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VMS Admin Newsletter: 3rd Quarter, 2018

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The 2018 Annual Meeting will be the largest and most comprehensive meeting ever held. Hope to see you there!

Field in Focus - New VMS Admin Field

We have added 3 new VMS Admin options to the TMN Officers/Committees group. They will be updated as we do your audits

A screenshot of a web form for VMS Admin. On the left is a sidebar with a tree view containing items like "General", "Background and Order", "Interactive Worksheet", "Confidentiality Agreement", "Field Notes", "Forms", "Forms Recognition", and "Forms Recognition". The main area contains several sections: "Officer" with checkboxes for "President", "Vice President", "Secretary", and "Advisor"; "Committee Member of" with a dropdown menu; "Officer and/or Committee Duties" with a text area; and a "Roles" section with checkboxes for "VMS Admin", "VMS CBC", and "VMS ReadOnly". The "VMS Admin" checkbox is highlighted with a red box.

2018 Audit & CBCs

We are 56% complete with the audits. We are learning a lot about our Federal Categories and how they are being applied. Expect to see some clarifications and rewrites on our federal categories check sheet, especially about the differences between Natural Resource Mgmt and Nature/Public Access categories.

Background checks are being updated as the audits are being done. We now have a system in place to keep them updated. Thanks for your patience!

Updates to the Logbook



Two changes were recently made to the Logbook on eRecruiter. Volunteers can change the sort order from Date to Opportunity. Be sure that your volunteers are only seeing "Ordinary Logbooks Only". If they see their "Non-Opportunity" transfer documents their hours will be overstated.

eCoordinator - v8.2 and a To-Do item

The latest version of eRecruiter and eCoordinator was deployed early in September. The initial role out was a little rough, but the issues appear to have been fixed.

- The new interface is a positive improvement - we can now change the column widths with a mouse.
- We can also now add the opportunity description to the survey. We hope this will help volunteers pick the correct opportunity and give them guidance on entering their hours. The change will be made to the survey closer to the end of October to give everyone a chance to update their opportunity descriptions.

ToDo: Go through your opportunities and review the descriptions. Make sure they are appropriate and thorough.

Report Service

Please select from the following survey(s):

Archery Programs:TMN Report Hours - with Description ▼

Opportunity Description: Archery events sponsored by TPWD. (Be sure that someone gathers and enters impact data for the event)

Opportunity Description Example

Update on Named Searches

We are removing the "TMN-Hrs Kpr Not Yet Approved" Named Search. You should be using the "TMN Standard-Not Yet Approved" grid. It has the appropriate columns to help you quickly check impact data and water specialization tags.

The screenshot shows the 'Threats' page in the Splunk interface. The 'Threats Standard Not Yet Approved' link is highlighted with a red box. The table below shows a list of threats, with the 'Threats Not Yet Approved' link highlighted in blue.

Activity Title	Start Date	Threats	AI Score	Approved
ing	09/28/21			Not Yet Approved
ing	09/04/21			Not Yet Approved
ing	09/18/21			Not Yet Approved
ing	09/18/21			Not Yet Approved
ing	09/29/21			Not Yet Approved
ing	09/29/21			Not Yet Approved
Gardener Seminar	09/19/21	1		Not Yet Approved

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