

# National Cooperative Soil Survey

Madison WI June 5, 2007

2006 West Regional Conference  
Recommendations



# Park City Utah

## Western Regional Cooperative Soil Survey



*"Innovative Applications of Soil Survey: Meeting the Changing needs of Today's Society"*

***In Conjunction With***

## Western Society of Soil Science



*"The Relevancy of Soil Science to the Needs of a Changing West"*

# Highlights

- Joint session
- Student-Agency interaction
- Mix of Business and Technical
- Identification of Future Needs
- Great Field Trip



Once Upon a Time There Were  
Three Soil Scientists





Soil Scientist Best Legs Contest

Bench Reserved For  
Tired Dirt Diggers



One more time, when  
It is in place it is soil, when  
It is out of place it is dirt.



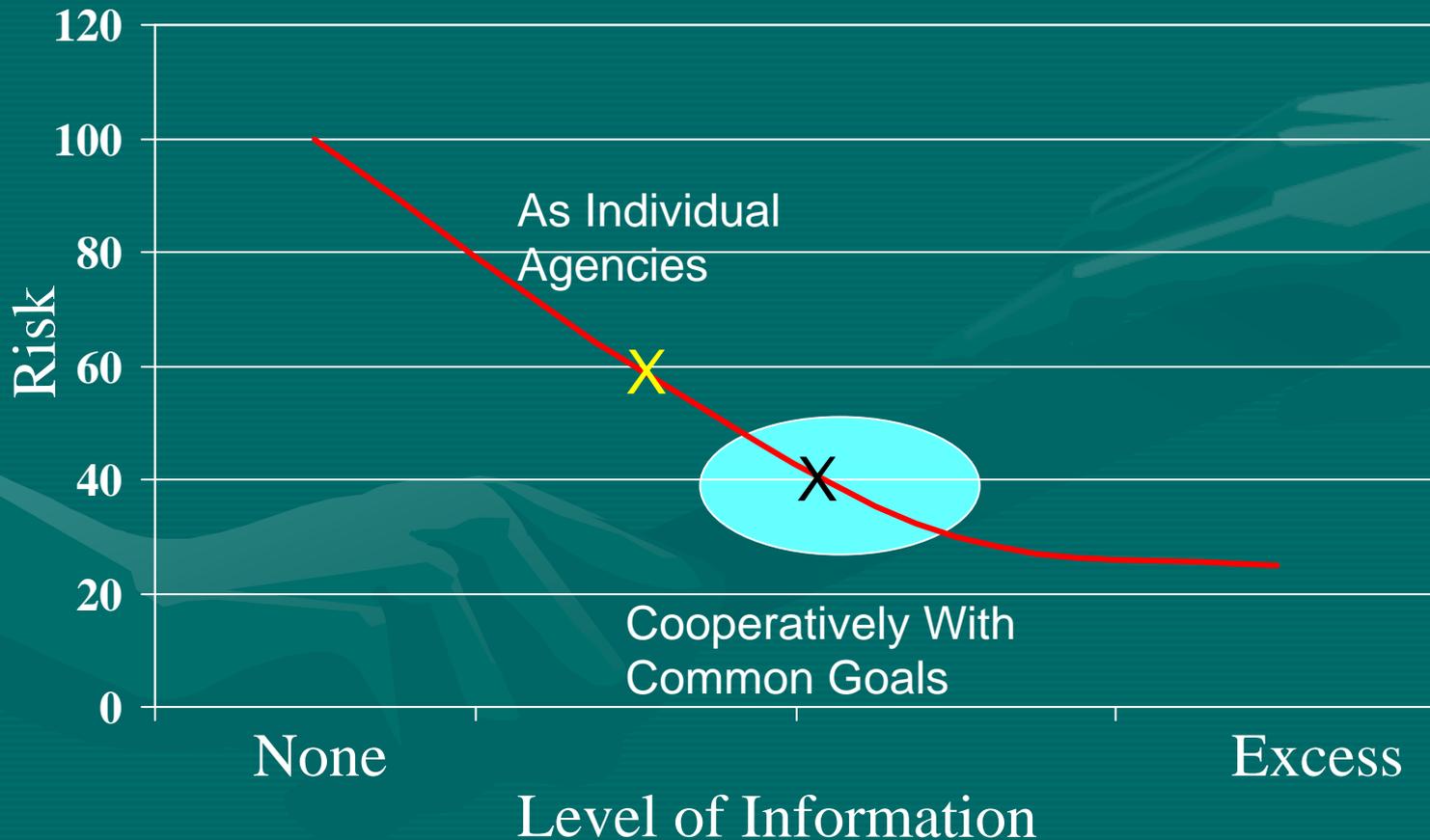
# Recommendations

- Joint meeting with local Western SSS
- Provide Technical Sessions Concurrent with Business Sessions
- Increase states carrying through recommendations from yearly meetings
- 2008 Emphasis Ecological Concepts of Mapping
- More participation by Range and Forestry

# Committees

- Standing Committees-
  - Digital Mapping Framework
  - TERRA landforms into NASIS
  - Mica Work Group
  - Benchmark soils and climate change
  - Gypsiferous soils development studies
  - Dynamic soil properties manual
  - Geochemical investigations on benchmark soils
  - Ad Hoc Interpretations become standing committee,
  - Several interpretations issues within the west

# Challenges-Risk and Information Management





I'm so  
happy I  
picked a  
soils career

I don't know  
what they  
said but life  
is good