



**Federal Geographic Data Committee  
Coordination Group Meeting  
Tuesday, July 8, 2014  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern  
No Data Theme Leads Session**

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**Location: Webinar ONLY**

**AGENDA**

9:00 – 9:05	<b>Welcome and Introductions</b>	<i>Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS</i>
9:05 – 9:15	<b>Previous Meeting Action Item Review</b>	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
9:15 – 10:00	<b>FGDC Business Report</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
10:00 – 10:30	<b>Geologic Subcommittee Report</b>	<i>Dave Soller, USGS</i>
10:30 – 11:00	<b>Wetlands Subcommittee Report</b>	<i>Bill Wilen, FWS</i>
11:00 – 11:30	<b>HUD Enterprise Geographic Information Systems Portal (eGIS) Update</b>	<i>Jon Sperling, HUD</i>
11:30 – 11:50	<b>Lightning Session</b>	<i>CG Members &amp; Partners</i>
11:50 – 12:00	<b>Action Item Review</b>	<i>Arista Maher, FGDC OS</i>
12:00	<b><i>Adjourn</i></b>	

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<b>*Read-ahead Documents</b>	1.
<b>Other Relevant documents</b>	

\* Read-ahead documents are located at the [my.usgs.gov](http://my.usgs.gov) site for member access.

## CG Meeting Planning

<p><b>Coordination Group Meetings Topics</b> (in addition to the following standing items)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Welcome and Introductions; - Previous Meeting Action Item Review; - FGDC Business Update; - FGDC Secretariat Report; - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn</li> <li>- All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 3pm EST, unless otherwise noted</li> </ul>
<p><b>August 12, 2014</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Meeting cancelled</li> </ul>
<p><b>September 9, 2014</b>  <i>(Via Webinar and Telecon Only)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Users/Historical Data WG</b> (Jacquie Nolan/Butch Lazorchak);</li> <li>• <b>Vegetation SC</b> (Marianne Burke).</li> <li>• <b>NDOP Subcommittee</b> (Shirley Hall/Dick Vraga – <i>rescheduled from August</i>).</li> <li>• <b>Cadastral SC</b> (Don Buhler – <i>rescheduled from August</i>).</li> </ul>
<p><b>October 21, 2014</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Marine and Coastal Spatial Data SC</b> (Tony LaVoi);</li> <li>• <b>Metadata WG</b> (Jennifer Carlino).</li> </ul>
<p><b>November 18, 2014</b>  <i>(Via Webinar and Telecon Only)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Standards WG</b> (Julie Maitra);</li> <li>• <b>Cultural Resources WG</b> (Deidre McCarthy).</li> </ul>
<p><b>December 9, 2014</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Geodetic Control SC</b> (Juliana Blackwell);</li> <li>• <b>Transportation SC</b> (Raquel Hunt).</li> </ul>



## Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through July 8, 2014

<b>Due Date: June 26, 2014</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	CG Members	<b>Action#: 20140218-01</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Any CG members interested in serving as CG Co-Chair should submit their self-nomination and letter of support from their SAOGI to Ken Shaffer and Arista Maher by June 9, 2014.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:kmschaffer@fgdc.gov">kmschaffer@fgdc.gov</a> ; Arista Maher, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:amaher@fgdc.gov">amaher@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	No nominations have been received to date. The ExCom laid out a path forward at their meeting on May 22. Steering Committee members were asked to nominate potential candidates from their agencies by June 26.	
<b>On Hold</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Steve Lewis, DOT	<b>Action#: 20140610-04</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Steve Lewis and other contacts at the Department of Transportation will work together with Tim Trainor (Census Bureau) to draft a proposal regarding the possibility of DOT hosting a repository for a potential National Address Database. They will provide this proposal to the FGDC Secretariat by June 26.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Steve Lewis, DOT, <a href="mailto:steve.lewis@dot.gov">steve.lewis@dot.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	This action is on hold, pending maturation of planning for the database. Updates will be provided to the CG as progress is made.	
<b>Due Date: ASAP</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	CG Members	<b>Action#: 20140708-01</b>
<b>Action:</b>	CG members should anticipate the review process to begin for the Geospatial Interoperability Reference Architecture (GIRA) document and should coordinate with their SAOGIs to ensure that all of their agency's comments are captured in the response.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:ideloatch@fgdc.gov">ideloatch@fgdc.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	CG Members	<b>Action#: 20140708-02</b>
<b>Action:</b>	CG members' input on the Esri NGDA session should be provided to Wendy Blake-Coleman by July 11.	
<b>Contact:</b>	Wendy Blake-Coleman, EPA, <a href="mailto:blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov">blake-coleman.wendy@epa.gov</a>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		



# Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting MEETING MINUTES July 8, 2014

(Note: Primary CG members are indicated in **blue text**; alternate CG members are indicated in **red text**.)

√	Coordination Group Attendees	Organization	√	Attendee	Organization
x	Shirley Hall	USDA- Farm Service Agency		Robert Welsh	DOI – Office of Surface Mining
x	Marisa Capriotti	USDA – Natural Resources Conservation Service		Christina Lett	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Betsy Kanalley	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Bill Wilen	DOI – US Fish & Wildlife Service
	Marianne Burke	USDA – US Forest Service	x	Ivan DeLoatch	DOI – USGS/FGDC; Chair, CG
	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
	Tony LaVoi	DOC - NOAA		Stephen Aichele	DOI – USGS
	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Anne O'Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State
	Alex Ferry	DOD - NGA		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
x	David LaBranche	DOD - DISDI	x	Raquel Hunt	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD - DISDI		Jimmy Amoaka-Atta	Dept of Treasury
	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans' Affairs
	Teddy Dyer	Dept. of Energy	x	Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
x	Stephanie Foster	DHHS – CDC		Dave Catlin	EPA
	Lew Summers	DHS – Office of the CIO		Donald Campbell	FCC
	Dennis Hardy	DHS		John Sullivan	GSA
	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Autumn Wallin	GSA
	Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - Office of Community Planning & Development	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Myra Bambacus	NASA

	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy		Gregory Mann	NASA
	Don Buhler	DOI - BLM		Brett Abrams	NARA
	Doug Vandegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Pamela Stephens	National Science Foundation
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE		Stuart Reiter	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	David Duran	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		Asghar Noor	Small Business Administration
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat'l Park Service		David Timmons	Social Security Administration
				Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>		<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Anne Ball	NOAA	x	Kristie McLeroy	USDA/NRCS
x	Bill Burgess	NSGIC	x	Marcia McNiff	USGS
x	Stephen Bryce	Esri	x	Alyssum Pohl	NACO/NSGIC
x	Shawn Gravatt	FGDC OS/COMSO	x	David Sammons	DOE
x	Charley Hickman	USGS	x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC OS
x	Michel Kareis	GSA	x	Yen Shan	SBA
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC OS	x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS
x	Arista Maher	FGDC OS	x	Dave Soller	USGS
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS	x	Gita Urban-Mathieux	FGDC OS
x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS	x	Lucie Vogel	IHS
			x	Linda Zellmer	WIU

### **Welcome and Introductions – Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS**

Ivan DeLoatch, Chair, FGDC Coordination Group, welcomed participants to the Coordination Group meeting and asked participants to introduce themselves.

The NSDI Action Plans are in progress. CG members will be asked to provide their input. The Open Water Data Initiative proposal was presented at the Steering Committee meeting on June 26. A call for support of the proposal was sent out by FGDC Chair Anne Castle for response due by the end of this week. It was noted that a major milestone on the NGDA datasets has been accomplished; in working with the data theme leads and dataset managers, the major datasets have been identified. Additionally, August 18 will be the due date for submissions to the 2014 FGDC Annual Report.

### **Previous Meeting Action Item Review - Arista Maher, FGDC OS**

The action items from prior meetings were briefly reviewed.

## **FGDC Business Report – Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

[\[Presentation, PPT\]](#)

Ken Shaffer gave an update on FGDC activities. The agenda for the meeting was briefly reviewed.

