead Tunnels Inland Feeder Project** which is under special use permit to the San Bernardino National Forest (SBNF). The project consists of 43.7 miles of large diameter (>19 feet) tunnels and pipelines, stretching from the foothills of the San Bernardino mountains to the junction of the Colorado River Aqueduct and the San Diego Canal near the city of San Jacinto in Riverside County. Some of the multiple stakeholders for this project include the Metropolitan Water District, San Manuel Band of Mission Indians, and US Geological Survey. ACT2 Associates Don Elder and Mark Reichert are responsible for design and development of the entire database currently used for tracking all achievement and monitoring data. They retrieve and interpret all data, create reports and representational graphs, generate maps and analyze outcomes. This information is used by the SBNF to ensure that terms of the special use permit are followed and required mitigation measures are in place to protect sensitive resources.

## Enterprisers and You

Recently all Forest Service units received a DVD called “**Enterprisers and You: The Winning Combination.**” The brief documentary weaves three perspectives to highlight the success of the Forest Service Enterprise Program.

The voices of Enterprisers Melissa Marosy of Creative Conflict Resolution and Ellen Skinner of Mountain Heritage, among others, illustrate the passion Enterprisers have for their work. Next, clients address the value of accomplishing program work with continually tight budgets. Finally, the DVD addresses the importance Enterprise plays in managing the resources. From fire recovery efforts in southern California to stream restoration on the Kenai Peninsula in Alaska, Enterprise is supporting and achieving the overall mission of caring for the land and serving people.

For those of you who have office space on a unit, you might consider hosting a viewing and Q/A session. You can either use the copy which was sent to that unit, or request a copy from either your business leader or Toni Stafford at [tstafford@fs.fed.us](mailto:tstafford@fs.fed.us). For more information about the Enterprise Program, visit [www.fs.fed.us/enterprise](http://www.fs.fed.us/enterprise).

