

**Cadastral Framework Implementation Team Meeting
November 6, 2007
Local Government Center (AOC) - Salem**

Members Present: Cress Bates, Lane County; Dean Anderson, Polk County; Gail Ewart, Framework Coordinator and DAS-GEO; Phil McClellan, DOR; Milt Hill, DAS-GEO; Rich Johnson, BLM/GCDB (filling in for Orrin Frederick)

Visitors Present: Rod Therriault, DOR; John Prychun, DOR;

Scribe: Cress Bates

Topic	Person	Action Req'd Yes/No	Comment
Introductions	All	No	
Framework Meeting Update	Gail/All	No	Data Sharing and Stewardship main issues
Tax Lot Work Group	Cress/All	Yes	Cress will work with Phil to submit grant for tax lot data sharing.
PLSS Workgroup	Dean/All	No	Working on getting a State web site up for Oregon Control data
Public Lands Workgroup	Gail	No	Working on getting a lead for this group
Changing of the Guard	Cress/All	No	Fond farewell to Gail Ewart as she takes a similar job with State of Idaho.

A. Introductions (Cress/All)

Cress opened the meeting by thanking those present for agreeing to meet on short notice. Not all of the regular FIT members were able to make this meeting but a majority of the membership was present which is appreciated. Gail introduced Milton Hill with DAS-GEO who will be filling in for Gail when she takes on her new job in Idaho. Rich Johnson from BLM was present to fill in for Orrin Frederick.

B. Framework Meeting Update (Gail/All)

Gail gave an overview of the main points of the FIT meeting held on September 18, 2007 in Salem. This meeting involved a review of the Strategic Plan update methodology, the status of navigatOR, Forum planning, a review of the FIT retreat workshop held in July; and a discussion of orthoimagery, stewardship and overall FIT goals.

There is a task force which is a policy advisory committee to OGIC which has tasked Cy Smith to explore data sharing. This effort is helped by \$500,000 of re-aligned State funds to achieve State Framework goals. The main goals include the following:

- Data Development
- Communications
- Stewardship

Gail and Milt gave more detail on each of the three goals.

Data Development

Framework will be accepting proposals to supplement data development initiatives. Dean mentioned the example of exploring how tax code boundaries and data might be used to build other political boundaries such as city limits. Other example projects include repackaging Hydrography Framework data and designing stewardship for Transportation Framework. The group thought that this money might be useful for getting data developed for the PLSS workgroup. Other ideas include acquiring orthoimagery and doing a proof of concept for the Spatial Data Explorer application.

Communication

A small group of State staff have formed a “Messenger Corps.” These folks have frequent contact with local government so they have the advantage of being “out there” and are able to bring information back to the State. Phil McClellan is part of that group along with Mark Darienzo and Gillian Duval. This group can still use more support. The State is trying to get the Messenger Corps up to a 5 -7 person group. Communication training is provided and they have produced a brochure explaining the mission. They will also be releasing a newsletter. Another idea is to find a set of collaborative tools for use by State agencies; such as blogging. DAS is exploring such a toolset published by Jive Software (<http://www.jivesoftware.com/>). Milt will follow-up and explore the possibility of FIT Teams using this tool.

Stewardship

ODOT is a good example of how stewardship is being put to the test. They are doing a test on the county boundary data. DLCD is also testing stewardship on Urban Growth Boundary data.

Public Lands workgroup (part of Cadastral FIT) is looking for a new lead. Brent Blair is unavailable at this time.

The Stewardship group has built an “expert key” document and other documents to organize stewardship. This and other FIT related documents are available on the FIT web page (<http://gis.oregon.gov/DAS/EISPD/GEO/fit/FIT.shtml>).

