

Information Technology Resource Management Council (ITRMC)  
**Idaho Geospatial Committee**  
**December 7, 2006, Meeting Minutes**  
Approved February 8, 2007

The December 7, 2006, meeting of the Idaho Geospatial Committee (IGC) was held from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the East Conference Room, JRW Building, 700 West State Street, Boise, Idaho.

**ATTENDANCE**

**Members Present:**

Nathan Bentley, ITRMC Staff  
Linda Davis, *Chair*, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources  
Gail Eckwright, University of Idaho Library, INSIDE Idaho  
Nancy Glenn, Idaho State University  
Sean Harwood, USDA Forest Service  
Dennis Hill, City of Pocatello  
Cindy Lou McDonald, USDI Bureau of Land Management  
Craig Rindlisbacher, Madison County, City of Rexburg  
Frank Roberts, Coeur d'Alene Tribe (*via phone*)

**Others Present:**

Sam Bardelson, US Geological Survey ( <i>via phone</i> )	Bob Smith, Idaho GIS Service Center & Idaho Dept. of Lands
Bruce Godfrey, University of Idaho Library/ INSIDE Idaho	Curt Smith, National Geodetic Survey
Roger Kassens, Idaho Transportation Dept.	Jim Szpara, Idaho Dept. of Environmental Quality
Nick Nydegger, Idaho Military Division	Sandra Thiel, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources
Harley Parson, Rohm Institute	Dan VanOrden, Resource Data, Inc.
Donna Pitzer, USDI Bureau of Reclamation	Margie Wilkins, Idaho Dept. of Water Resources

**REPORTS, UPDATES, MAJOR DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- Sean Harwood of the US Forest Service (USFS) presented information on the **USFS print on demand** (POD) program. (Refer to slide presentation: [http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/print\\_on\\_demand.pdf](http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/print_on_demand.pdf)).
- Harwood gave an update on the POD program, which is to provide web access for the delivery of cartographic products. He talked about current prototype evaluation and desired program expectations, such as having maps available in georeferenced PDF or TIFF formats.
- The current priority and concern of this program is to make sure it is working efficiently and correctly. The USFS database is an internal system right now, but the long-term goal is to be able to share information with other agencies, such as US National Parks.
- Harwood gave a demonstration of online map printing.
- Questions and discussions included:
  - Different formats (PDF, georeferenced PDF) and problems with ESRI (the Environmental Systems Research Institute) and Adobe working together to provide a viewer
  - The project's long-term timeline. It was expected the program would be available to the public by 2008.

- US Geological Survey (USGS) involvement. USGS had approached USFS in the last few months, expressing interest in developing its own POD system.
- Harwood also presented information on the **USFS motor vehicle use map**. (Refer to slide presentation: [http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/motor\\_vehicle\\_use\\_map.pdf](http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/motor_vehicle_use_map.pdf)).
  - The new “Travel Management rule” must be complied with by 2009; and requires agencies to provide a map directing people to where they can go to do motorized activities, such as four-wheeling. USFS is providing maps for this motor vehicle use.
  - This is an internal USFS program. The maps would be printed for public availability– very similarly to the agency’s “Forest Visitor maps;” a different map type, and a separate program from the POD program.
  - Questions and concerns:
    - Frank Roberts, Coeur d’Alene Tribe (CDA Tribe), expressed a concern to make sure that all maps have the latest forest names, even if names may be changed in the near future. Harwood reassured him that there was a person on staff to make sure that all forest names are double-checked and updated regularly.
- Julie Brown of the Idaho Bureau of Homeland Security (BHS) was scheduled to talk about BHS data needs; she was unable to attend the meeting.
- Curtis Smith, National Geodetic Survey Advisor for Idaho and Montana, presented on: the importance of perpetuating geodetic control; and vertical and horizontal components and their effect on GIS. (Please refer to his slide presentation for information, pictures, and maps: [http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/height\\_modernization.pdf](http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/height_modernization.pdf)).
  - **Height Modernization** is a new approach at developing and maintaining heights and ensuring correct height maps (which provide the basis for flood plain mapping, etc.) were supplied. Many benchmarks were not current or had been destroyed, and needed to be updated to modernize the heights mapping. Maps of Ada and Canyon Counties were provided to show that a very large percentage of the benchmarks for measuring were not usable.
  - States are currently able to apply for Heights Modernization funding from Congress. Smith urged the IGC to find a department/agency to take on this project and apply for federal funding.
    - Smith was a federal employee and his department could not ask for the funding. It was a conflict of interest, but he was able to help in the process. He also works with the State of Montana, which had given the project to its Department of Transportation; but funding was an issue. Smith stressed that it would be a good idea to refer to successful states’ programs, like Arizona’s, for the grant writing and program development.
    - There was much discussion on the correct person and department to coordinate this program. Nathan Bentley, ITRMC Staff, would get interested parties to reconvene for discussion and report back to the IGC.
- Bentley informed the group that, beginning January 1, 2007, the three **state agency representatives to the IGC** would be Jim Szpara (Department of Environmental Quality [DEQ]), Nick Nydegger (Idaho Military Division), and Chris Clay (Department of Lands). The new chair selection would soon be announced. Current chair, Linda Davis of the Department of Water Resources, had been IGC committee chair for the last two years.
- **Cooperative Agreements Program (CAP) grant updates**
  - Roberts requested a letter of support and endorsement from the IGC for his current CAP grant, which was to continue current funding for the CDA Tribe’s Native Names project. (Please refer to the

CAP grant application provided:

[http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/cap\\_grant\\_app.pdf](http://idaho.gov/itrmc/committees/igc/minutes/m061207/cap_grant_app.pdf)).

- Roberts and Bruce Godfrey of INSIDE Idaho (Interactive Numeric and Spatial Information Data Engine for Idaho; University of Idaho) updated the group on the University of Idaho-CDA Tribe Category 5 CAP grant proposal to continue the transportation pilot in north Idaho. He, too, requested IGC support. Note: a template for the standard attributions of road layers was available from Heather, CDA Tribe; it would also be posted on the IGC website.
- Bentley was in the midst of applying for a Category 3 CAP grant. Invitations to join a scoping committee would be distributed to IGC members and others, where appropriate.
- Bentley also updated the committee on the intended use of funding received via a previously-awarded USGS partnership grant.

➤ **Clearinghouse MOU**

- The memorandum of understanding (MOU) for INSIDE Idaho would expire December 2007. Volunteers were recruited to form a group to review the MOU, rewrite or update it (if needed), and coordinate legal and agency involvement.

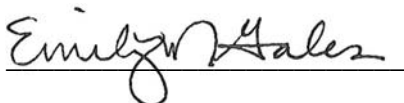
➤ **Service Center discussion/update**

- Per Bentley, comments on and suggested changes to the draft legislation dealing with the State GIS Service Center were given to the Department of Administration's deputy attorney general; and a near-final copy was presented to the group. This version, with final revisions, would be forwarded to the Idaho Legislature.

**NEXT MEETING**

The next IGC meeting was scheduled for Thursday, January 18, 2007, at DEQ-1410 N. Hilton Street, Boise. (NOTE: The meeting was later rescheduled for Thursday, February 8, 2007, in DEQ Conference Room B from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.)

Respectfully submitted,  
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