From: Brock, John
To: Alt, Nicole
Cc: Drue DeBerry; Michael Thabault
Subject: Re: Preparing for the Oct 22 DOI Geospatial Services to Support Landscape-Scale Mitigation Workshop
Date: Sunday, October 12, 2014 12:36:05 PM

Nicole,
Thanks very much for contacting me regarding the Oct 22 DOI workshop on geospatial services in support of landscape-scale mitigation - please do give me a call on Tuesday, 10/14; my schedule is open on that day and I should be available for a call or webex at any time. Based on what I have heard about the Conservation Efforts Database, it seems to be a quite relevant example for discussion at the Oct 22 workshop, and I would very much like to hear more about it - please suggest a time for a webinar on the database, and I will put that on my calendar.
I'm sorry to hear that neither you or any of your local staff will be able to attend the Oct 22 workshop in DC, but it would be great if someone from the DC FWS office could be identified - if so, please let me know and I will send that person an invitation.
I look forward to speaking with you soon.
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On Fri, Oct 10, 2014 at 4:32 PM, Alt, Nicole <nicole_alt@fws.gov> wrote:

> John, Thank you for the invitation to participate in this discussion. I'm sorry I have not been able to discuss our participation with you. I will try to give you a call today or on Tuesday. Unfortunately, No one from FWS working on the Conservation Efforts Database will be able to join you in person for this discussion. I will share the meeting information with our Headquarters office to inquire whether someone from our Science Applications program nationally may be able to attend. Further, the purpose of the Conservation Efforts Database is a decision support tool and it may not fit the purposes of this discussion. We could be available to give a brief overview of the database via webinar if after discussing it we still think it has applicability to this discussion.
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> On Fri, Oct 10, 2014 at 1:02 PM, Brock, John <jbrock@usgs.gov> wrote:
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>> Nicole, Henry, Patrick, Bill, Bruce, and Megan,
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>> The Oct 22 DOI workshop on geospatial services for landscape-scale mitigation is rapidly approaching, and I would like to work with you finalize the preparations for your Panel Discussion on the agenda (please see the attached near-final agenda). I have you all on the agenda as the Panelists for the Session 1 - Category 5 Panel Discussion that will be moderated by Matthew Andersen (USGS, and cc'ed above). Session 1 deals with “Existing Capabilities” and is divided into 5 Categories of Geospatial Services. Session 2, starting at 3:00 is designed to pull together and

clarify the defined needs and recommendations that are to be identified during Session 1.

The program within each of the Session 1 Categories is structured as follows:

1) Moderator and Facilitator: Introduces the task associated with this category of geospatial services, including a definition of the desired outcomes and ground rules.

2) Designated 3 Panelists: Present for 10 minutes each.

3) Moderator: Initiates the Panel Discussion by posing several questions to the Panel that are designed to spur discussion that leads to a) a broad assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of geospatial services in this category, and b) recommendations for best implementation of existing capabilities, and for needed improvements to those capabilities, and c) recommendations for the construction of new capabilities.

4) Facilitator: Works with the Moderator to ensure input from attendees as well as the Panelists. Recommendations will be recorded for use in Session 2 in the afternoon. This is also a good time for input from panelists not giving a formal presentation.

5) Moderator and Facilitator: Close out the discussion with thanks to Panelists and attendees for their input.

Specifics and Pre-Work:

1. 3 of the 6 Panelists will present condensed (maximum 10 minute) talks to provide examples of relevant geospatial capabilities. The Panelists slated to give these short scheduled talks are requested to upload their Powerpoint files to the FTP site provided below by Friday, Oct 17.
2. Some of the panelists not scheduled for a formal presentation have been asked to be prepared to represent additional examples. These Panelists are invited to prepare and submit 5 slide-maximum Powerpoint presentations on the examples that they will represent. Although not on the formal program of talks, it will be good to have these additional examples available to show, dependent on the course of the Panel and Open Discussions. The Panelists asked to represent additional examples are also requested to upload their Powerpoint files to the FTP site provided below by Friday, Oct 17.
3. The Moderator will prepare questions that are designed to spur discussion that leads to a) a broad assessment of the strengths and weaknesses of geospatial services in this category, and b) recommendations for best implementation of existing capabilities and for needed improvements to those capabilities, and c) recommendations for the construction of new capabilities. I ask that you submit potential discussion questions to the Moderator for Session 1 – Category 5 (Matthew Andersen; mandersen@usgs.gov) (with a cc to K. Libby; klibby@blm.gov and J. Brock; jbrock@usgs.gov) by Friday, October 17. The Moderator will use these suggested discussion questions to prepare prior to the workshop.

Instructions for Uploading Your Powerpoint File:

The files can be uploaded here: ftp://ftpext.usgs.gov/from_pub/er/. Here are instructions for uploading a file to an FTP site: View the FTP site in Windows Explorer by pressing the ALT button on your keyboard, then click the View menu at the top of screen, and then click Open FTP Site in Windows Explorer. Paste the file into the folder. Note that the file will not be visible to you after it is

uploaded. Please send an email message to Cindy Thatcher (thatcherc@usgs.gov) to notify her that you have uploaded files to the FTP site.

Thanks very much again for agreeing to serve on a Panel at the Oct 22 DOI workshop on geospatial services for landscape-scale mitigation. If you have any questions or require additional information, please let me know.

Best regards,

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