

# GDA Report to Congress



NGAC Meeting  
October 28, 2020

# NGAC Congressional Report Subcommittee

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- **Purpose:** Develop materials and messages to tell the story of the critical importance of geospatial data, information, and tools to our Nation.
- **Tasks:**
  - Draft and compile 3-6 geospatial use cases to to supplement FGDC's 2020 GDA Report to Congress
  - Provide input on key messages to Congress
- **Membership:** Byron Bluehorse (Chair), Jack Dangermond, Bill Haneberg, Tony LaVoi, Mark Meade, Mark Reichardt, Felicia Retiz, Amber Shultz, Cy Smith, Gary Thompson, Tim Trainor

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## Products/Activities:

- Developed Use Cases to support Report to Congress (adopted by NGAC, June 2020):
  - [Flood Mapping](#), [Opioid Crisis](#), [Foster Care](#), [Census ROAM](#), [Road Maintenance](#)
- Developed [NGAC Resolution](#) on the GDA (adopted by NGAC, June 2020)
- Hosted subcommittee briefing session to discuss draft GDA Report to Congress (10-5-2020)

# GDA Report to Congress FGDC Update



# GDA Congressional Report: 2-Phase Approach

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## Part 1: High-level GDA Report to Congress

- Will include:
  - Executive Summary
  - Background/Overview
  - GDA Implementation Activities to Date
  - GDA Reporting – Status Report
  - NGAC Inputs
  - Challenges/Recommendations
- **Planned delivery date: Fall 2020**

# GDA Congressional Report: 2-Phase Approach, cont'd

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## Part 2: GDA Reporting Appendix

- Will include:
  - Summary of the status of each NGDA data theme and an evaluation of its progress
  - Summary of achievements and a determination of progress of each covered agency in implementing their agency's strategy for advancing geospatial activities appropriate to their mission
  - Any comments from the covered agencies on the FGDC summary reports, NGAC comments on the FGDC summary reports, and any responses to those comments
- **Planned delivery date: Posted online and provided to Congress in April 2021**

# Status

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- FGDC staff has had a series of discussions with FGDC and DOI leadership, congressional affairs staff, and OMB about the approach and timing of the report to Congress. Draft report has been reviewed by FGDC Chair
- FGDC interagency team has developed draft report
  - Roxanne Lamb (team lead), Jen Carlino (NPS), Monique Eleby (Census), FGDC OS staff
- Draft report provided FGDC Steering Committee and NGAC for review on September 25 (comments due by October 9)
  - Comments received: 371 comments from 22 organizations and individuals
- Based on comments, FGDC Steering Committee needs to resolve several issues

# Key Issues

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## Policy Issues Requiring Resolution

- Resources – how to address resource issues in Report to Congress?
- Clarity on recommendations to Congress – What does the Steering Committee want to recommend to Congress?
- Review and final approval process

## Revisions to Document

- Too much detail throughout document – will condense content
- Recommendations on restructuring content – will improve flow

# Next Steps

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## Recommended Next Steps

- Issues need to be resolved by Steering Committee, document needs to be revised/finalized
- Revised draft will be provided to Steering Committee for adoption vote
- Final review by DOI/OMB
- Submission to Congress

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# Questions/Discussion

