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To: All District Managers

From: State Director, Oregon/Washington

Subject: District Nominations for Data Stewardship Team, Ground Transportation Geodatabase DD: 09/14/2007

Program Area: Ground Transportation (GTRN) Geodatabase, Geographic Information System (GIS), and all resource programs that have a need to use data for roads and trails.

Purpose: A Data Stewardship Team will be formed to provide direction and priorities, facilitate communication, and be the approving body for proposed changes to the GTRN geodatabase. This team will base their assessment on a multi-program requirement approach with the desired result being a product that will (1) address all resource needs including those in recreation, the off-highway vehicle trail system, gates, rights-of-way, cartography and (2) strengthen engineering needs and the connectivity to the Facilities Asset Management System (FAMS). The goal is to create a spatial framework that houses all of the line-work associated with roads and trails. This would then allow other programs and activities to attach their data to this spatial database. This assessment is intended to avoid a program-specific stovepipe approach to a statewide database development. Prior to developing this framework, user requirements and needs from all programs and activities that may benefit from such a framework should be identified in order to assess the overall needs, benefits, costs, and priorities of the project.

Policy/Action: Each district is requested to nominate a District Transportation Data Steward not just for a needs assessment but to serve on a continuing basis for the GTRN geodatabase project. Additional team members will be a GIS Specialist and an Engineering Specialist from the State Office. It is hoped that this team will be comprised of individuals from a broad spectrum of interests (including recreation, fire, lands, realty, fisheries, and engineering) who have knowledge of transportation-related issues within their area of expertise.

Timeframe: A Data Stewardship Team approach is long-term and is aimed at meeting the business needs of our internal users, our partners, and our external customer base.

Budget Impact: Data Stewardship Team members are requested to participate in monthly GTRN conference calls. Additional workload includes communicating with personnel from multiple disciplines and reporting unmet needs or data change requests to the Stewardship Team.

Background: The GTRN geodatabase is the official transportation geodatabase in Oregon/Washington. Data requirements were originally developed with implementation of the Northwest Forest Plan as the main design criteria. At this point in time, the FAMS database is supported by OR-959 staff. The GTRN geodatabase has been converted to the Enterprise-mandated geodatabase format and moved to the Corporate SDE server environment. Additionally, the support of the GTRN geodatabase has been moved to OR-930.

Contact: Chris Knauf, Oregon State Office, has agreed to lead this effort. Please submit nominations to cknauf@blm.gov by September 14, 2007. Chris may also be contacted with questions regarding this project 503-432-1457.

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