The decisions from the FGDC Executive Committee (ExCom) meeting on May 22, 2014 were reviewed, including that Kevin Gallagher (USGS) and Tim Trainor (Census Bureau) will serve as Co-Champions of the NSDI Awareness objective on the NSDI Strategic Plan, and that Angela Smith (GSA) and Stephen Lowe (USDA) will serve as Co-Champions for the Cloud Computing Objective of the NSDI Strategic Plan.

The decisions from the April 3, 2014 Steering Committee include: a letter will be drafted from the FGDC Chair and Co-Chair to the agencies on the implementation of the National Geospatial Data Assets (NGDA) Management Plan; and, OMB has identified a government contact that will work with the respective NGAC subcommittee on the issue of Geospatial Privacy.

The National Boundaries Group (NBG) Charter was endorsed by the CG, in an electronic vote that closed on May 27. It is now up for a Steering Committee vote for their endorsement. There were no FGDC membership changes this month.

The most recent Steering Committee meeting was held on Thursday, June 26, from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the South Interior Building Auditorium. The topics from this meeting were briefly reviewed, including the Open Water Data Initiative Proposal.

The Executive Committee most recently met on May 22, 2014. Agenda topics for that meeting included FGDC leadership changes, the NSDI Strategic Plan Implementation, the NGDA Management Plan, the Geospatial Platform, Steering Committee meeting planning, and an update on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee (NGAC) activities.

The most recent NGAC meeting was held on June 24-25, 2014 at the South Interior Building. An update on the activities of the various NGAC subcommittees was given, as this was a major focus of the June meetings. The activities of the Landsat Advisory Group, National Address Subcommittee, Geospatial Education and Workforce Development Subcommittee, and the Geospatial Privacy Subcommittee were briefly recapped. The next meeting of the NGAC will take place on September 23-24, 2014 in Shepherdstown, WV, where subcommittees will develop and discuss their draft papers. At the December webinar meeting, it is anticipated that the NGAC will endorse the final subcommittee papers.

The Coordination Group meeting scheduled for August 12 will be cancelled. The next meeting will take place on September 9 (webinar only).

The Geospatial Interoperability Reference Architecture (GIRA) Review was discussed. In relation to the NSDI Strategic Plan actions, Dan Cotter (DHS) is overseeing implementation of the relevant actions. The first draft of the GIRA has been developed by the Program Manager,

Information Sharing Environment (PM-ISE), and is now ready for review. The document brings together many past architectural efforts of the FGDC community, and establishes the Geospatial Platform as the primary source for unclassified geospatial information as well as for addressing many interoperability and standards issues. Once the DHS and FGDC (including NGAC) have received and adjudicated comments, the document will be sent to the Federal CIO Council for adoption as an artifact of the Federal Enterprise Architecture. FGDC OS has provided edits. A pending FGC Steering Committee action will be to: coordinate the review and compilation of comments from their agency; compile all their agency's comments into a single submission; and submit comments per the instructions located in a supplied Comments Matrix. Comments should be submitted directly to DHS.

**ACTION: CG members should anticipate the review process to begin for the Geospatial Interoperability Reference Architecture (GIRA) document and should coordinate with their SAOGs to ensure that all of their agency's comments are captured in the response.**

An update on U.S. Government Accountability Office (GAO) engagement actions for 2012 and 2014 were given. The Marketplace action has been closed. The other two actions will be monitored by GAO, and once they find proof of implementation, they will close out those actions. This year's Annual Report will provide an update on these actions. On the 2014 engagement, a letter was received from GAO in January outlining the new engagement. The focus of this engagement is: determining the implementation status of prior recommendations, describing the types of geospatial data that selected federal agencies and states are acquiring, and determining the extent to which selected Federal agencies and states invest in potentially duplicative geospatial data (focus on addresses and imagery). Responses on data use questions and costs from USGS, NOAA, and Census were submitted on June 27. Cost information was determined to be unquantifiable, primarily since this information is not consistently tracked as part of any standard cost tracking system.

