

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)
Idaho Geospatial Committee
August 16, 2007, Meeting Minutes
(Approved October 18, 2007)

The August 16, 2007, meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) was held in the East Conference Room of the JRW Building, 700 W. State St., Boise, Idaho.

ATTENDANCE

Members/Designate(s) Present:

Chris Clay, Department of Lands
Gail Eckwright, INSIDE Idaho / University of Idaho Library (*via phone*)
Sean Harwood, USDA Forest Service (*via phone*)
Cindy Lou McDonald, U.S. Bureau of Land Management
Mike McDowell, Kootenai County (*via phone*)
Nick Nydegger, *Chair*, Idaho Military Division
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe
Scott Van Hoff, U.S. Geological Survey (*via phone*)
Designate(s) –
Janet Cheney, Bonneville County
Donna Pitzer, USDI Bureau of Reclamation
Sandra Thiel, Idaho Department of Water Resources

Others Present:

Nathan Bentley, Ada County
Bruce Godfrey, INSIDE Idaho / University of Idaho Library (*via phone*)

APPROVALS:

- June 14, 2007, IGC meeting minutes as corrected
(<http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m070614.pdf>)

REPORTS, UPDATES, MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEMS

- **Status of the Geographic Information Officer, GIO**
 - Chairman Nydegger updated the group that the position has been advertised and is now closed. There was a good turnout for this advertisement and interviews are scheduled with well-qualified applicants.
 - ITRMC staff, the Director and lead personnel usually sit on the interview committee and some outside key personnel are also invited.
 - There will be an IGC representative on the panel.
 - This GIO position will report directly to the CTO, Kevin Iwersen.
- **I-Plan Distribution – An Idaho Enterprise GIS Concept**
(Refer to handout: <http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m070816/I-Plan.pdf>.)
 - Chairman Nydegger referred to the plan that was distributed to the Committee. The name of the plan is probably going to change to perhaps the Enterprise GIS Plan.

- This copy is the final document from the contractor, the ROHM Institute, and lacking areas can be completed and developed. Mr. Bentley reiterated to the Committee, this is supposed to be a skeleton and just the beginning.
 - It is not the final draft of the plan, just the final document from this contractor.
 - A CAP grant will need to be sought to fund the remainder of the project.
 - The Chairman asked Committee members to submit questions, notes and comments in a timely manner and invited members to participate on a team to review the document. Refer to the handout above for a look at this preliminary plan. The Chairman reviewed the set-up of the document. There are multiple appendixes, noting appendixes G, H, I, and J are especially important.
 - Priority additions to the document:
 - Framework dataset information and standards.
 - Technical working group information.
 - Enterprise GIS vision and future goals.
 - The committee will try to use ITRMC's SharePoint site and make it a public SharePoint site. It will also be up on www.GIS.Idaho.gov
 - September 16th is the deadline for comments on the document.

➤ **Idaho GIS Center Activities**

- There is a lot of activity at the GIS Center.
- [Check out activity at www.GIS.Idaho.gov](http://www.GIS.Idaho.gov)
- At the next meeting, the GIS Center will make a formal presentation.

➤ **Census Roads Integration**

(Refer to slides: <http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m070816/transportation.pdf>.)

- The current census-recorded road information from government agencies, private entities and when road information wasn't available, the Census Dept. went to gather information themselves, either by driving the road or through photo interpretation.
- This is another milestone for TIGER/Line files.
- Frank Roberts gave a brief overview of the collaborative North Idaho Roads Project.
 - The goal is to develop a standardized transportation framework that has accessible, current data that is responsive to a variety of needs and is cost effective.
 - A major goal is to see if the census data can be brought into the North Idaho Roads Project successfully.
 - A harvesting routine is running at INSIDE Idaho.
 - A facilitator at Coeur d'Alene Tribe is working with various county agencies to integrate these datasets together.
 - Working on Phase II will include:
 - Topology issues
 - Automated ways to look for problem issues on the datasets
 - Trying to make this project self sustaining
 - Refer to slides (<http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/2007/m070816/transportation.pdf>) for examples of TIGER, census, and local data, and how they combine the Roads Project. There are numerous updated maps and it is scheduled to go live through National Map in late August.
 - Mr. Roberts and Mr. Godfrey will provide the URL for the Web Map Server (WMS). It is also hosted on INSIDE Idaho.

