National Trails Mapping & Protection

Collecting ideas and best practices for providing public-use maps and protecting our trails’ resources
Desire to create online public use maps

Concern: mapping sensitive information

Concern: providing accurate, complete data for developers

Concern: not all trails are administered the same
(varying components and protection concerns)

Bringing together mapping and protection specialists minds for best practices
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Case Study: Let’s take a look at the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail

(just Anza Trail for short)
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Recent Developments in Law and Policy

- FAST-41 (42 U.S.C. 4370m)
  - Establishes new procedure to standardize and expedite permitting on large-scale infrastructure projects, including energy.
  - Requires tracking project milestones on the federal Permitting Dashboard
- E.O. “Expediting Env. Reviews and Approvals for...Infrastructure” (1/24/17)
- E.O. 13807 “Establishing Discipline and Accountability in Env. Review...” (4/15/17)
- E.O. “Establishing a Presidential Advisory Council” (7/19/17)
- S.O. 3348/3349 – revokes Obama coal leasing, mitigation, programs (3/29/17)
- S.O. 3354 – on improving onshore oil and gas, and minerals, leasing (7/6/17)
- S.O. 3355 – limits most NEPA to 1 year, 150 pages (8/31/17)
Recent Developments, Cont.
so...what?

Sharing experiences from the field.
(renewable energy, resource protection, compliance specialists)
From your point of view, what are the benefits and risks of public mapping?
What to do when a line really isn’t a line? Many of the historic trails (if not all) are really corridors of travel. Could we instead delineate "analysis areas" that are polygons and would direct project proponents to investigate within the area instead of along a false line?
If NTS were represented on an online/interactive map, what concerns might there be in terms of resource protection?
How do we handle private land owner concerns?
discussion

How do we keep people from using the data at an inappropriate scale?
Better mapping can lead to better resource protection.

How can we represent our National Trails for the public?
If this is for project planning then the data needs to be as close to real time as possible. This raises all sorts of questions regarding how and where data is housed and who/how it gets accessed. How do we handle data updates?