



**Federal Geographic Data Committee  
Coordination Group Meeting  
Tuesday, June 16, 2015  
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Eastern**

***POC for entrance to MIB: Leslie Harmon: 202-208-4413***

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**Location: Main Interior Building,  
Rachel Carson Room  
1849 C Street, NW  
Washington, DC**

**DRAFT 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>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS</i>
9:15 – 9:35	<b>FGDC Business Highlights</b>	<i>Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS</i>
9:35 – 10:05	<b>Wetlands Subcommittee Report</b>	<i>Bill Wilen, FWS</i>
10:05 – 10:35	<b>User Historical Data Working Group Report</b>	<i>Jacqueline Nolan, LOC</i>
10:35 – 10:50	<b>3DEP Stakeholder Briefing</b>	<i>Dick Vraga, USGS, Vicki Lukas, USGS</i>
10:50 – 11:10	<b>Coordination Group Role on New Datums</b>	<i>Juliana Blackwell, NOAA</i>
11:10 – 11:20	<b>Other Agency Announcements</b>	<i>Ivan Deloatch, FGDC OS</i>
11:20-11:30	<b>Action Item Review, and next meeting agenda items</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS</i>
11:30	<b>Adjourn</b>	

<b>*Read-ahead Documents</b>	
<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; - Other Agency Announcements - Summary of Action Items / Next Meeting Agenda; - Adjourn</li> <li>- All meetings are scheduled from 9am to 12pm EST, unless otherwise noted</li> </ul>
<p><b>June 16, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>Wetlands Subcommittee (Bill Wilen); User Historical Data WG (Jacqueline Nolan)</b></p>
<p><b>July 14, 2015</b>  <i>(Kiowa Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>Standards W.G (Julie Binder Maitra); Cadastral Subcommittee (Don Buhler)</b></p>
<p><b>August 11, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>NDOP Subcommittee (Shirley Hall); Vegetation Subcommittee (Marianne Burke)</b></p>
<p><b>September 8, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>Cultural Resources (Deidre McCarthy); Metadata Working Group (Jennifer Carlino)</b></p>
<p><b>October 13, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>Geologic Subcommittee (Dave Soller)</b></p>
<p><b>November 10, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>National Boundaries Working Group (Lynda Lyptrap); Geodetic Control Subcommittee (Juliana Blackwell)</b></p>
<p><b>December 8, 2015</b>  <i>(Rachel Carson Room, Main Interior Building)</i>  <b>Marine and Coastal Spatial Data (Tony LaVoi)</b></p>



# Federal Geographic Data Committee Coordination Group Meeting ACTION ITEMS Through June 16, 2015

<b>Due Date: July 14, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group	<b>Action#: 20150113-02</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The Coordination Group will create a CG 2015 work plan.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	John Mahoney	<b>Action#: 20150113-05</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The Coordination Group will hold a working session to identify responsibilities on the NSDI Strategic Plan Implementation actions and use it as basis for the CG 2015 work plan.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>John Mahoney, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov">jmahoney@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Working session was provided on May 12.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group	<b>Action#: 20150113-09</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The Coordination Group will discuss and determine what their role should be in the coordination needed for the upcoming datum change, in collaboration with the National Geodetic Survey.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Coordination Group members discussed possible roles at the June 16, CG meeting.	
<b>Closed</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#: 20150421-03</b>
<b>Action:</b>	Coordination Group members will submit names of project management software and requirements they recommend to Lucia Foulkes.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Names of project management software products or requirements were not received as of June 16.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#: 20150421-04</b>
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will send the CG an email requesting a chair and individuals to serve on the Architecture and Technology Working Group. A brief description of the role and time requirements will be included.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Email note was sent to Coordination Group members on May 11.	

