

GSC Conference Call Notes

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March 20, 2014

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Next call: TBD

Welcome

Meeting Facilitator: Sean Triplett, NIFC

Attendance:

Conference Call Attendees				
BIA	BLM	DOI OWF	FWS	NPS
		Andrew Bailey	Cameron Tongier	Kathie Hansen
		Susan Goodman		Dave Hammond
USFS	USFS (cont.)	Eastern States	Western States	Other
Sean Triplett	Jill Kuenzi		John Watermolen	Shannon Theal
	Andy Wilson		Emmor Nile	
Lorri Peltz-Lewis	Elise Bowne			

Agenda:

Item	Lead
GSC Assigned Data Standards	Kathie Hansen
GSTOP	Kathie Hansen
GTU & GATOR Update	Emmor Nile
S-341	Emmor Nile
GSC Charter	Sean
Aviation Update	Sean
NWCG & WFIT Business	Sean
May GSC Webinar	Kathie & Emmor

GSC Assigned Data Standards – Kathie

- <http://www.nwcg.gov/> Publications → Data Standards
 - See review process
 - Approve
 - Propose
 - Assign
 - Request
 - Review Proposed Data Standards
 - Fire History
 - Fire Occurrence
 - Fuels Treatment

*****Action Item:** Comments for proposed standards due by *May 1, 2014*

- <http://www.nwcg.gov/> Publications → Glossary of Wildland Fire Terminology

*****Action Item:** Send comments on Glossary to Kathie. No due date.

- <http://www.nwcg.gov/> Publications → Data Standards → Assigned Data Standards
 - Review all assigned to GSC
 - Note the ones with old dates
 - Need to get old/unfinished assignments into workplans or dropped from list
 - Kathie wants input & is looking for volunteers to lead efforts

*****Action Item:** Please look over data sets & help out! Get with Kathie if interested!!

*****Action Item:** Need to check with sponsoring business or committee for data standard relevancy

- Miscellaneous Comments:
 - FMU – still needed;
 - FMZ may or may not be needed – need to check with forests
 - Predictive Services – Ed Delgado is the lead; need to work with them

GSTOP – Kathie

- Document is at writer/editor and is not a top priority for writer/editor. No idea when will be finished.

Update on S-341 – Emmor

- 5/8/2014 – Emmor will be presenting to GATR Meeting in Boise – saw Powerpoint
 - Summary stats of last 10 years of S-341 course with students geocoded by agency & geographic area
 - Good distrib across geog areas
 - *GATR determines need in individual areas*
 - Issue? How get trainees out on assignments?
 - Issue? GIS folks go on assignment when it's "convenient" not when they can. Need shift in thinking?

- Miscellaneous Comments:

Elise: Give consideration to Rocky Mtn area for future class (Wyoming or North Dakota).

Emmor: Not role of GTU to determine where classes are. It's the role of the GATR. Considering a class in Albuquerque.

Sean: In interest of time, send questions and comments to Emmor. Powerpoint will be posted on GSC website after May 8 meeting.

*****Action Item:** Emmor will supply Powerpoint after May 8 meeting

GSC Charter – Sean

- Charter sent out mid to late February 2014.
 - No comments received.
 - Awareness: new charter is a little diff from previous charter in 3 areas.
 1. Membership:

- a. Outside reps can be approved with branch coordinator approval;
- b. No details about what a voting member is;
- c. Unlimited tech advisors;
- d. Roshelle will talk to group about making yourself agency lead??

2. Chair:

- a. 2yr responsibility with options for longer;
- b. Can be nominated;
- c. No stipulations for vice-chair;
 - i. Sean thinks vice-chair is a good idea – just a helper ...no obligation to become chair

3. Items 6-8. Organization, Cooperation/Coordination, Responsibility:

- a. Assurances that parent committee will be more pro-active;
- b. Possible stigma of data standard interest only;
 - i. EXAMPLE: NASF asked for findings from Yarnell report – GSC subcommittee was never asked for input – reason unknown?

- Charter is signed and out on the streets.
- Encourage all to review for differences.

*****Action Item:** Sean will distribute the previous Org Intent as well as two other from different committee's.

- Miscellaneous Comments:

Cameron: looking to vet bigger stuff now?

Sean: No. Look at and be aware. Issues will be taken to Roshelle to be raised as issues.

Cameron: good idea to take some time to look at charter and raise issues;

*****Action Item:** Cameron will send out DoodlePoll to organize effort

Kathie: More info can be added above and beyond boiler plate – required to start with generic boiler plate

*****Action Item:** Send nominations for new chair to Sean; do not have to be current voting member to nominated

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Aviation Update – per Sean for Autumn

- Autumn has only heard back from one area – John Watermolen’s Western States.

*****Action Item:** Get responses in to Autumn for area reps to support aviation effort.

NWCG & WFIT Business

- No info

May GSC Webinar Update

- Kathie: in preparation for May GSC GISS Webinar...
 - New slide with URLs at end;
 - Too many acronyms used, audience getting lost – use clear text;
 - GoToWebinar sound cutting out;
 - will limit number of presenters to improve performance;
 - ArcGIS versions will be announced by one individual
 - everyone at NIFC will be in one room
- Emmor: will add slide about getting prepared in advance

Closing Comments:

- Next call will be in April – date/time TBA
- Annual Spring meeting will be discussed.
 - Cameron will send Sean an email with thoughts
- New tech advisor announced in Southern States.

Thank you to everyone for attending the call! If you notice any major errors in my note-taking, please let me know and I will correct them ASAP.

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