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NPS AND BLM MODERNIZE RECORDS MANAGEMENT WITH FERMI INITIATIVE

CLIENT BACKGROUND:

NPS and BLM are two federal agencies responsible for managing and preserving national parks and public lands. Both agencies faced challenges with traditional records management, including office consolidations, limited storage space, and scattered paper records across multiple field offices.

SUMMARY:

The National Parks Service (NPS) and the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) partnered with Daida and MTNT Intelligence Solutions to modernize their records management processes under the Federal Electronic Records Modernization Initiative (FERMI) led by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA). By adopting the FERMI framework and digitizing records, NPS and BLM enhanced efficiency, improved document accessibility, and ensured compliance with NARA guidelines.

THE CHALLENGE:

NPS struggled with office consolidations and a lack of storage for permanent records, with NARA guidelines increasing the volume of documents classified as permanent. BLM dealt with scattered paper records across 19 field offices, necessitating a unified digitization approach to streamline records management.

THE SOLUTION:

Both agencies adopted the FERMI framework, moving to digitize and store records at Federal Records Centers (FRC). The process involved standardizing document conversion to ensure accessibility and compliance with FERMI standards, including scanning at a minimum of 300 DPI and employing OCR for document retrieval.

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IMPLEMENTATION:

BLM, led by Idaho State Records Manager Shellie Boss, organized and cataloged records for digitization, facilitating the transfer to FRC after conversion. This streamlined approach included preparing, indexing, and converting documents to digital format, ensuring secure and efficient long-term storage.

RESULTS:

Successfully aligned NPS and BLM records management with FERMI standards

Enhanced efficiency and improved access to documents

Established a model for federal agencies transitioning to digital records management

Demonstrated the benefits of strategic planning and technology in overcoming traditional records management challenges

Modernize your agency's records management processes with Daida and MTNT Intelligence Solutions. Our expertise in document digitization and commitment to meeting federal requirements ensure a seamless transition to efficient, accessible, and compliant digital records management. Contact us today to learn how we can help your agency overcome its records management challenges!