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Coordination Group Meeting

Vegetation Subcommittee Update to Coordination Group

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Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Vegetation Subcommittee is: the coordination of terrestrial vegetative data-related activities among Federal agencies and establishes a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of terrestrial vegetation data.

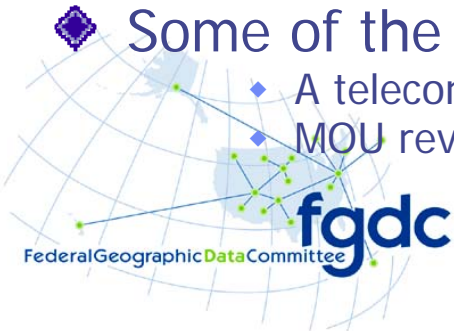
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- Ralph H. Crawford, USFS
- Mike Mulligan, USGS
- Gene Fults, NRCS
- Chris Lea, NPS
- Don Faber Langendoen, NatureServe
- Dave Cleland, USFS
- Scott Franklin, ESA
- Alexa McKerrow, USGS
- Kristin Snow, Nature
- Jill Parsons, ESA
- Cliff Duke, ESA
- Harbin Li, USFS
- Robert Peet, UNC/ESA
- Dave Tart, USFS
- John Dennis, NPS
- Michelle Cox, US Navy
- Carol Spurrier, BLM
- Greg Reams, USFS
- Nate Herold, NOAA
- Karl Brown, NPS
- Kathy Goodin, NatureServe
- Laurel Gorman, USACE
- Elizabeth Middleton, NASA
- Dennis Thompson, USDA
- Patrick Donnelly, FWS



Recent Meetings

- ◆ The Vegetation Subcommittee met on February 22, 2011.
- ◆ The topics discussed at this meeting include:
 - Hierarchy Revisions Working Group
 - Update on Website
 - NVC Group Review
 - ◆ Sharepoint review site status
 - ◆ Soliciting Agency Involvement
 - MOU
 - Plans for Briefings
 - Organizational reports
 - Next steps
 - ◆ Announce availability of USNVC Website
 - ◆ Subcommittee to provide input on descriptions & keys at the Class level.
 - ◆ Train Associate Editors on use of the sharepoint review site
- ◆ Some of the outcomes arising from this meeting include:
 - ◆ A teleconference to discuss agencies needs for Keys to the NVC.
 - ◆ MOU revision



Recent Developments/Projects

- ◆ USNVC Website Developed (mid-March)
- ◆ Group Descriptions completed for the conterminous U.S.
- ◆ Sharepoint Site developed to support Group Reviews.
- ◆ Screening criteria developed to assign confidence to the association descriptions.



Recent Developments/Projects, Cont'd.

- ◆ Ecological Society of America 2011 meeting
 - NVC Field trip to Perdenales Falls State Park
 - NVC Workshop Plant Community Classification
 - NVC Organized Oral Session
- ◆ Three training modules
 - USNVC Overview
 - Concepts used to define and describe types at the Group level.
 - Training for reviewers – logistics of group reviews.



Next Meeting

- ◆ The next meeting of the Vegetation Subcommittee will be held on March 31st. It will take place via teleconference.
- ◆ Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:
 - Subcommittee's review of the class level types.
 - MOU.
 - Agencies specific use/need for Keys at various levels of the NVC.
 - Plans/Status of training for the group reviews being managed by ESA.



Next Steps

In the coming months, the Vegetation Subcommittee hopes to accomplish:

- ◆ Database Permanent Housing.
 - Database System between Federal agencies.
 - Database system communication between Federal and non federal vegetation databases.



Questions?

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