

# NTS GIS Network- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 16, 2017

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

### Meeting Participants:

1. (presenter) Paul Voris, NPS, Information Technology Specialist, Intermountain Region Office, Lakewood, CO
2. (moderator ) Derek Nelson, NPS, GIS Specialist, National Trails Intermountain Region, Salt Lake City, UT
3. (note taker) Ryan Cooper, NPS, Geographer, Lewis and Clark NHT, Omaha, NE
4. (note taker) Peter Bonsall, NPS, National Trails System, WASO, Washington, DC
5. BriAnna Weldon, NPS, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Juan Bautista de Anza NHT, San Francisco, CA
6. Don Briggs, NPS, Superintendent, Potomac Heritage NST, Harpers Ferry, WV
7. Gita Urban-Mathieux, USGS, National Geospatial Program, Reston, VA
8. Heidi Hartman, Argonne National Laboratory, Lemont, IL
9. Kerry Shakarjian, Continental Divide Trail Coalition GIS Program Manager (NPS/FS affiliate)
10. Matt Robinson, NPS, GIS Specialist ,Appalachian NST, Harpers Ferry, WV
11. Sarah Rivera, NPS, National Trails Intermountain Region, Salt Lake City, UT
12. Stafford Hazelett, Oregon-California Trails Association (OCTA), Portland, OR
13. Tiffany Stram, Ice Age Trail Alliance, GIS Specialist, Cross Plains, WI

## 2. Announcements & Information from Audience

- a. NTS GIS Network on the PNTS Website: <http://pnts.org/new/national-trails-system-gis-network/>
- b. National Trails Day – June 3, 2017 <http://nationaltrailsday.americanhiking.org>
- c. National Trails System 50<sup>th</sup> - [trails50.org](http://trails50.org)
- d. ESRI UC 2017 – July 9, 2017
- e. Continue to work on calendar invites for network.

## 3. Discussion Topic

**Presenter – Paul Voris, Information Technology Specialist, National Park Service**  
***NPS ArcGIS Open Data***

NPS ArcGIS Open Data is a public facing website where data can be discovered and shared with users or referenced in IRMA and can be easily downloaded in a variety of formats. The site collects data from groups designated as Open Data within our organization and presents it to the public in an easy to use interface. The data can be used directly from a service such as a hosted feature service or map service or it can be downloaded as a Shapefiles, File GeoDatabases, or accessed through the GeoJSON API.

Notes:

- IRMA is supposed to be interface for sharing GIS; NPS Open Data can link to IRMA
- Same types of data can be shared in IRMA as AGOL
- AGOL and NPS Open Data just helps things become more accessible
- Specific AGOL Groups are set up for open data; when data is shared with those groups the info can be harvested for NPS Open Data; furthermore because data is DCAT it can be harvested for other sites like Data.gov
- GIS data, PDFs, etc. can be shared and downloaded via Open Data interface
- Prepare you data with good tags, metadata, descriptions, and summaries
- IRMA can be set up for better Google searches

## 4. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

- a. **June 20, 2017** – TBD
- b. **July 18, 2017** – TBD
- c. **August 15, 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!**

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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.*