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The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is the steward of the lands and waters at Corps water resources projects. Its Natural Resources Management (NRM) Mission is to manage and conserve those natural resources, consistent with ecosystem management principles, while providing quality public outdoor recreation experiences, to serve the needs of present and future generations.

What is the NRM Gateway?

The NRM Gateway takes Corps of Engineers staff into the world of the Corps' recreation, environmental stewardship and environmental compliance programs. This site will improve communication within the NRM community and preserve the organization's institutional knowledge. This site integrates the people, policies, and practices of the NRM community, providing information the way managers manage.

The NRM Gateway is a staged development sponsored by the Recreation Management Support Program under the direction of the Recreation Leadership Advisory Team. The first phase of development focuses on "Recreation for an Internal Audience." Recreation subject matter experts that are a part of existing Programs and Committees were identified. These experts are providing information to the Gateway during periodic workshops. A field review group will assist in evaluating the site. Future phases will include identifying additional topic areas (e.g., Environmental Compliance, Environmental Stewardship, and Knowledge Management Modules). As waves of information become available on the site, field staff will be notified.

Using the site

The initial focus of the NRM Gateway is Recreation for an internal audience, and so, the majority of the information is located on the Employee page. Using the navigation tool bar at the top of the page, find the Employee tab. Much of the information is located under the following three pages:

- *CECW-ON*
- *Committees*
- *Program and Partnerships*

We have a long way to go to populate all the topic areas we would like to fill. If you have comments, please pass them along to us. If you are interested in assisting in the process, continue reading.

Ways you can participate

Each program area will have its own procedure for field participation.

Recreation

For the Recreation program, procedures for field participation are in place. At the bottom of each topic area's cover page, the name of the identified Content Subject Matter Expert (SME) is listed. If you are interested in assisting with content development for that area, contact the SME directly. If no SME is listed, there is an opportunity to volunteer for that position. For additional information, contact the Recreation Technical Coordinator:

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Environmental Stewardship

Currently, program areas of interest have been identified. Dr. Mike Loesch will serve as the Environmental Stewardship Technical Coordinator to further develop a list of topic areas and to identify SMEs interested in supporting this effort. If you are interested in participating contact:

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Environmental Compliance

Contacts for this program have provided a series of related links to assist in organizing materials. A procedure for identifying program areas of interest and SMEs is pending. Until an Environmental Compliance Technical Coordinator can be named, contact the NRM Gateway Project Leader: Kathleen Perales at the phone number or E-mail listed below.

Overall comments

The NRM Gateway is still in development. We are interested in your ideas and opinions. Comments and content for the overall NRM Gateway can be made to the Project Leader:

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