<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150421-05
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will distribute the latest version of the "Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value" document to the Coordination Group, Theme Leads, and Dataset managers for review. Comments are due back to Butch Lazorchak ( <a href="mailto:wlaz@loc.gov">wlaz@loc.gov</a> ) with a copy to Lucia Foulkes ( <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a> ) by May 6, 2015. The Coordination Group will determine if document is ready for a vote at the May meeting.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>; Butch Lazorchak, LOC, <a href="mailto:wlaz@loc.gov">wlaz@loc.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	Comments were received and incorporated into the document.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150512-01
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will submit a revised version of the "Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value" document to the Coordination Group.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	Revised document was emailed to the Coordination Group on May 14.	
<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group	<b>Action#:</b> 20150512-02
<b>Action:</b>	The Coordination Group will review the May 12, 2015 CG draft charter and will send comments to Lucia Foulkes no later than May 22 <sup>nd</sup> . If not issues are found, the draft will be put for a vote. If there are any issues, they will be addressed at the June 16 meeting.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>	Comments received were incorporated into the draft charter on May 26.	
<b>Due Date: Pending</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150512-03
<b>Action:</b>	A list of all agency participants across various FGDC committees, workgroups and subcommittees and including NGDA theme leads and dataset managers will be shared with the Coordination Group once the theme leads and dataset managers data is uploaded into MMA	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		
<b>Due Date: June 16, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group Members	<b>Action#:</b> 20150512-04
<b>Action:</b>	A volunteer from the Coordination Group is needed to participate in the outreach and communications strategy plan efforts. Nominations should be sent to Lucia Foulkes ( <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a> ) and John Mahoney ( <a href="mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov">jmahoney@usgs.gov</a> ).	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a>, John Mahoney, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:jmahoney@usgs.gov">jmahoney@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/Response:</b>		

<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150512-05
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will email the coordination group the presentations on Licensed Data Forum and HUD eGIS program.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	Presentations were emailed to the Coordination Group on May 13.	
<b>July 31, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Juliana Blackwell, National Geodetic Survey (NGS)	<b>Action#:</b> 20150616-01
<b>Action:</b>	Juliana Blackwell, NGS, will coordinate with Vicki Lukas, USGS, on a proposal for an elevation theme subcommittee governance structure to be shared with the Coordination for further recommendation to the Steering Committee. The charter of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology will be included in the proposal.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Juliana Blackwell, NGS, <a href="mailto:juliana.blackwell@noaa.gov">juliana.blackwell@noaa.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>July 14, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150616-02
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will post the Geodetic Datums videos on FGDC's website with a message to raise awareness on NGS tools, product, and services in preparation for the new datums.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>July 14, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Coordination Group members	<b>Action#:</b> 20150616-03
<b>Action:</b>	The Coordination Group member agencies are invited to provide Juliana Blackwell, NGS, a point of contact to be part of the new datum initiative efforts.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		
<b>July 14, 2015</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	FGDC Secretariat	<b>Action#:</b> 20150616-04
<b>Action:</b>	The FGDC Secretariat will send the revised CG charter to the Coordination Group for an electronic vote.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS, <a href="mailto:lfoulkes@usgs.gov">lfoulkes@usgs.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>		

<b>Complete</b>		
<b>Lead:</b>	Jacque Nolan, Library of Congress	<b>Action#:</b> 20150616-05
<b>Action:</b>	Jacque Nolan, LOC, will send information to Lucia Foulkes on the Symposium Announcement of the Board on Geographic Names 125th Anniversary to be posted on FGDC's website.	
<b>Contact:</b>	<i>Jacque Nolan, LOC, <a href="mailto:jnol@loc.gov">jnol@loc.gov</a></i>	
<b>Resolution/ Response:</b>	The symposium announcement was posted on FGDC's website on June 18 <sup>th</sup> .	

ID (yyyymmdd- #)	Decision/Description Decisions provide a position/foundation on which actions are taken.
20150616-01	The Coordination Group meeting on July 14 will be a webinar meeting only.
20150616-02	The Coordination Group meeting scheduled for August 11 has been cancelled.