The activities of the NGDA Management Plan were briefly reviewed. The team is continuing to support activities with the NGDA Theme Leads and Dataset Managers, and have identified baseline datasets. The next step is to have all of the datasets registered in Data.gov by December 31, 2014. The inventory of datasets has been posted to the public site. They are also working on revising the community resources on GeoPlatform.gov, including revising the internal Theme Lead Community and updating the NGDA/A-16 Theme Communities on Governmental Units and Transportation. Additionally, a working session of the Theme Leads will take place at the upcoming Esri Users' Conference in San Diego in July. An NGDA Metadata Focus Group has also been established to address issues related to NGDA dataset metadata content, tagging, and registering the NGDA data metadata in Data.gov and GeoPlatform.gov. Theme lead changes were briefly reviewed.

**ACTION: CG members' input on the Esri NGDA session should be provided to Wendy Blake-Coleman by July 11.**

The NSDI Strategic Plan implementation was reviewed. The revised action plans were distributed to the SC, CG, and NGAC in June, and were discussed at their June meetings. FGDC plans to hold an NSDI Leaders' Forum meeting in late July or August to brief the leaders of key

geospatial organizations on the implementation process. The FY 2014 status reports on the NSDI action plans will be due on September 30. Seven of the nine action plans for the NSDI Strategic Plans have been completed; the remaining two will be completed in FY 2015.

The Geospatial Line of Business and Geospatial Platform activities were reviewed. The FY 2014 Interagency Document Status was shown. The site functionality enhancements (including the Initial Web Map Viewer and the GeoConOps Community enhancements) and site maintenance and usage were described. The team continues to support the NGDA Management Plan efforts, the public baseline list, and public-facing and internal theme lead collaboration communities.

An update on FGDC Standards activities was given. The FGDC Standards Work Group met on June 19. They recommended CG approval for public review of the Revision of Geographic Information Framework Data Standard, Part 2, Digital Orthoimagery. The next meeting of the SWG will take place on September 25. The ISO/TC 211 plenary meetings took place in Berlin in early June. The L1/US TAG meeting took place on June 18 and included votes on 5-year maintenance review of standards.

### **Geologic Subcommittee Report – Dave Soller, USGS**

[\[Presentation, PPT\]](#)

Dave Soller reported on the recent activities of the Geologic Data Subcommittee. The purpose and membership were reviewed. The convergence on a geologic map database design was discussed, including objective ranges and a leading candidate for standard design (NCGMP09).

The progress report on NCGMP implementation was released in September 2013. They hold two state-Federal telecons a month to discuss technical issues related to implementation. In order to begin to collect documentation on examples of success stories, an NCGMP09 Steering Committee was formed in late 2013. They plan on forming a working group to solicit documentation on various test-implementations. In late 2014, the working group will evaluate all documentation and propose revisions; following this, they will consider proposing the revised NCGMP09 as an FGDC Standard.

User support for the FGDC Geologic Map Symbolization standard is provided by the USGS, and an update would be useful. For the Geology theme, the following NGDA datasets have been identified: Geologic Mapping; Sand, Gravel, Offshore; Wells, Offshore. Through discussions with FGDC, it was determined that a collection-level record for the NGMDB would begin to address the FGDC goal to identify NGDAs.

### **Wetlands Subcommittee Report – Bill Wilen, FWS**

Bill Wilen reported on the recent activities of the Wetlands Subcommittee. The National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) was briefly described in relation to web mapping services. IPACT (Information Planning and Conservation Tool for Ecological Services) uses the wetlands web mapping service to bring in information about endangered species and wetlands (summarized by acreage). They are also able to connect to the National Wetlands Inventory decoder to bring up

information about a variety of activities. The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development also links to the wetland mapper to produce customized maps.

**HUD Enterprise Geographic Information Systems Portal (eGIS) Update – Jon Sperling, HUD**

The presentation on the HUD eGIS Portal was cancelled. The HUD presentation will be rescheduled for a later meeting date.

**Lightning Session – Coordination Group Members and Partners**

Coordination Group members and other FGDC partners were given the opportunity to give brief updates on topics of interest to the Coordination Group. As there were no volunteers, the session was not held.

**Action Item Review - Arista Maher, FGDC OS**

Action items from the meeting were reviewed for the members.

*Adjourn*