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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
- Membership has been updated since our last report (September 2015)

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 27 Oct. 2015, 26 Jan. 2016 and will meet on 10 Apr. 2016.
- ◆ The topics discussed at this meeting include:
 - Finalized 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
 - Finalization of a draft of a set of feature level metadata fields that would compose the working draft of the proposed cultural resource spatial data exchange standard, incorporating results from a survey of State Historic Preservation Offices conducted in 2015
- ◆ Some of the outcomes arising from these meetings include:
 - Development of a draft GeoDatabase template to help organize the draft transfer standards, and a draft set of menu values for the associated fields
 - Agreement to begin drafting a guidance document to describe the working draft standard contents and purpose
 - 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. The Subcommittee continues to work toward creating a draft standard in 2016, making significant progress in developing consensus on feature level metadata fields and working to finalize a structure for the draft standard.



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 and to gain consensus on security of the data being exchanged. This data has been collected and incorporated into the working draft of the standard. This resulted in the development of new collaboration with the NCSHPO technology committee, which continues.
- ◆ 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.



Recent Developments/Projects, Cont'd.

- ◆ The theme lead and data set stewards continue to participate in the regular theme lead meetings, the most recent in February 2016.
- ◆ The data set stewards have completed the life-cycle maturity assessments requested and the theme lead continues to work toward drafting the theme strategic plan.



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 10 May 2016. It will take place via teleconference.
- ◆ Some of the topics to be discussed at the next meeting include:
 - Discussion of the proposed domain values for the feature level metadata fields
 - Discussion of the structure of the standard and how it will be organized to describe cultural resource types and/or geometry types



Next Steps

- ◆ In the coming months, the Cultural Resource Subcommittee hopes to accomplish/discuss:
 - Finalize domain values for the feature level metadata fields and identify how best to structure the data during an exchange, and how to secure sensitive resource information during data exchange.
 - Development of a working draft cultural resource spatial data transfer standard.
 - Development of a guidance document to describe the standard elements and purpose
 - Completion of the theme strategic plan



Questions?

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