

fpOnline



WASHINGTON STATE DEPT OF
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NEWSLETTER

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ACCOMPLISHMENTS



fpOnline Development

The configuration of fpOnline is on track to be completed by the end of February. VisualVault completed sprints 6-7. See [page 4](#) for more updates from VisualVault.

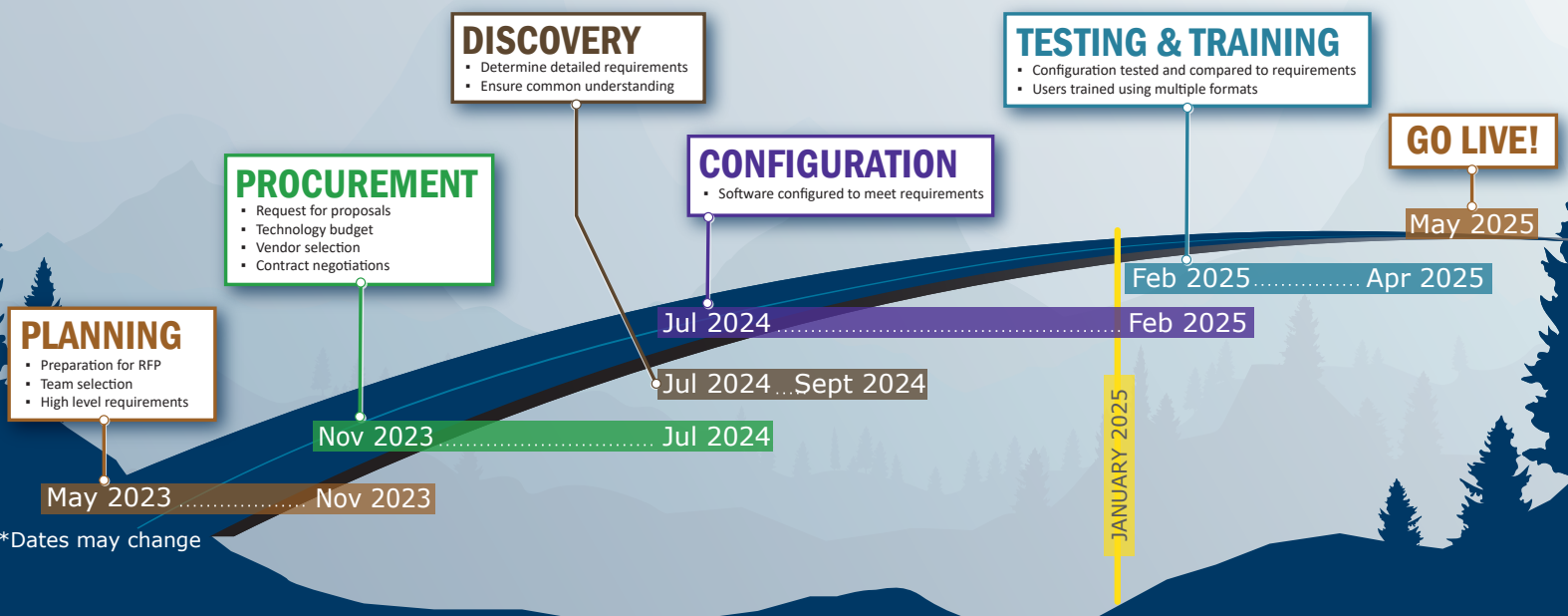
Stay up to date on the latest features being created for fpOnline: Join our next Town Hall on **January 17, 10:30 a.m-12 p.m.**



Future Users Survey

The Q4 2024 "Future Users of fpOnline" survey is complete. Results will be published in the February newsletter.

PROJECT MILESTONES & PHASES



*Dates may change

LOOKAHEAD



Town Hall and product demonstration, January 17, 10:30 a.m – 12 p.m.



VisualVault will begin Sprints 8 – 9 and will focus on business confidence testing and data migration.