**Federal Geographic Data Committee  
Coordination Group Meeting  
MEETING MINUTES  
June 16, 2015**

(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
x	Juliana Blackwell	DOC – National Geodetic Survey	x	Dick Vraga	DOI – USGS
	Tony LaVoi	DOC – NOAA		Edward Hugler	Dept of Labor – OASAM
x	Lynda Liptrap	DOC – Census Bureau		Cecelia Henderson	Dept of State
	Anne O’Connor	DOC – Census Bureau		Mark Bradford	DOT - Research & Innovative Technology Admin
	William Spencer James	DOD – NGA		Raquel Hunt	DOT – Federal Railroad Admin
	David LaBranche	DOD – DISDI		Jimmy Amoaka-Atta	Dept of Treasury
	Mitchell Fiedler	DOD – DISDI		Pheakdey Lim	Dept of Veterans’ Affairs
	Nancy Blyler	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Tom Garin	Dept of Veterans’ Affairs
x	Bill Nye	DOD – US Army Corps of Engineers		Wendy Blake-Coleman	EPA
	Tai Phan	Dept. of Education – Institute of Ed Statistics		Dave Catlin	EPA
	Vacant	Dept. of Energy		Donald Campbell	FCC

	Stephanie Foster	DHHS – CDC		Michel Kareis	GSA
	Lew Summers	DHS – Office of the CIO		George Deyckere	GSA
	Dennis Hardy	DHS	x	Jacqueline Nolan	Library of Congress
x	Jon Sperling	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Vacant	NASA
	Salvatore Sclafani	HUD - x of Community Planning & Development		Vacant	NASA
	David Chase	HUD – Policy Development & Research		Vacant	NARA
	Antoinette Sebastian	HUD – Office of Environment & Energy		Pamela Stephens	National Science Foundation
x	Don Buhler	DOI – BLM		Stuart Reiter	Nuclear Regulatory Commission
	Doug Vandxegraft	DOI – Bureau of Ocean Energy Mgmt, Regulation & Enforcement		Asghar Noor	Small Business Administration
	Steven Schwartz	DOI - BOEMRE	x	David Timmons	Social Security Administration
	David Duran	DOI – Nat’l Park Service		Ray Mitchell	Tennessee Valley Authority
	Tim Smith	DOI – Nat’l Park Service			
	Lucie Vogel	HHS			
	<b>Other Attendees</b>	<b>Organization</b>		<b>Attendee</b>	<b>Organization</b>
x	Roxanne Lamb	FGDC OS		Gita Urban-Mathieu	FGDC OS
x	Lucia Foulkes	FGDC OS		Marcia McNiff	DOI-USGS
x	John Mahoney	FGDC OS		Bradley Macpherson	DOI-USGS
x	Julie Maitra	FGDC OS		Lisa Mcbride	USDA-Forrest Service
x	Jennifer Carlino	FGDC OS		Anne Ball	NOAAx
x	Vaishal Sheth	FGDC OS		Charles Hickman	DOI-USGS
x	Michel Kareis	GSA	x	Ken Shaffer	FGDC OS

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

Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, welcomed members and provided a brief overview of the agenda. Member's introductions were made.

**Previous Meeting Action Item Review, Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS**

Actions from the meeting in May were reviewed.

**FGDC Business Highlights, Ken Shaffer, FGDC OS**

[FGDC Business Highlights](#) (pdf)

[FGDC Business Report](#) (pdf)

The Steering Committee last met on June 11. The FGDC Chair Jennifer Gimbel posed the following challenge to the Steering Committee: What can the FGDC achieve that will make a real impact/difference, in the next 18 months? Members were asked to provide their suggestions and ideas on this challenge. The NGAC meeting took place on June 9 and 10; the agenda was briefly discussed. John Mahoney, FGDC OS, reported on the subcommittees activities. The Crowd-Sourced Data Subcommittee organized a spotlight session, and a follow up Forum on Crowd-Sourced Geospatial Data and Citizen Science. The spotlight session highlighted key issues related to crowd-sourced geospatial data and discussed possible roles for FGDC/NGAC. A follow up meeting on Crowd-Sourced Geospatial Data and Citizen Science was held the next day. The objective of meeting was to provide a forum to share activities of interest to the geospatial community on the application of crowd-sourced data and citizen science, as well as to identify opportunities for sharing best practices, and for collaboration on critical projects.

