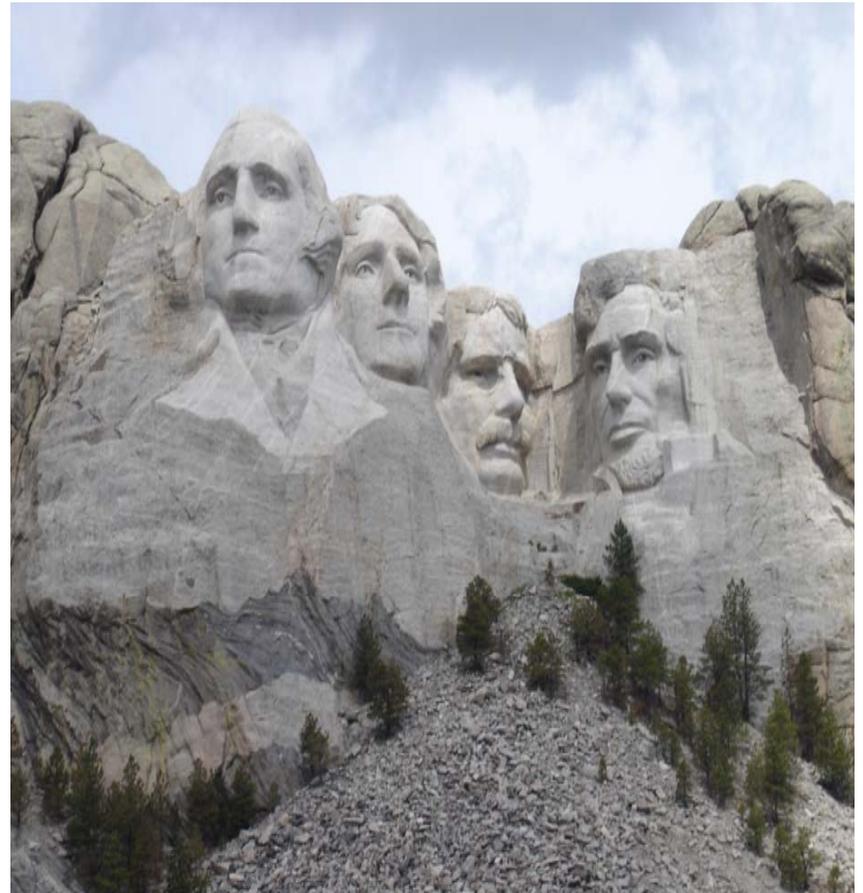


RESEARCH NEEDS COMMITTEE NORTH CENTRAL REGION



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DISCUSSION TOPICS

- Develop a protocol to assess cooperator research needs.
 - Provide guidance to the National Soil Survey Investigations Staff related to research priorities within the North Central Region.
- Collaborate and coordinate research efforts throughout the region to satisfy needs in an efficient and cooperative manner.
- Desire to have product(s) as a result of all research efforts.

Recommendation # 1

- The North Central Region Research Needs Committee remain active.
- Provide a survey to all cooperators for their input to assist in assessing research needs for this region.
- Provide results to the National Investigations Staff to assist in the planning of research.

Recommendation #1 (cont.)

- A. Develop List of Target Respondents:
Sept. 1, 2006
- B. Make Contacts with Liaisons:
Oct. 1, 2006
- C. Send Survey: **Oct. 15, 2006**
- D. Receive Responses: **Nov. 15, 2006**
- E. Results Tabulated and Analyzed:
Jan. 1, 2007
- F. Present Information: **Jan. 15, 2007**

Recommendation # 2

Establish a Regional Trace and Heavy Metals sub-committee to canvass the region's state soil scientists and cooperators to determine needs and priorities for a reasonable database on background levels of trace and heavy metals in soils.

Recommendation #2 (cont.)

- Recommended membership if this sub-committee:

Two Cooperating agency representatives

Two NRCS Soil Scientists one of which is a State Soil Scientist

- Recommended Timetable:

Provide a regional priority list by March 1, 2007.