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
January			 HAPPY NEW YEAR!	2	3
	6	DNR FP Staff Advisory Committee 9–10:30 a.m. Reviewers Advisory Committee 2:30–4 p.m.	Landowner Advisory Committee 8–9:30 a.m. *FP Program Coordinator Call 9–10:30 a.m.	9 *FP District Manager Meeting 8:15–10 a.m.	10
	13	*FP Assistants Monthly Meeting 1–2 p.m.	15 *FP Program Meeting 10–11 a.m.	16	17 Town Hall and product demo 10:30 a.m–12 p.m.
	20	21	Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLAC) 9 a.m.–1 p.m.	23 *fpOnline Steering Committee 3–4:30 p.m.	24
	27	28	29	30	31
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	10	11	12	13	14
	 17 CELEBRATING PRESIDENT'S DAY	18 *FP Assistants Monthly Meeting 1–2 p.m.	19 *FP Program Meeting 10–11 a.m.	20	21
	24	25	26 *Quarterly Sponsor Coalition - WaTech IT Projects 4–5 p.m.	27 *fpOnline Steering Committee 3–4:30 p.m.	28

*DNR Internal Forest Practices (FP) program meetings



[My coworker] attended the Town Hall meeting. It was landowner focused. The landowners were engaged—that is a good thing. That could have been a big hurdle to get non-government employees to engage with a new bureaucratic process.

—Tribal Reviewer

fpOnline TEAM MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Ian Crocker, Principle Enterprise Architect with DNR's Information Technology Division



Ian joined DNR's Information Technology (IT) Division in February 2023. As the Principle Enterprise Architect, Ian steers the agency in the direction it needs to go with well-defined strategy and policy. His role includes evaluating IT investments, projects, policy, and strategy from the enterprise level. He keeps a pulse on all major projects and initiatives, and provides an escalation point for new

projects and issues that users and Tier 2 staff cannot resolve.

Prior to taking a position at DNR, Ian spent 15 years in the Air National Guard in Florida and Washington, with 12 of those years being on active-duty orders. Over his military career, he held positions from Tier 1 Helpdesk to managing three full-stack mobile platforms with the Army and Navy. Outside his military experience, Ian also holds a master's degree in information technology management.

When not working, Ian and his family can be found enjoying the nature of Washington state with activities such as hiking and fishing, or experiencing events and concerts together.

FUTURE USER SPOTLIGHT

Megan Pike, Forest Practice Forester NW Region - Nooksack



Megan began working for the Department in the summer of 2002 as a wild-land firefighter. She has worked in the fire program, state lands, and resource protection. She has a Bachelor's of Science from Washington State University.

Megan currently used FPARS to review and process FPAs. She is excited that fpOnline will allow our proponents and landowners to have an easier time completing and submitting an FPA.

Living in the foothills of Mount Baker, and working for the Department, Megan is fortunate to share her love of the outdoors with family and friends.

"Any day in the woods is a good day!"

VisualVault has accomplished the following:

- » Forest Practices Application/ Notification (FPA/N)
 - » Business Search completed for questions 1b – 1c
 - » FPA/N data grid questions completed
 - » Region completed
 - » Date of Receipt completed
- » GIS/Mapping solution under development
- » Electronic Signature under development

- » Forest Practices Application Review System (FPARS) form templates under development:
 - » Long-term Application (LTA)
 - » Aerial Chemical
 - » LTA 5 Day
 - » Renewal and Amendment
- » Foundational Communication
- » VisualVault has begun analyzing the migration of data from FPARS to fpOnline

fpOnline EXAMPLE

VisualVault has developed a draft fpOnline version of Question 14 on the FPA/N form: **“Are you installing, replacing, removing, or maintaining structures in or over any typed water?”**

Note: Question 14 becomes Question 15 in the fpOnline version.

