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Coordination Group Meeting

# Cultural Resources Subcommittee Update to Coordination Group

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# Introduction

The Mission/Purpose of the Cultural Resource Subcommittee is: identify, prioritize, implement, coordinate and oversee the strategies and tasks required to support the national cultural resource data theme and to coordinate Federal, Tribal, state and local geospatial programs to that end.

## Members include:

- Deidre McCarthy, National Park Service, Chair
- Deidre McCarthy, National Park Service, theme lead
- 20 Federal land holding agencies
- 10 State Historic Preservation Offices
- 10 Tribal governments, Tribal Historic Preservation Offices



# NGDA Data Themes and Data Sets

- ◆ The following data themes and data sets fall under the purview of the Cultural Resource Subcommittee:
  - Cultural resource data theme, National Park Service, theme lead: Deidre McCarthy
  - National Register of Historic Places data set, National Park Service, Matthew Stutts
  - Area Landmark (2010 Census), Census, Jennifer Holland-REMOVED August 2015
  - National Map-Geographic Names Information System, USGS, Lou Yost
  - National Monuments/Icons, DHS, no POC-REMOVED August 2015



# Recent Meetings

- ◆ The Cultural Resource Subcommittee met on 3 Feb. 2015, 5 May 2015 and 28 July 2015.
- ◆ The topics discussed at this meeting include:
  - Discussion/draft of a document outlining the goals of the Subcommittee work at this time on a data transfer standard, articulation of the definition of a data transfer standard and feature level metadata
  - Discussion/draft of a set of feature level metadata fields that would compose the working draft of the proposed cultural resource spatial data exchange standard
  - Development/implementation of a survey of State Historic Preservation Offices to determine what elements should be included in the draft proposed cultural resource spatial data exchange standard
- ◆ Some of the outcomes arising from these meetings include:
  - Agreement on the goal/guidance document for the Subcommittee
  - Initial agreement on the set of feature level metadata fields for the draft of the proposed cultural resource spatial data exchange standard
  - Distribution of the survey to State Historic Preservation Offices
  - Minutes from each of the meetings are available

# Recent Developments/Projects

- ◆ The Subcommittee has committed to constructing a cultural resource spatial data transfer standard to facilitate sharing data between Federal agencies. Federal, State and Tribal agencies all maintain inventories of cultural resources and are heavily involved in the standard creation process in anticipation of using the FGDC standard created. Task groups to examine feature level metadata requirements, linking spatial data to descriptive data, geographic delineation of features, safeguarding sensitive information and exploring existing standards continue to work on their portions, reporting back to the larger Subcommittee. The Subcommittee will be working toward creating a draft standard in 2016.
- ◆ The existing task groups have completed their research and the Subcommittee is now focused on creating the working draft of the standard. Feature level metadata fields to document the spatial data being exchanged have been identified, defined and agreed on.

# Recent Developments/Projects, Cont'd.

- ◆ The Subcommittee worked with the National Conference of State Historic Preservation Officers to conduct a survey of State Historic Preservation Offices to explore what the structure of the standard should be, what it should contain or address, other than the feature level metadata and to gain consensus on security of the data being exchanged. This data has been collected but has not been fully incorporated into the working draft of the standard yet.
- ◆ The Subcommittee has worked to identify data sets in the theme which do not have data stewards and may not meet the criteria for being NGDAs. Two data sets have been removed from the theme as a result. The Subcommittee is working toward identifying additional data sets that will fall within the cultural resource theme and identifying data set stewards for them.



# Coordination Group Vote

- ◆ No Coordination Group action is requested at this time.



# Next Meeting

- ◆ The next meeting of the Cultural Resource Subcommittee will be held on 27 October 2015. It will take place via teleconference.
- ◆ Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:
  - Final agreement on the feature level metadata fields and development of domain values
  - Integration of the survey results into the standard draft development, focusing on the structure of the standard and how it will be organized around cultural resource types



# Next Steps

- ◆ In the coming months, the Cultural Resource Subcommittee hopes to accomplish/discuss:
  - Integration of the survey results into the draft cultural resource spatial data transfer standard to identify how best to structure the data during an exchange, and how to secure sensitive resource information during data exchange.
  - Preliminary development of a draft cultural resource spatial data transfer standard.



# Questions?

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