- **Height Modernization**
 - Donna Pitzer gave a brief overview for the work height modernization work being done by the Cadastral TWG.
 - The Eastern Idaho group is in the process of putting together a real-time network of GPS stations.
 - ITD requested information on height modernization.
 - Inaugural meetings are being scheduled to get Idaho started in the “official” height modernization process with the federal agency.

- **HSIP Data Requests**
 - HSIP: Homeland Security Infrastructure Program.
 - It is getting difficult to fill all the requests for data and it is important to get it officially on the record that it is a problem.
 - Data requests are growing in frequency and in the amount and depth of requested details. This will grow harder to accommodate, but it's something that needs to be addressed and fulfilled.

- **FEMA Training is the week of September 10th**

- **Federation of GIS Users.**
 - There is an effort to try and combine and create a group to incorporate GIS users from both Ada and Canyon Counties. This regional initiative will be a great beginning to true collaboration and may light the way for other regional endeavors.
 - Whether COMPASS will be the central point for data sharing is up in the air.

- **A Tribal GIS Conference is scheduled in August in Worley, Idaho.**
 - Tribes from across the country are invited.

- **Watershed TWG**
 - The entire state will be close to certification by the end of the year.
 - Next steps include:
 - Integration with NHD, the National Hydrography Dataset.
 - Delineating down to sub-field levels.
 - Geometry edits and updates.
 - About 10,000 name edits have been made.
 - Changes have to be added to the GNIS first.

- **E911 TWG**
 - Ms. Janet Cheney, Bonneville County, resigned as coordinator.
 - Debbie Thorson will now serve as the E911 TWG lead or chair.
 - A survey was sent to Idaho counties a year ago in regards to 911 services. A new survey is being developed to ask for current status and other pertinent information. Target is to send out by August 17th.
 - September 6th in Blackfoot will be a training day for mapping and MSAGs (the master street address guides).

- **BLM**
 - Ms. Cindy Lou McDonald, U.S. Bureau of Land Mgmt, updated the group on new BLM data.

- Finished its 10-year effort of extracting roads and trails from the 7.5-minute topographic maps and creating transportation datasets. The datasets will include rights of way (BLM authorized).
- The comparison of census roads data with the BLM data may assist in completing a more complete transportation layer for all.
- Working on a state-wide rights-of-way dataset including roads, pipelines, power lines, oil, and gas that cross BLM land.
- A 4-year plan is being worked on to map all of the National Environmental Policy Act project boundaries.
- ITD asked BLM to build a dataset to examine land and water conservation parcels.
- Currently in the process of scanning vintage Idaho maps for the library.
- Producing numerous maps for fire boundaries, especially this month.

➤ **Department of Lands**

- Mr. Chris Clay, Department of Lands, updated the group that all historical mylars, photographs and films are now at the State Archives at the Idaho Commission for Libraries because its building does not have adequate sprinkler protection. These data are available for review.

➤ **Forest Service**

- Motor Vehicle Use Map is completed.
- The Boise area is one of the first in the nation to publish this map for the public.
- Several new Forest Service maps will be made available to the public.

➤ **Kootenai County**

- The Coeur d'Alene Tribe and Kootenai County are working together to bring their AutoCAD-based digital maps into the GIS world.
 - Converting AutoCAD data to GIS format including parcel data.
 - Should be completed within 12-18 months and it is being converted in ArcMap.
 - Phase 2 is capturing all annotation in the files and adding it to the geodatabase.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled to be held on Thursday, October 18, 2007, in the East Conference Room of the Joe R. Williams Building, Boise.

ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Nick Nydegger adjourned the meeting at 11:35 AM.

Respectfully Submitted,

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