The NGAC approved the 3DEP subcommittee paper providing comments on the NAPA Flood Mapping Report. Additionally, The NGAC approved the following resolution:

“The NGAC endorses the following recommendation in the National Academy of Public Administration’s (NAPA) “FEMA Flood Mapping: Enhancing Coordination to Maximize Performance” report: Recommendation 15: The Office of Management and Budget should use the 3DEP implementation plan for nationwide elevation data collection to guide the development of the President’s annual budget request. The NGAC encourages the FGDC agencies and OMB to consider and take action to implement this recommendation.

Jennifer Gimbel, FGDC chair posed a challenge to NGAC members on identifying achievable, impactful goals in the next 18 months. NGAC members proposed to bring to completion the current initiatives that are in progress before starting new ones. NGAC members identified the following focus area for the next 18 months: Data Initiatives, Communication Strategy and the Geospatial Platform. Activities involved in each focus area were discussed.

The NGAC call for nominations announcement was sent on June 8. John Mahoney encouraged CG members to share this information with partners. Nominations received through this call may be used to fill vacancies that become available in 2015 and 2016.

The GAO Engagement status update noted that a letter is being drafted from the FGDC Chair to the action leads directing their execution of the recommendations.

The Executive Committee is voting on their agencies' commitment to support the Geospatial Interoperability Reference Architecture (GIRA) as a collaborative environment on the Geospatial Platform.

The status of the NGDA Management Plan noted changes in the total number of datasets registered to the Data.gov/Geospatial Platform registry. Tables identified changes that consisted of additions, removals, reorganization, and removal of duplications of NGDAs. The dataset list was refined during the registration process, as a result, the total number of NGDAs changed from 188 changed to 179. The NGDA datasets in Geoplatform.gov/Data.gov Catalog represent 92% of NGDA datasets.

Ken Shaffer reported that the Geospatial Investment Definitions and Budget Report Codes document is being reviewed by the Executive Committee. A meeting will be organized with the Executive Committee to discuss next steps.

The NGDA Data Themes and Framework Data were discussed. The FGDC will do a comparison on the alignment of Framework Themes to NGDA Themes and notate the associated linkage in the NGDA Themes list, in a similar fashion as OMB Circular A-16, Appendix E. Framework data comprise of seven themes that are used by most GIS applications. The NGDA Data Themes list will be annotated to identify which of the 16 themes aligns with the Framework Themes.

The NSDI Strategic Plan recent accomplishments were noted as follows:

- Completed Geospatial Interoperability Reference Architecture document
- Established/enhanced Geospatial Platform Marketplace
- Established/enhanced A-16 Theme Communities on Geospatial Platform
- Awarded Cloud Services contract
- Executed multiple NGDA implementation actions
- Completed draft Geospatial Investment Definitions
- Developed draft NSDI/Geospatial Platform Communications Strategy Outline

It was noted that Jerry Johnston provided an update to the Steering Committee on new enhancements and capabilities of the Geospatial Platform.

An update on FGDC Standards was provided. The following standards are pending Steering Committee endorsement:

- Aeronautical Information Exchange Model (AIXM) 5.1
- ISO/IEC 15444-1:2004 Technical Corrigenda 1:2007 and 2:2008 JPEG 2000
- OGC GeoPackage 1.0
- Geopolitical Entities, Names, and Codes (GENC) Standard Edition 2
- GeoRSS-Simple and GeoRSS-GML

At the July 14, Coordination Group meeting, there will be a presentation and discussion on Objective 3.1 "Lead and participate in the development and coordination of national and international standards, of the NSDI".

