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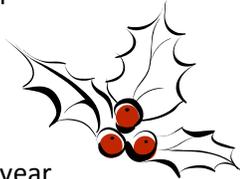


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Enterprise Program Update

From Bill Helin, Director, Enterprise Program

In this, the holiday season, I find myself particularly thankful that I get to work with such a dedicated and talented group of folks, collectively known as the Enterprise Program. I certainly feel that way throughout the year but, with Thanksgiving just behind us, and a number of other important holidays to follow in the coming weeks, at this time of year it strikes me even more so. It is an honor and privilege to continue to be part of Enterprise.



I know this last year was difficult, a challenge -- particularly the latter part of the year. Budgets in general and travel specifically caused me more than my fair share of heartburn, and more, as I am sure it did to each and every one of you. Some EUs were affected more than others and program-wide it was a down year financially. Somehow, though, we still managed to end the year with a collective cash (reserve) balance above 30%, which is well within the WCF guidelines. Good news, everything considered. I attribute this completely to the hard work of each of you.

You may or may not have heard that, with the budget challenges facing the program, Lenise Lago the Deputy Chief, Business Operations decided to commission a risk assessment. The memo outlining the scope of this assessment came out on August 16. In part, it read,

"...I am reminded of the words of Chief Tidwell when he recently stated the agency is fortunate to have created the Enterprise Program. While all parts of the agency, including the Enterprise Program, will certainly face additional challenges, we will continue to need the flexible, skilled and experienced workforce in the Enterprise Program. This analysis is intended to help ensure the sustainability of the program."

Above all, I remain confident in the sustainability and longevity of the Enterprise Program. The current

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situation is not the first challenge the program has faced nor will it likely be the last. As I've already said, it remains a viable entity, which line and staff officers across the country depend on to get their mission critical work done, because of you. I am thankful to have a job I enjoy and the opportunity to work with such an important program.

I wish each of you and those close to you a happy, joyful, and safe holiday season.

Mountain Heritage Receives National Award

Contributed by Mountain Heritage

Doug Stephens and Mountain Heritage Enterprise Unit were recognized by The National Trust for Historic Preservation (NTHP) for outstanding work in partnership development. The award was presented to the Forest Service and a new nonprofit group called HistoriCorps at the NTHP annual meeting in Buffalo, New York October 20th. Mountain Heritage was recognized because of the work it did for Region 2 and the Washington Office in helping to create [HistoriCorps](#), an organization that performs historic preservation projects for the Forest Service. Once HistoriCorps was formed Mountain Heritage then worked with the Agency's new nonprofit partner to complete building restoration projects in several states.



Left: Award recipients included HistoriCorps board members, employees, and Forest Service employees from the WO, R2, and the Enterprise Program.

Right: HistoriCorps volunteers helping Mountain Heritage restore a fire lookout in Idaho.



Arizona's Black Canyon Trail

Contributed by Terri Walsh, Recreation Solutions

Recreation Solutions Enterprise Team, in conjunction with the Phoenix office of the Bureau of Land Management are in the final stages of trail building of the historic Black Canyon Trail (BCT) system in the Bradshaw Mountain foothills of central Arizona. The non-motorized, single-track trail is designed for use by equestrians, hikers and mountain bikers. It is approximately 78 miles long, stretching from the Carefree Highway northward to the Prescott National Forest. The designation of the trail traces its roots to 1919, when the Department of the Interior officially established the route as a livestock driveway. The Black Canyon Stock Driveway was dedicated on January 3, 1969, as the Black Canyon Trails Area.

The Black Canyon Trail began as a prehistoric Native American pathway, linking local settlements together and providing a way to travel long distances. Along the route, historic markers and artifacts, including Native American campsites dating back 10,000 years, indicate it was used primarily to move livestock and people – possibly by valley woolgrowers to herd sheep.

Troy Dymock, Recreation Solutions' Project Manager, has led trail building efforts since 2005, laying out new trail contours and overseeing construction by volunteers from various user groups and community organizations. Troy is excited and honored to help blend this recreation project with the significant cultural values of the area.

Beginning in 2009, Recreation Solutions' Para Archeologist, Terri Walsh has been surveying approximately 30 miles of trail segments with Troy for pre-historic and historic artifacts. The area was once home to the Hohokam people of southern Arizona and numerous significant cultural sites have been discovered. Evidence of occupation has been discovered in the form of village and camp sites containing decorative pottery and tool making material. Previously undiscovered petroglyphs (rock art) have helped to determine the extent of these peoples' occupation and serves as a reminder to us that we share the land in multiple uses.



