

## CADASTRAL REFERENCE WORKGROUP

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### **Report on the ACSM Conference in Phoenix, AR**

A presentation on "Discrepancies in the Official Record" regarding what surveyor's are required to when they have to go back to the GLO survey plats to find original corner information and case studies on what occurs when the plat does not agree with the field notes.

Anyone interested in looking at the handouts, contact Donna and she will provide copies.

### **Update on Idaho PLSS Position Inventory**

As reported in the last meeting, Montana Control Point Database code was extremely difficult to work with. An identified action item was to get an update on the FGDC Control Point database.

Marc reported that the FGDC Control Point application that was demonstrated a few months ago (Hood River Application) has been passed off to ESRI. They are going to verify the code, modify as necessary and put it on their website as an add-on application. ESRI would take over the responsibility of supporting the application.

No timeline set for this release, possibly after the summer conference sometime.

Marc has also looked at another viewer of PLSS information that is a Google application. He has provided that link to Donna

**Action Item** – Donna will provide that link to Bob and Walt for evaluation

Premier Data has an application that will download from a resource grade GPS unit directly into the database.

**Action Item** – Donna will check with Premier Data and find out if that has been adapted for Survey Grade units as well.

The group gave a first look at the application as it is running for Colorado. If we are interested in this application, Nancy said that she could put the PLSS from Idaho into the system. The cost for doing that is not known.

#### **4/1/2010 Conversation with Bob Ader**

An interagency group has been formed under the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee specifically focused on PLSS concerns. The group is called the PLSS Workgroup and their website is located at <http://nationalcad.org/projects.asp?projectid=14&navsrc=Projects>

The preliminary mission statement listed for the group on the website states, “The Subcommittee is working with western states to complete standardized PLSS in active BLM States. Work on the remaining states will be prioritized by the work group.”

The group is just forming and has had only one brief conference call. The next meeting has not been scheduled; however, BLM has contracted with Fairview Industries to help achieve standardization of the PLSS. For several states, including Idaho, Fairview is creating a statewide Cadastral Reference layer from GCDB coordinates. They will, in coordination with BLM State Cadastral personnel, edgematch state boundaries where necessary.

This is a first cut layer that can and should be updated. The estimated completion time of this layer for Idaho is the first part of June. It will be delivered to the BLM Idaho State Office. The data can be shared with this group.

**Action Item** – Donna will follow up with BLM ISO to monitor delivery time.

Marc thinks that Fairview is going to use the flat files from the individual BLM state offices and not the information from LSIS.

**Action Item** – Donna will confirm this

In addition, via email, Belle Craig of the BLM ISO provided an update on the ARRA funded collection of control points across Idaho. She provided some initial maps and tables identifying where this control is being collected. Renewable energy areas are the priorities.

**Action Items** – Donna will map the areas where contracts have been awarded for control collection.

BLM ISO will also recompute GCDB in these areas. The timeline on that recomputation is unknown and this information will not be included in the initial Cadastral Reference layer produced by Fairview.

It is BLM's and FGDC's requirement that permanent stewardship of this layer be established.

**Stewardship of the Idaho Cadastral Reference Framework layer**

Postponed until the June meeting.