

# fpOnline NEWSLETTER

January 2025

## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

### Software Configuration

The configuration of fpOnline is on track to be completed by the end of February. VisualVault completed sprints 6-7. See below for more updates from VisualVault.

### Town Hall

Stay up to date on the latest features being created for fpOnline: Join our next Town Hall on January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

### Future Users Survey

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

## UPDATES FROM VISUAL VAULT

### 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

## **PROJECT MILESTONES & PHASES**

- The Planning phase involves preparation for RFP, team selection and high-level requirements. This phase started in May 2023 and ended in October 2023.
- The PROCUREMENT phase involves request for proposals, technology budget, vendor selection, and contract negotiations. This phase started in November 2023 and ended in July 2024.
- The DISCOVERY phase involves determining detailed requirements and ensuring common understanding. This phase started in July 2024 and ended in September 2024.
- The CONFIGURATION phase involves configuring software to meet requirements. This phase started in July 2024 and ends in February 2025.
- The TESTING & TRAINING phase involves testing configuration and comparing it to requirements and training users using multiple formats. This phase starts in February 2024 and ends in April 2025.
- The software will Go Live in May 2025.

## **LOOKAHEAD**

**Town Hall and product demonstration, January 17, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

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

### **Calendar events:**

January 7, 2025 - DNR FP Staff Advisory Committee, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

January 7, 2025 - Reviewers Advisory Committee, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

January 8, 2025 - Landowner Advisory Committee, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

January 8, 2025 - \*FP Program Coordinator Call, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

January 9, 2025 - \*FP District Manager Meeting, 8:15 – 10:00 a.m.

January 14, 2025 - \*FP Assistants Monthly Meeting, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

January 15, 2025 - \*FP Program Meeting, 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

January 17, 2025 - Town Hall and product demonstration, 10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

January 22, 2025 - Small Forest Landowner Advisory Committee (SFLAC), 9:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

January 23, 2025 - \*fpOnline Steering Committee, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

February 4, 2025 - DNR FP Staff Advisory Committee, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

February 4, 2025 - Reviewers Advisory Committee, 2:30 – 4:00 p.m.

February 5, 2025 - Landowner Advisory Committee, 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.

February 5, 2025 - \*FP Program Coordinator Call, 9:00 – 10:30 a.m.

February 6, 2025 - \*FP District Manager Meeting, 8:15 – 10:00 a.m.

February 18, 2025 - \*FP Assistants Monthly Meeting, 1:00 – 2:00 p.m.

February 19, 2025 - \*FP Program Meeting , 10:00 – 11:00 a.m.

February 26, 2025 - \*Quarterly Sponsor Coalition - WaTech IT Projects, 4:00 – 5:00 p.m.

February 27, 2025 - \*fpOnline Steering Committee, 3:00 – 4:30 p.m.

\*DNR Internal Forest Practices program meetings

## 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.

Images show screenshots of “before” and “after” examples of the question.

One before screenshot shows a detailed table to be completed by the user.

Five after screenshots show the following:

1. Main page of the question.
2. Clicking on the question mark icon launches Quick Help.
3. Clicking on the Add Water Crossing button opens a new form to enter details.
4. Clicking Save will add your new Water Crossing record. You can add multiple crossing locations.
5. Two screenshots show the main page with water crossings added.

## 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!”

## 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](mailto:dnrrefponline@dnr.wa.gov)
- Visit the [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.

[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