

May 19, 2011

Minutes for the May 19, 2011 LULC TWG meeting 3:00 p.m to 3:50 p.m.

Participants: Keith Weber, ISU; Bruce Eggleston, City of Boise; Chris Clay, IDL; Brian Holmes, BLM.

Our agenda was as follows:

1. News and updates on land use and land cover data:

The Committee's design approach to data standards is to create and establish a set of data set guidelines against which we would evaluate data sets for The Idaho Map (TIM) project. This is in contrast to designating a specific data set for use, which would narrow the scope of the project and limit the effective life of the TIM land cover data. Data and technology change, so an open standard will be more adaptable to those changes. The standard will roll with the punches. Define TIM stamp for given data sets to leave the door open to use many data sets.

All agreed with this approach to data set standards.

Gail Ewart has resigned. We wish her well.

The Land Use Land Cover Theme Project will continue on as originally conceived.

2. Comments and discussion on draft land cover standard:

Change current draft to v.5, next draft to v.6.

Change Appendix A to "Definition of Terms"

Will there be stewardship plan and responsibilities with TIM data sets if we are not going to adopt a specific data set? No, the stewardship of data sets will be up to those who developed them. To be TIM Certified they must keep current with the standard. The document will be edited to reflect the role of the LULC Committee.

There were questions about the recommended file format in the standard. The GeoTIFF format is recommended in 2.5.1 Data Environment. It was resolved to revise the text to cite GeoTIFF as the preferred file format, but refer to other file formats that can be converted to GeoTiff. As other better file format standards evolve, then the standards can be amended to accommodate them. The text will be edited to reflect this.

A process will be defined in the text to certify data sets that comply with TIM Standards. This will be done by review and verification of LULC Committee members. After the TIM Standards are set, then we will review and recommend data sets for TIM Certification.

3. Next step for the draft standard:

Keith will make the changes recommended in today's meeting. They will be sent to the Committee for one last review. That final draft will be put up for a 30 day public review. Comments will be considered and draft amended. Then final version will be forwarded to IGC and Idaho Technology Authority to certify the standard.

We hope to get this done by the end of 2011.

4. Land use updates (Bruce E.):

Discussion as to how the land use component will be phase two after the land cover standards are adopted. Design standards so that the LU and LC data sets are symbiotic. Continue to research land use standards. The American Planning Association Land Based Classification Standards present the greatest potential to meet the diverse needs of local governments. This is the most comprehensive and flexible land use classification system. The APA is also willing to advise on the use and integration of this standard with other data sets.

5. Other:

Thanks Keith for all your good work on this project.

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