Real Property Management

Application Overview

Natural Resource Manager's (NRM) Real Property Management (RPM) provides an online, central database for the creation and maintenance of Forest Service real property asset records. RPM consists of a group of applications including Real Property Inventory (RPI), Federal Real Property Profile (FRPP), and Leases.

Forest staff use these applications to store data for approximately 35,000 Forest Service assets for 39 categories of real property, such as bridges, administration sites, water systems, and recreation sites. Collection of this data is mandated by executive orders 13327 for yearly monitoring, accountability, and reporting of real property by the Agency.

Key Features

- Provides the ability to enter, display, query, and manage detailed data about each real property asset and the full life cycle of real property management

- Replicates real property asset data into USDA's Corporate Property Automated Information System (CPAIS)

- Creates reports for auditors to ensure Forest Service meets real property compliance and efficiency standards

Agency Benefits

→ Improves decision-making by providing data to prioritize and manage the utilization of real property

→ Increases accuracy and efficiency of Agency reporting to Congress, the Department, and Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests

→ Saves employee time with electronic reporting functionality (vs. manual compilation as needed in the past)

Case Study

In recent years, requests for real property data has increased from various entities including the Department, General Services Administration (GSA), Office of Management and Budget (OMB), and the Government Accountability Office (GAO).

As a Real Property Specialist in the Washington Office, Sharon Gamble often receives data calls regarding real property. Using RPM, she is able to deliver detailed statistical information on real property assets without making frequent calls to the regions or forests. She uses the FRPP application to support year-end reporting to Congress on owned, leased, and otherwise managed assets including full lifecycle data (from active to excess to disposed).

Through the FRPP application, she and other Real Property Specialists post data publicly on a GSA website to show Agency trends – building utilization, square footage per state, cost per square foot, etc. Private citizens to state legislatures can access this information to better understand the Forest Service's footprint, allowing for greater Agency transparency.

"The NRM RPM is a crucial tool in supporting quick and accurate responses to data requests. It gives us a true view of our real property portfolio and allows us to focus on our mission goals rather than worrying about time-consuming complications of data from various sources spread around the Agency."

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