

Federal Geographic Data Committee Users/Historical Data Working Group Information Sheet

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Overview:

The Users/Historical Data Working Group is established under the auspices of the Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of, geospatial data.

The group will promote an awareness among Federal agencies of the historical dimension to geospatial data; to facilitate the long-term retention, storage, preservation and accessibility of historic geospatial data; and to establish a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of historically valuable geospatial data which have been financed in whole or part by Federal funds.

Working Group Chairperson:

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Subcommittees:

- a. Preservation/Archives-Contacts: Steve Morris, North Carolina State University Libraries (steven_morris@ncsu.edu) and Brett Abrams, NARA (Brett.abrams@nara.gov)
- b. Education/User Issues-Contact: Colleen Cahill, Library of Congress (cstu@loc.gov)
- c. Outreach-Contact: Butch Lazorchak, Library of Congress (wlaz@loc.gov)

Listserv:

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<http://listserv.loc.gov/cgi-bin/wa?A0=uhdwg>

Subscribe through the web interface or by sending a message to Colleen Cahill (cstu@loc.gov)

Committee Public Page on the FGDC Site:

http://www.fgdc.gov/participation/working-groups-subcommittees/hdwg/index_html

My.USGS.gov Site: FGDC_HistoricalData_WG

<https://my.usgs.gov/home/community/show/695>

Contact Colleen Cahill (cstu@loc.gov) or Butch Lazorchak (wlaz@loc.gov) for information.

Action Items:

- Update information on FGDC Committee Page and MyUSGS.gov
- Finalize 2011 Workplan Items
- Prepare for Report-out to FGDC Coordination Group on Feb. 8, 2011

Workplan Items:

- Make contact with potential working group members
- Identifying points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies

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- Provide coordinated comments on current Draft of the Geospatial Platform (Version 3) as well as add items to Geospatial Platform Ideascale
- Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and the materials they preserve based on A-16 Supplemental Guidance
- Inventory of Geospatial Appraisal Documents, concentrating on the government sector
- Provide coordinated input to the Library of Congress Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center
- Explore ways to provide input to Data.gov on providing enhanced access to historic geospatial datasets
- Report on and liaison with the ICSU CODATA Task Group on Data at Risk
- Inventory of current archival standards of interest to the geospatial community that affect WG members; provide as input to Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center
- Encourage agencies to schedule the disposition of geospatial data in coordination with the National Archives and Records Administration and the Library of Congress
- Inventory guidance documents on geospatial formats for long-term preservation and access
- Review Circular A-16 Supplemental Guidance Appendix E (November 10, 2010 version) to explore contacts for potential pilot projects for preserving historic data based on data theme
- Coordinate activities with OMB data center monitoring under the Federal Data Center Consolidation Initiative (<http://bit.ly/9ncqB3>)