

Federal Lands Initiative Discussion Group 1

How will we maintain staff to support continuing initial mapping on federal Lands into 2020?

Issues:

- **Fish and Wildlife**
 - FWS lands usually small areas.
 - Total of 94,000,000 acres unmapped, mostly in Alaska (90,000,000).

- **Forest Service.**
 - Adjustments to TERA. Mike has been meeting with Randy Davis monthly. MOU amendment drafted.
 - Need to continue pursuing local dollars because there is no guarantee that initiative will go through.
 - Concern over how Forest Service Regions, and even individual Forests, will interpret MOU, or even if they will have to abide by it.
 - Forest Supervisors change rapidly and want to get things done quickly. Soil survey, being longer term, does not fit in this role well.

- **BLM**
 - Funding is tentative each year.
 - Bill Ypsilantis has supported a 10-year initiative to complete initial mapping.
 - Considerable effort has been made on collecting costs/acre of mapping.
 - Looking at remote sensing and new technologies to facilitate mapping on wilderness and remote areas.
 - NACD has supported legislation to complete development of ESDs on Federal lands.
 - Need to make sure we are developing interpretations that are useful to BLM and other cooperators.
 - Soil data viewer for other groups, i.e. fishery
 - Huge investment in the work that has been done already

- **Park Service**
 - Pete Biggam already has money for soil survey
 - He has been supportive of initiatives for federal lands but doesn't see Park Service contributing as they already have money dedicated to the effort.
 - May use Park Service Liaison (Sue Southard) position as a template for other agencies.
 - NPS Scenic waterway in MO has gone to a state agency to partner in soil survey, instead of with NRCS.

Barriers:

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