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Phone #: **888-981-0244**

Participants Code: **71149#**

--- MEETING AGENDA ---

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (Ryan Cooper / Derek Nelson / Peter Bonsall) 5 min.
  - a. **Please use the WebEx chat to enter:**
    - i. Your First/Last Name
    - ii. Your Organization and/or National Trail Affiliation
    - iii. Select send to: EVERYONE
    - iv. Your Answer to: **What should be our network focus for the upcoming meeting topics and presentations? Will you present or help locate presenters? Are there any topics you'd like to see this group discuss or cover in 2017?**
  - b. Meeting agendas, presentations, and notes are uploaded to the SharePoint site (accessible to DOI employees only). If you are not a DOI employee, please feel free to contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, or Derek Nelson and we would be happy to share these items with you.
  
2. **Announcements & Information from Audience** 5 min.
  - a. National Outdoor Recreation Conference, May 1-4, 2017. Scottsdale, Arizona
  - b. American Trails International Trails Symposium, May 7-10, 2017. Dayton, Ohio
  - c. NTS GIS Network on the PNTS Website: <http://pnts.org/new/national-trails-system-gis-network/>
  
3. **Discussion Topic** 45 min.

**Presentation**  
**Presenter – Lisa Johnson, PAD-US Coordinator, Boise State University**  
***America's Public Parks and Protected Areas: Introducing the Improved Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US)***

America's tremendous asset base of protected areas is critical for conservation planning, natural resource management, outdoor recreation, public health and more. These include national parks and forests, wildlife sanctuaries, state beaches and parks, county open space, city parks, land trust preserves, conservation easements, marine protected areas and more. Altogether, over 3 billion acres (with overlapping designations) are managed by thousands of public agencies and non-profit organizations that serve current and future generations. A complete and current database of these places is a critical tool to achieve organizational missions across jurisdictions. The 2016 PAD-US update (1.4), published by USGS, includes the best available geospatial representation of federal, state and other protected areas with descriptors like owner / manager name, designation type, unit name and other information useful for various applications. Join us to learn about America's official inventory of protected areas, applications, relationships to National Trails data, our strategy to complete the inventory by 2020, viewers, tools and opportunities to engage.
  
4. **Future Meeting Dates & Topics** 5 min.
  - a. **May 16, 2017** – TBD
  - b. **June 20, 2017** – TBD
  - c. **July 18, 2017** – TBD

**We always welcome suggestions for additional topics for discussion or presentations. Please contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, and/or Derek Nelson with your suggestions!**

**NTS GIS Network Email List:** [ntsgis@webmail.itc.nps.gov](mailto:ntsgis@webmail.itc.nps.gov)

**NTS GIS Network Website:** <http://pnts.org/new/national-trails-system-gis-network/>

**NTS GIS Network Mission:**

*We established the NTS GIS Network as a way to connect the diverse array of National Trails System staff and partners who use GIS systems and products in their work. One of our goals is to facilitate the sharing of information and tools that help us do our jobs more efficiently and innovatively. Because the national trails system is managed as a collaboration of agencies and partner organizations, the NTS GIS Network is open to anyone.*