

Idaho Land Use/Land Cover Technical Working Group Conference Call – 17 March, 2011

Attendees: Keith Weber (ISU), Sonya Knetter (IDFG), Brian Holmes (BLM), Bob Smith (IGO), Bob Eggleston (City of Boise), Gail Ewart (IGO) and guest Jimmy Kagan (Oregon)

1. Sonya Knetter
 - a. working on two-replication with Protected Area Database
2. Jimmy Kagan – lessons learned
 - a. Scale of Use – strongly recommends choosing a scale of data that the majority of interested parties can agree on
 - b. Existing Standard – recommends linking in with existing standard such as National Land Cover Database (NLCD) or the National Vegetation Classification System (NVCS). This may help with buy in and then people are less likely to invent their own classifications.
 - c. Land Use – consider standard set of land use classifications for urban areas. He said that the land use standard from the American Planning Association (APA) were too much for them.

Further Discussion:

1. Keith Weber
 - a. Perhaps use NLCD standard but not the small scale data
 - b. Would recommend using 10 m scale data instead of 30 m
 - c. One goal of state standard is state-wide dataset made available thru The Idaho Map (TIM) that would serve tasks for both major and minor scale use and analysis capabilities

Additional Notes:

- IDF&G uses NW ReGAP model in their work
- Federal Agencies are required to use NVCS
- LULC TWG should examine APA land use standard to see how it has been used. Group may be able to use a simplified version the APA standard (like the one it replaced) that could be captured at both the macro and micro scale by different users.