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

[Wetlands Subcommittee Report](#) (pdf)

Bill Wilen, FWS, reported on activities of the Wetlands Subcommittee. In 2014, the National Wetlands Inventory (NWI) became a National Geospatial Data Asset. The National Wetlands Inventory dataset is arguably the largest polygonal dataset in the public sector, if not the largest, with over 20 million polygons. The general functions of the Wetlands Mapper such as data layer, navigation and printing capabilities were shown. The Wetlands Mapper is the primary interface to the wetlands data, which can be accessed from most internet browsers.

## **User Historical Data Working Group Report, Jacqueline Nolan, LOC**

[User Historical Data Working Group Report](#) (pdf)

Jacquie Nolan, Library of Congress, provided an update on the User/Historical Data Working Group (U/HDWG). Recent discussions of the U/HDWG meeting included updates on the “Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value” document, and the USGS Offline Archive Media Trade Study.

The Coordination Group, NGDA Theme Leads and Dataset Managers were to review the “Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value” document and provide any comments to Butch Lazorchak and Lucia Foulkes by May 6. Members will be prepared to comment on the document’s readiness for a CG vote for recommendation to the Steering Committee for adoption as a FGDC guidance document.

The USGS has conducted offline, archive media trade studies every other year since 2001. These studies are intended to inform those interested in market options, and possible factors relevant in making archive media trade studies. These are considered best practices by NARA. The latest, compiled in FY2014, is available publicly. Exploration topics for FY 2015 were noted as follows:

- Continue Working Group outreach to all interested parties, both inside and outside the Federal Government
- Continue to provide input on the Geospatial Platform
- Continue to engage and assist with FGDC efforts to document data stewards and dataset managers as part of the National Geospatial Data Asset Management Plan
- Continue work to incorporate the “Guidance on the Selection and Appraisal of Geospatial Content of Enduring Value” document into future FGDC guidance
- Continue to provide coordinated input to the Geospatial Data Preservation Resource Center ([www.geopreservation.org](http://www.geopreservation.org))
- Explore the impacts and costs of government shutdowns on access to, and preservation of, historical data
- Continue work with the International Council for Science CODATA Task Group (<http://www.codata.org/>) on data at risk, identifying resources at risk and exploring early warning and rescue efforts.

### **3DEP Stakeholder Briefing, Dick Vraga, USGS, Vicki Lukas, USGS**

#### [3DEP Stakeholder Meeting](#) (pdf)

Dick Vraga, USGS, reported on the 3D Elevation Program (3DEP) Stakeholder meeting held in April. The meeting had 30 participants and 25 observers. The meeting objective was to provide status, discuss strategies, challenges, and collaboration opportunities to fully implement 3DEP. The 3DEP proposed governance structure was shown and briefly discussed. Meeting discussions included:

- How to bring independent stakeholders into a Statewide plan?
- What other organizations should be invited?
- Tools to help outreach
- Funding
- COGO Report Card

Actions from the meeting were noted as follows:

- MAPPS proposed to form a 3DEP coalition and invite the broader, non-Federal community to join the effort. A follow on meeting will be organized and some of the suggestions for materials will be taken up in that group.
- The USGS will continue outreach to other Federal agencies and will consider the suggestions for tools and materials that will support general 3DEP communication.
- North Carolina will share additional

Ms. Juliana Blackwell, National Geodetic Survey, (NGS) requested FGDC to review and consider the 3DEP Proposed Governance Structure.

**Action:** Juliana Blackwell, NGS, will coordinate with Vicki Lukas, USGS, on a proposal for an elevation theme subcommittee governance structure to be shared with the Coordination for further recommendation to the Steering Committee. The charter of the Subcommittee on Ocean Science and Technology will be included in the proposal.

