ICBS-R OVERVIEW

• **DEFINITION**: ICBS is a web-based application with all of its servers hosted at the National Technology Information Center (NITC). All data captured by ICBS is stored at NITC. Since the application is web-based, the user is not required to “install” the application. The application runs within the user’s browser.

• **PURPOSE**:  
  – Automated support to interagency and agency National and Local Area Support Caches.  
  – Complete business system that enables the cache system to process issues, returns, incoming inventory, and to track inventory.  
  – Process information in **real time** through the use of AIT (Automated ID Technology) such as bar code scanning.
ICBS-R BENEFITS TO CACHE

- Improved agency-reporting
- Better inventory accuracy and information sharing
- Elimination of many manual cache processes
- Improved efficiency in inventory deliverables
- Improved management of wildland fire/all risk costs
- Authorized users can view and/or manage the system-wide inventory
- Efficient inventory utilization across the system. This results in a more efficient inventory distribution for better service to incidents

Visibility = Greater Accountability = Cost Effectiveness
RMK Cache ICBS-R Implementation Glidepath

GOALS:
1. One application for both Nat’l & Local Caches
2. Meet Essential Business Needs
3. Establish Ross/ICBS-R Data Exchange

FUTURE:
- Retrofit for Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) technology to tag high value/sensitive items. Increase of data that can be stored vs. current barcode scanning method utilized.
What is Next with the System?

ICBS Update:
- 6 x Nat’l caches are operational
- Key focus this year implementation at remaining caches
- Phase 2 ROSS-ICBS interface work (testing this fall/winter)
- Training additional Helpdesk personnel
- Developing quick reference guides for users

- Business Releases
- Implementation Strategies
- Location Updates
- Online Training
- ICBS-R Team & Contact Info