



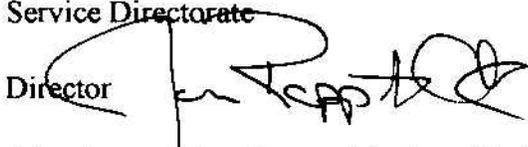
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Memorandum

To: Service Directorate

From: Director  AUG 31 1998

Subject: Adoption of the Geospatial Data Exchange Format and Geospatial Metadata Standards

The Geospatial Data Exchange Format and the Geospatial Metadata Standards have cleared the formal national review process for proposed data standards. Please distribute this memorandum and the attachments to all Regional and Field Offices so they will be aware of the standards and the requirement to apply them Servicewide where appropriate.

The standards may be viewed on the Internet at <http://www.fws.gov/stand/>. Printed copies of the standards may be requested from Deb Southworth, Geographic Information Systems Coordinator at Southworth, Deb in FWS-MAIL or by phone at 303-274-3574.

Attachments