Troy Dymock, Recreation Solutions, works with volunteers on Arizona's Black Canyon Trail.

AMSET GIS Specialist Recognized

Contributed by AMSET

The Station Fire began on the Angeles National Forest on August 26, 2009, eventually burning 160,577 acres, becoming the largest fire in Los Angeles County history. AMSET GIS Specialist, Chris Clervi, was mobilized to this rapidly expanding fire as the GIS Specialist for California Incident Management Team 4.

To meet the GIS demands of the Station Fire, Chris initialized an Incident Action Plan (IAP) mapbook which included the incident and the areas of expected fire spread. By proactively addressing the GIS needs and recognizing early on the probable expansion of the fire, the Incident Management Team was able to support the operational needs of the firefighters for organized and accurate fire mapping, while also efficiently conveying spatial information to agency administrators, cooperators, the media and the public.

Over the 17 days that Chris was assigned to the Station Fire, the complexity of the map products and GIS skills required to support the incident grew exponentially. By the end of the incident, the IAP mapbook totaled 56 pages.

At the 2011 presentation of the S-341, GIS Specialist Training, Region 5's GIS Coordinator, Lorri Peltz-Lewis learned of the work accomplished on the Station Fire by Chris and the other GIS Specialists assigned to the incident. The magnitude of the GIS work accomplished on the fire motivated Lorri to submit this work product to [ESRI's 2011 International User Conference](#). In recognition of his work, Chris was voted 3rd place among hundreds of submittals from government, private sector and university GIS users in the **"Map Series or Atlas – Press Copy"** category.

Chris would like to thank the following GIS Specialists for their support during the Station Fire; Chris Barrett (AMSET), Brad Weissaupt (Los Angeles County Fire Department), Matt Eister (Eldorado NF) and LaShenna Nieves (Keno Fire, OR). Without the support of this team of specialists the GIS demands of the incident could not have been met.



Congratulations to Chris Clervi, AMSET, for his award winning GIS work on the Station Fire.

Spring Mountain NRA Meets ETS

Nestled in the Nevada desert, the Spring Mountain National Recreation Area (SMNRA) provides Las Vegas residents and visitors an opportunity for solitude among alpine surroundings and tremendous outdoor diversity – from wilderness to developed campgrounds. Managed by the Humboldt-Toiyabe National Forest, the SMNRA is currently receiving much needed maintenance to campgrounds, picnic areas, overlooks, trailhead parking areas, as well as trail improvements. Providing key leadership to these projects is **Enterprise Technical Services (ETS)**.

Frank Leoni, ETS Civil Engineer, is the Contracting Officer Representative (COR) overseeing budgets, schedules, and resources for six Capital Investment Program (CIP) projects on the SMNRA. As COR, Frank ensures:

- Schedule coordination between all Inter Disciplinary Team (IDT) leaders, ancillary IDIQ contract services, design and contracting efforts performed by regional and forest employees and other project managers.
- Accurate and updated Gantt Charts.
- Weekly project status meetings; attendance of weekly staff meetings and monthly NEPA IDT meetings.
- Accurate projected budget for each project and quarterly funding transfers to maintain project flow.

For assistance with your projects or programs, please contact ETS Unit Leader, Lisa Whitcomb at lwhitcomb@fs.fed.us.



Trails Unlimited Heads to Kentucky

Contributed by Trails Unlimited

This fall, Forest Service Enterprise Unit, Trails Unlimited (TU) began construction on a new trail that runs parallel with US Highway 68/Kentucky Route 80 on the Land Between the Lakes (LBL) National Recreation Area, Kentucky. This million dollar project is being funded by Federal Highways. The state of Kentucky has constructed 3.2 miles of paved trail, and TU will construct the remaining 8.5 miles of natural surface trail servicing both bicyclers and hikers alike. TU began work at LBL shortly after Labor Day weekend and plans to finish the project around the middle of February.



Above: Trails Unlimited is constructing 8.5 miles of natural surface trail on the Land Between the Lakes National Recreation Area, Kentucky.

Photos courtesy of Jerry Barrow

Left: Frank Leoni, Enterprise Technical Services, oversees many aspects of six Capital Investment Program projects on the SMNRA.

From the Editor

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