

Greetings –

We wanted to provide you with another update on DNR’s progress on the fpOnline project. Since our last update, the project team focused on ensuring we have essential staff hired and critical project planning documents completed so the project can make effective and efficient progress. We are now at a point where the project team can restart stakeholder outreach and engagement.

We appreciate all your previous engagement on the project and look forward to your questions, ideas, and suggestions as we now dive into what an updated FPA processing system should look like.

Recent Project Updates

DNR has hired consultants for several key project roles: a Project Manager who has experience with complex IT projects that are under Office of the Chief Information Officer (OCIO) oversight; one full-time and one part-time Business Analyst; an Organizational Change Management team; and a Quality Assurance team. The successful implementation of a large-scale effort like the fpOnline project requires all the operational, technical, and project implementation expertise these individuals bring to our team.

Key Project Roles for fpOnline

Role	Names
Executive Sponsor	DNR Alex Smith
Co-Business Sponsor	DNR: Saboor Jawad
Co-Business Sponsor/Product Owner	DNR: Donelle Mahan
Project Management Office, ADM	DNR: Gil Reyes
Project Manager	Treinen: Clare Olson
Business Analyst(s)	Treinen: Bethany Kirk & Misty O’Brien
Organizational Change Consultant	Halcyon NW LLC: Katherine Boyd, Ed West, Bridget Manolo, Ryan Taylor, Chris Kirkpatrick, & Mary Blake
IT Enterprise/Solutions Architect	DNR: Ian Crocker
FRD, FP/GIS Team Supervisor	DNR: Dave Wischer
Form Process Product Owner	DNR: Carla Fosberg
Quality Assurance Team	Vivid Co: Heidi Brownell, Allyson Ross, & Liz Register

The project team has also been completing key documents such as the [Project Charter](#), Project Management Plan, Investment Plan, and Technology Budget. These are foundational documents for the fpOnline project and guide the project team.

About fpOnline

The fpOnline project modernizes the creation, submission, and review process of all Forest Practices Applications and Notifications (FPA/N). The new application will enable the online submission of FPAs and associated forms, the acceptance of electronic signatures, the acceptance of electronic payments, and the creation of FPA/N related maps. To accomplish this purpose, the project will explore the deployment of a cloud-based software solution.

fpOnline will allow the Forest Practices Region staff to further assist landowners with their forms or in the field. This proactive, customer-focused approach allows for increased protection of public resources such as water, fish, wildlife, and capital subdivisions.

The ultimate purpose of the project is to create an efficient, accessible, adaptable and modern FPA/N system that meets [regulatory](#) requirements, continues to comply with [rules](#), and adheres to DNR Forest Practices Program [policies](#), including the fair and consistent application of forest practices rules across the state.

For additional information about the fpOnline project, information can be found on the [Washington State Information Technology \(IT\) Project Dashboard](#) website under the Project title: [Forest Practices Online](#). Department of Natural Resources also has a webpage for [fpOnline](#) which also provides the opportunity for those interested to sign up for fpOnline Project update notifications.

Please let me know if you have any questions and stay tuned for consistent, monthly fpOnline updates beginning fall 2023.