
NGAC

**Crowdsourced Data Subcommittee
2015 Summary Report**

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Subcommittee Membership

- Chair: Molly Vogt
- Co-Chair: Steve Coast
- Members:
 - Pat Cummins
 - Dan Cotter
 - Sara Estes Cohen (DHS Contractor)
 - Jack Maguire
 - Keith Masback

Guidance 2015

Crowd-sourced or volunteered geospatial information is an issue of increasing interest and utility to Federal agencies and partners. The FGDC seeks initial input from the NGAC on critical issues to consider in the development, management, and use of crowd-sourced geospatial data, including the following:

- ❑ Identify and summarize key issues for Federal agencies and partners related to crowd-sourced geospatial data. This may include maintenance, validity, metadata, workforce impacts, etc.

Summary of Activities - 2015

- Held regular subcommittee meetings to develop ideas and clarify concepts
- Found opportunities to enhance existing efforts, connected with the Federal Community of Practice on Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science
- Hosted guest speakers and full committee discussions at NGAC meetings
- Identified and researched case studies of crowdsourcing in government

Accomplishments, Products, & Events

- Hosted 6 presentations from nationally recognized subject area experts at 2 NGAC meetings, identified key themes in discussion
- Co-hosted meeting with Federal Community of Practice and FGDC members, compiled action items
- Provided NGAC preview and discussion of Federal Toolkit for Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science
- Provided input to FCoP on beta version and preview of the Toolkit
- Shared common framework and definitions related to crowdsourcing and citizen science
- Researched and drafted crowdsourcing case studies
- Participated in White House Mapathon

Next Steps

- Finalize and post case studies for inclusion in the Toolkit for Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science
- Provide feedback on the Toolkit
- Continue to support and coordinate with the Federal Community of Practice