The next FIT Meeting is December 11, 2007 and the next FIT Forum will be in March 2008 (date yet to be decided). Part of the agenda will likely involve a Metadata Workshop and information sessions on the Spatial Data Portal. As clarification, NavigatOR is the complete suite, or vision. The Spatial Data Portal is a planned enhancement of the Oregon Explorer (<http://oregonexplorer.info/>)

C. Tax Lot Workgroup (Cress)

The Tax Lot workgroup met in Salem on September 27, 2007. There were no major issues to cover concerning the grant requests so the group had more time to go over some other items. One main item of discussion involved the issue of sharing the tax lot data. The group felt that if each county could be compensated for some of their time they would be more inclined to make tax lot data sharing a priority. The group talked about using some ORMAP money to do this. The idea would be to compensate each county to the tune of \$1,000 for making their tax lot data (and associated files) available to the State in a format defined by the Cadastral Data Exchange Standard. This has the advantage of putting the data sharing into the context of a contract and, although it is not a lot of money, is an incentive to get counties to do the work.

Dean, and others, asked Milt and Gail if it would be possible to seek Framework grant funds for this. The meeting members discussed the current data sharing happening with DOR as part of ORMAP, and the smaller set of counties who have a signed data sharing agreement with DAS. Cress handed out copies of the survey results compiled by Dean that summarized the tax lot data availability for each county.

The group decided to ask Cress and Phil to work on developing a grant application to seek funds from Framework. The grant amount would be \$36,000 so that each county could be compensated \$1,000. We might be able to leverage some ORMAP money to offset the work that DOR is doing to compile the various tax lot dataset submitted by each county. Milt will get the grant information to Cress and Phil.

The group also thought it would be useful to add MapIndex boundaries as a feature in the Cadastral Data Exchange. Having a polygon for each County would make it easier for DOR to get the tax lot data to cover the whole State. Cress was asked to add that element to the exchange standard document.

From time to time tax lot data exchange questions come up for the GeoMedia users in the State. This committee does not have a member who uses that software for their tax lot maintenance. Cress suggested asking Andrea Westersund if she would be willing to participate as a Cadastral FIT member who could represent the GeoMedia users in the State.

D. PLSS Workgroup (Dean)

Dean and Marc Thomas met with the Surveyors at their annual meeting in the summer. There were concerns expressed by the Surveyors on the use of their control data for GIS and they were equally concerned about the idea of posting/publishing survey control data on State web site.

The idea at this stage is to go forward with the PLSS data structure that BLM has devised and then do a pilot project to test it for our needs. Dean reported that AOC is willing to host the site. Dean has also been in touch with Nancy Von Meyer and she has a person who is willing to create a pilot web site for Oregon similar to the one Colorado has set up. It would be done using ArcIMS and initially provide information on control points. There would be both a maintenance piece and part that the public could view. The plan is that BLM would provide stewardship for this data base.

Some of the other issues involve solving the issue of getting surveyors to contribute their “good stuff” and sell the project as a way to provide something to counties that currently don’t have easy access to PLSS points. The first step is to get the PLSS point data out there and then work on PLSS lines, Township polygons, section polygons, DLC polygons, etc.

E. Public Lands Workgroup (Gail)

As Gail mentioned earlier, they are still looking for a lead for this group. Names being considered as part of the committee make-up include Steve G., Pete Colson, Marc Thomas, Cress Bates, and Emmor Nile.

Some ideas for developing this data set include starting with an extract of the Tax Lot data (using ownership info). Issues for this data are:

- Would have to have a rich set of attributes – want to distinguish between State, Federal, City, etc. lands.
- May have paper records that could be of use. Some of these paper records may not be spatially represented, but need to be.
- There can be overlapping mandates on State-held land and the data base would need to address this.
- Still need to work out the details of the data design for this data.

F. Changing of the Guard – Fond farewell to Gail

Gail announced earlier that this was her last week with DAS/GEO before she takes a similar position with the State of Idaho. Milton Hill will be filling in for Gail until DAS decides how to cover her duties. This group wanted to acknowledge Gail’s good work. Oregon has a robust Framework program which is in large part due to Gail’s talents at bringing together a variety of GIS experts. Gail will be missed and the group wishes her the best of luck in her new endeavor.

Next Meeting:

This committee will try to meet quarterly, so as we get closer, Cress will schedule the next meeting for sometime in February or March 2008 if that will work for the members.