

Developing a web forum for National Trails System GIS

Two part scope:

1. Online resource for organizing current and past NTS GIS Network documents, including agendas and presentations.
2. Online platform for continued discussion on GIS topics beyond the NTS GIS network calls and Partnership for the National Trails System (PNTS) conferences and workshops.

Obstacles to rolling this out (and keeping it working):

1. **Time** - initial development as well as ongoing technical support and maintenance
2. **Money** - alternatively we could outsource the development and maintenance of this, but currently lack any funds to to accomplish this.

Workaround Examples (Matt Rowbotham)

- Document Share - **Google Drive** example: <https://goo.gl/oYbfC8>

Initial Setup Cost (Time and Money)	n/a
Ongoing Costs (Money)	none
Ongoing Costs (Time)	minimal
Barriers to user engagement	Very low
Searchable	Yes, Google Drive Search Available with Sign in. Unsure on public Google Web search.
Shareable	Yes, only when signed in

- Online Discussion and Sharing - **Facebook Groups**.

Initial Setup Cost (Money)	none
Initial Setup Cost (Time)	minimal
Ongoing Costs (Money)	none
Ongoing Costs (Time)	minimal
Barriers to user engagement	Very low, with Facebook account, DOA w/o a Facebook account
Searchable	Yes, within the Facebook Group
Shareable	Yes

Open Discussion examples (I will fill out this form as we go): <https://goo.gl/X21NpC>