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Coordination Group Meeting

Users/Historical Data Working Group
Update to Coordination Group

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Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Users/Historical Data Working Group (U/HDWG) is to promote and coordinate activities among Federal agencies who are primarily users of, not generators of geospatial data. A part of the duties of the Working Group is established to promote an awareness among Federal agencies of the historical dimension to geospatial data; to facilitate the long-term retention, storage, preservation and accessibility of selected geospatial data; and to establish a mechanism for the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of historically valuable geospatial data.

Members include:
- Colleen Cahill, Library of Congress, Chair
- Brett Abrams, National Archives
- Butch Lazorchak, Library of Congress
Organizations

Members include:
- North Carolina Center for Geographic Information and Analysis
- North Carolina State University
- CIESIN
- EROS
- PASDA, Pennsylvania State University
- Tennessee Valley Authority
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
- Department of Homeland Security
- Benjamin Harrison Society
- San Diego Supercomputer Center
- Western Illinois University
- USGS
- USDA
Recent Meetings

- The U/HDWG meetings on 4th Thursday of the month.
- The topics discussed at recent meetings include:
  - Geospatial Formats
    - Open discussions
    - Presentation of *Sustainability of Digital Formats: Planning for Library of Congress Collections* website
  - Reports on Survey for Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and Data Sets

- Some of the outcomes arising from these meetings include:
  - Completed survey of Federal agencies on data sets
  - Provided outreach to users of Federal Geospatial Data
  - Continued Feedback on the Geospatial Platform
Recent Developments/Projects

Survey of Inventory of Federal Government Data Stewards/Records Officers and the materials they preserve based on A-16 Supplemental Guidance

Provide presentations at U/HDWG meetings:

- Sustainability of Digital Formats: Planning for Library of Congress Collections website
- Briefing on the Geospatial Multistate Archive and Preservation Partnership
- FGDC Lifecycle Working Group
Recent Developments/Projects, Cont’d.

- Provided feedback on the Geospatial Platform
- More outreach to possible U/HDWG members
Next Meeting

- The next meeting of the U/HDWG will be held on March 22\textsuperscript{nd}, 11am-12pm. It will take place via a webinar.

- Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:
  - Annotated survey of literature/guidance documents on geospatial formats for long-term preservation
  - Annotated survey of literature/guidance documents on geospatial appraisal documents
Next Steps

In the coming months, the U/HDWG hopes to accomplish/discuss:

- Continue work to identify long-term stewardship points of contact in all pertinent Federal agencies.
- Follow the activity with the Geospatial Platform, focusing on archival and long-term stewardship considerations.
- Continue outreach and recruitment of potential U/HDWG members.
Questions?

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