### **Coordination Group Role on New Datums, Juliana Blackwell, NOAA**

#### [Role of Coordination Group in New Datums](#) (pdf)

Juliana Blackwell, DOC's National Geodetic Survey, (NGS) provided a brief description of the role of geodetic control. She highlighted that all NSDI Framework data and user's applications data require geodetic control to accurately register spatial data. Ms. Blackwell reported that a Geospatial Summit was organized to inform and educate federal agencies on the impact on new datums. A summary report will available online in August 2015. She reported that agencies participating in the Geo Summit noted the benefits of the new datums as follows:

- USGS: Improved 3DEP and other topographical products
- FEMA: More accurate horizontal and vertical coordinates for the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)

- USACE: Consistency of vertical datums across the country
- FAA: More closely aligns the US National Airspace System (US NAS) to global system (WGS 84)
- NGA: More closely aligned with WGS 84 and ITRF

Ms. Blackwell highlighted that the feedback received from the summit showed a major need for user-friendly transformation tools and routines.

The activities that agencies can do to prepare for the upcoming datum change were discussed. Both a new geometric and a new geopotential (vertical) datum will be released in 2022. NGS will provide tools for geospatial users to transform between the new and old datums. Ms. Blackwell highlighted that FGDC plays integral roles in raising awareness and preparing constituents. Additionally, she noted potential FGDC roles to support the new datum initiative as follows:

- Support NGS and FGCS
- Serve as central contact
- Inform others
- Promote and include in strategic plans
- Provide feedback

Ms. Blackwell pointed out that part of a strategic plan could include to do pilot project with member agencies or a particular dataset in preparation for the transition.

**Action:** The FGDC Secretariat will post the Geodetic Datums videos on FGDC's website with a message to raise awareness on NGS tools, product, and services for agencies in preparation for the new datums.

**Action:** Coordination Group member agencies are invited to provide a point of contact to Juliana Blackwell, NGS, to be part of the new datum initiative outreach efforts.

#### **Other Agency Announcements, Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS**

The USGS with the 3DEP program is working with federal agencies to understand lidar requirements, and to build a set of consolidated requirements that will be used in the next round of the broad agencies announcement activities for the summer. If there are agencies that have lidar requirements and did not send the requirement in that process, there is still time to submit them. Agencies can contact Dick Vraga ([rsvraga@usgs.gov](mailto:rsvraga@usgs.gov)) to obtain information on this process.

Mr. Ivan DeLoatch, FGDC OS, announced that the next Coordination Group meeting in July will be a webinar only meeting. Additionally, he noted that the Coordination Group meeting scheduled for August 11 has been cancelled. An announcement will be made regarding possible reschedule of the September 8 CG meeting.

Mr. DeLoatch announced the FGDC is currently modifying its website including the redesign of the FGDC logo. The new FGDC logo was displayed and members were asked to provide feedback to the Secretariat.

Mr. DeLoatch presented the revised version of the Coordination Group charter from May 22. The FGDC secretariat will send the revised charter to the CG for an electronic vote.

Jacque Nolan, LOC, announced that the Library of Congress will hold a Symposium on Geographic Names in celebration of the 125<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the U.S. Board on Geographic Names (BGN). The event announcement will be sent to Lucia Foulkes to be posted as a news item on the FGDC website.

**Decision:** The next Coordination Group meeting on July 14 will be a webinar only meeting.

**Decision:** The August 14 Coordination Group meeting has been cancelled.

**Action:** The FGDC Secretariat will send the revised CG charter to the Coordination Group for an electronic vote.

**Action:** Jacquie Nolan, LOC, will send the information on the symposium on Geographic Names 125<sup>th</sup> Anniversary to Lucia Foulkes to be posted on FGDC's website.

**Action Item Review, and next meeting agenda items, Lucia Foulkes, FGDC OS**  
Actions items will be revised at the July CG meeting.

**Adjourn**