

Subcommittee Report Summary

Out of 11 Subcommittee responses:

- **Current Plan or Charter** - 64% have a current plan or charter for collection.
- **Metadata** – 55% have metadata in the FGDC Clearinghouse.
- **Data Sharing Policy** – 36% have a data sharing policy in place.

Recommended for Discontinuation:

- **Base Cartographic Data Subcommittee**
- **Soils Subcommittee**

No Response From:

- **International Boundaries & Sovereignty Subcommittee**
- **Wetlands Subcommittee**

Areas of Concern:

- Inadequate funding / lack of permanent funding base is a risk to future data collection, integration, maintenance, the NSDI, the Geospatial One Stop, and standards implementation.
- Coordination is essential – What mechanism exists to ensure compatibility among standards promulgated by FGDC groups related to vegetation?

Lessons Learned:

- Guidelines drafted by a multi-agency group facilitate buy-in and ensure the usefulness of the guidelines.
- The ISO version of the FGDC Geospatial Metadata Content Standard must be adopted to achieve full metadata compliance.