BEFORE

14. If installing, replacing, removing, or maintaining structures in or over any typed water, complete the table below. Provide crossing locations and identifiers on your Activity Map. Provide plan details in Question 28 or attach plan to the FPA/N. Type S, F and complex Type N waters require detailed plan information per WAC 222-24-042(2). See FPA/N instructions for detailed plan requirements.

Crossing Identifier <i>(letter, number)</i>	Water Type <i>(S, F, Np, Ns)</i>	Planned Activity <i>(install, replace, remove, temporary, maintenance)</i>	Structure <i>(bridge, ford/equipment crossing*, puncheon/fill, arch, round culvert, other)</i>	Proposed Size <i>(width x length)</i>	Culvert Design Method <i>(F and S only) (no-slope, stream-sim, hydraulic, other)</i>	Channel Bed Width <i>(F and S only) (ft)</i>	Stream Gradient <i>(F and S only) (%)</i>	Is this an RMAP Project

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AFTER

Clicking on the question mark icon launches Quick Help.

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Enter one unique identifier per crossing.

- Do not use S, F, or N.
- See FPA/N instruction and/or Forest Practices Board Manual Section 5 for additional information.

[OK](#)

15. Are you installing, replacing, removing, or maintaining structures in or over any typed water?

Are you installing, replacing, removing, or maintaining structures in or over any typed water? Yes

Provide crossing locations and identifiers on your Activity Map. Provide plan details in Question 32 or attach plan(s) to this FPA/N. Type S, F and complex Type N waters require detailed plan information per WAC 222-24-042(2). See FPA/N instructions for detailed plan requirements.

[Add Water Crossings](#)

Open	Water Crossings ID	Crossing Identifier	Water Type	Planned Activity	Structure Type
No records available.					

20 items per page

Clicking on the Add Water Crossing button opens a new form to enter details.

DETAILS

Crossing Identifier:*

Water Type:* Select Item

Planned Activity: Select Item

Structure Type: Select Item

Proposed Size:*

Width in Inches: X ?

Length In Feet:

Proposed Size:*

Culvert Design Method: Select Item ?

Channel Bed Width:(ft) ?

Stream Gradient(%): ?

[Save](#)

Clicking Save will add your new Water Crossing record. You can add multiple crossing locations.

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Open	Water Crossings ID	Crossing Identifier	Water Type	Planned Activity	Structure Type	Proposed Size
Open	Water Cr-000107	C2	S	Install	Bridge	100" x 12" x 10'
Open	Water Cr-000106	C1	F	Replace	Round Culvert	12" x 10" x 12'

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Type	Proposed Size	Culvert Design Method	Channel Bed Width	Stream Gradient
	100" x 12" x 10'	Other	3	2
	12" x 10" x 12'	No-slope	2	1

1 - 2 of 2 items

HOW TO GET INVOLVED



- » Attend a VisualVault playback session, showing a feature of fpOnline as it is being developed. These will be recorded.
- » Attend our next Town Hall event
- » Attend Timber, Fish, and Wildlife (TFW) or Upper Columbia Basin (UCB) meetings
- » Attend professional meetings, such as:
 - » Washington Forest Protection Association (WFPA)
 - » Northwest Indian Fish Commission (NWIFC)
 - » Washington Farm Forestry Association (WFFA)

KEEPING UP WITH FPONLINE

- » Sign up for the [GovDelivery email list](#)
- » Visit the web page [fpOnline | WA – DNR](#)
- » Email dnrrefponline@dnr.wa.gov
- » Visit [Washington State IT Project Dashboard](#)
- » Read [previous newsletters](#)

FUTURE USER QUOTES



I hope [fpOnline] gets correct applications into the system into the first place. I hope that it clears up a lot of data quality issues.

—FP Forester



The biggest risk is failing – the tool does not work. This industry is not that large. If you turn something out and it doesn't work, or has a lot of flaws, people tend to remember that.

—FP Forester