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August 30, 2007 Conference Call CRDSP

9 a.m. PDT

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Participants

Karen de Dufour (NV SHPO), Dan Martin (BLM WO), Dave Sisson (BLM ID), Chris Cook (BLM NV), Monica Weimer (BLM CO), Donna Day (FS CA), Matt Betenson (BLM UT), Scott Goodman (BLM OR), Mary Hopkins (WY SHPO), Eric Ingbar (Gnomon), Dave McMahan (AK SHPO), Dave Simons (BLM NM), Bill Hedman (BLM AK), Robin Burgess (BLM WO), Mary Sullivan (CO SHPO), Rick Karl (AZ ARMS), Carolyn McClellan (BLM WO), Eric Allison (CA SHPO), Sandra Arnold (BLM AZ), Glenda King (ID SHPO), Stan McDonald (BLM ID), Barb Kett (BLM WO), Jason Stahl (BLM MT), Kirk Halford (BLM WO/CA), Kristen Jensen (UT SHPO)

Next Meeting

Monica – ESRI Federal user conference in D.C., February. 20-22.

Kirk – Washington is expensive. ESRI also has its general user conference.

Dave Simons – Santa Fe is an option.

Kirk – Folks who come up with a location idea are asked to do the footwork and provide the group with information on location and cost.

Mary – ESRI SWUG will be in Laramie next fall (2008). Could be hosted at the University. Probably a September date.

Monica – winter or early spring is really the best..

Sharon – that's the heart of field season.

Kirk, Karyn, Eric – April in Carson City would work too.

Folks are to send their proposals to Kirk and Eric in the next week. We will send the potential venues to all for their vote.

Vision Statement

Dan wants it to say spatial information, Monica wants it to include all professionals. Send revisions within a month - by the end of September.

Mission Statement

Again, clean up grammar. Revisions due to Kirk and Eric by end of September.

Funding

Richard and Kirk have been working with 5101 and 5102 (Realty accounts). These are cost reimbursable accounts. They have agreed in principle, but the mechanism is not yet clear how to make it happen.

Dave Simons – one of the limitations of 5100 funding is that it must be project-specific. Always has to have a project number attached to it. However, Realty has sat on its hands over the years, and has not funded much at a general level.

Kirk—Richard and I are trying to increase the 1430 funds (Realty). Realty has pointed Kirk and Richard at 5102 as a more general fund account that is less project-specific. Trying for the next fiscal year (2008).

Dan – Are there parameters on what can be funded with these monies.

Kirk – So far, Ron Montagna is of the opinion that we at least need to work on a state by state level.

Kirk – The other issue we have not looked at is the Energy Pilot program.

Dave Simons – We have used some 9141 funding to deal with backlog (some of it). It seems like the 9141 funding may get tighter in its allocation and justification requirements.

Carolyn – This is the first I have heard of this account. Will follow up from the Washington Office.

Kirk and others – We are starting to see the energy policy act pilot monies and programs moving forward. Wyoming may receive SHPO staff from the policy act funds – the State Office is working on this.

Robin – This is the start of the Energy Policy Act pilot programs. Staffing may have been the first steps, and in the future we will probably see steps beyond adding staff to field offices.

ACHP Briefing

General discussion on the presentation. Mary gave a presentation on the history. Dave Simons noted the picture of New Mexico (100% digital) is not really accurate.

Mary – There will be a \$6M request to Congress. The ACHP is really interested in this, and John Nau (current ACHP chair) is pushing the data development agenda. Likely to be implemented as a challenge granting or cost-share program. ACHP is also very interested in the stewardship program.

General agreement that this is a good thing – the ACHP is taking a real interest. Folks discussed whether there is a particular technical person on the Council who could be a champion for this (in addition to John Nau).

Permitting Standards

Kirk – California became the test state. Took the current California stipulations and inserted new stipulations in to them for GPS, GIS, electronic document transmittal.

Dave Simons – The problem is getting people to read either their permit stipulations or the handbook.

Kirk – We have thought about offering contractor training or a contractor meeting.

Discussion followed on how best to implement this – through handbook, through stipulations. Perhaps starting on a state-by-state basis with state stipulations. This might then become national permit stipulation add-ons. It may require the Preservation Board to buy in fully for this to really take effect. Dave Simons pointed out that it does not always come down to permits themselves. New Mexico requires permittees to have an ARMS agreement, which in turn may require submitting automated records. So, BLM would not be the enforcer of the digital data creation or requirement.

Robin (later in call, on this topic): Can we find out if the specific California special permit conditions of interest to the CRDSP would be acceptable to this group if implemented nationally. Some of these implement existing policy, issued as an IM and later included in the 8100 manual, so it would be helpful to highlight which are current policy and which go beyond.

Monica – any capability for contractors to get help with acquiring appropriate technology tools?

General discussion followed. Utah's GIS server is in beta, New Mexico is discussing stand-alone tools that work in both on-line and off-line modes. General agreement that these are important avenues to explore and implement.

CRDSP Web Site

The CRDSP web site design was circulated to the group. Kirk discussed the general need which is to have a real central node for information about the CRDSP and about the members of the CRDSP.

Comments are due by end of September.

Next Teleconference

November 15, 2007 (Thursday), 9 AM PST, 10 AM MST, 12 PM EST.