

**Oregon/Washington Hydrography Framework Groups
Meeting Notes
REO, Portland, OR
June 13, 2003**

Attendees

Bob Harmon	OWRD	Gege Coleman	BLM-Titan
Dale Guenther	REO	Baron Howe	Titan
Jim Edmonds	REO	Carl Harris	WADNR
Dan Wickwire	BLM	(via phone)	

Agenda adjustments

Oregon Framework Forum II review

Bob summarized the Hydro Workshop that took place the morning before (6/12) at the Oregon Framework Forum II in The Dalles. Dale and Dan were also there. The workshop was well attended (25-30 people) and there was a lot of good discussion. Bob started the workshop by bringing everyone up to date on the Model, the Clearinghouse, and the roles & responsibilities agreements developed by the partners. He kicked off the discussion by throwing out four discussion points (availability/status of data compilation, density, software compatibility, and future directions (NHD, ArcHydro, etc.). At least four local government representatives were in attendance and showed interest in working with or becoming stewards for their jurisdictions.

Bob will get notes from the forum and figure out a way to distribute them and continue the discussion through "discussion threads" set up at the OGDC (Oregon Geospatial Data Clearinghouse) web site.

Clearinghouse

Gege went through her list of remaining issues from the most recent acceptance test. She reported that most things are working. There don't appear to be any showstoppers. Dale also reported that there had been over 30 successful transactions in the last week. Gege went on to say that the remaining issues appear to be associated with shorelines and other features that come close to them. She suggests that, for the time being, editors check out a bigger area if their focus is near shoreline features.

Carl reported no problems during his testing. Jim helped him fix anything that came up.

Bob didn't have a report for the current round.

No one was present from the Forest Service, but it was noted that they were actively testing. Dale will check with them to see if they have any remaining issues. Barring any, he will close the contract with ESRI and the **Clearinghouse is LAUNCHED!**

Other/future issues

- With the close out of the current contract Dale will then begin a "rent-a-tech" agreement with ESRI through Titan to cover Clearinghouse support. The first task is to integrate support for arc attributes on the watershed boundaries through the Clearinghouse. The work is scheduled to be completed by the end of July. In the meantime, the editing of the watersheds will be handled outside of the Clearinghouse through an interim

agreement among the partners. The data set can still be accessed through a link off of the Clearinghouse home page.

- Another issue, related to the watersheds, that needs to be considered by the partners is the locking out of hydro (water-body, course, point, or shoreline) features whenever a watershed is checked out for editing, and vice versa.
- The next round of integration workshops between the FS and BLM need to be scheduled. Dan suggested that the state (Oregon) take a role in determining priorities.
- Some discussion of the redesign of the hydro model has begun. We need to “formalize” it (identify and prioritize the issues), find a funding mechanism, and work in the other items on our wish list.
- We need to discuss/analyze the costs associated with maintenance of shoreline features and how this may be affected in a system redesign.

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All of the partners have signed the document except Washington State. It is currently at Washington DNR.

Documentation

Dan noted that the BLM would be the point of contact for the hydro framework documentation. The group agreed. Any changes, corrections, etc., should be sent to Dan.

Draft guidelines for maintaining HUs (dated 5/29/03)

Discussion was postponed to the next meeting.

Next meeting

The next meeting has been scheduled for Thursday, July 17th, at the REO (Portland) from 9 am to noon.

Notes by Bob & Dale, 6/20/2003