

# NTS GIS Network- Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, July 18 16, 1:00 pm Mountain Time (12pm PT, 2pm CT, 3pm ET)

## MEETING AGENDA

### 1. Welcome & Introductions (Peter Bonsall/Kerry Shakarjian)

Meeting Attendees:

1. Chelsea Bodamer (Presenter) - Outreach and Youth Programs Coordinator - Partnership for the National Trails System
2. Dan Wiley - Chief of Resources Stewardship Lewis and Clark NH
3. Greg Matthews - USGS. Trails Aggregator
4. Sean McNeal - GIS intern with the Pacific Crest Trail Assoc.
5. Jake Leizear - GIS Fellow w/ NPS, Captain John Smith Chesapeake National Historic Trail, Annapolis, MD
6. Tiffany Stram - GIS/IT Specialist, Ice Age Trail Alliance, Cross Plains, WI
7. Helen Scully - NPS Washington Office, National Trails System
8. David Baker - Outdoor Recreation Planner, BLM National Operation Center
9. Don Owen
10. Reese Hirth - NPS, Geographer
11. Eric Drummond - GIS Analyst - Colorado Parks and Wildlife - <http://cpw.state.co.us/cts>
12. Dave Vincent (USGS)
13. Gita Urban-Mathieux - USGS National Geospatial Program, Federal Liaison
14. Elizabeth McCartney (USGS)
15. Candace Bogart - USFS Region 3 GIS
16. Slide Kelly - CDTC GIS intern
17. BriAnna Weldon (JUBA)

### 2. Announcements & Information from Audience

- a. Derek Nelson's leaving the NTS GIS Network and NPS
- b. Welcome Kerry Shakarjian to the NTS GIS Network
- c. ESRI User Conference 2017 – Announcements and recap of the week

### 3. Discussion Topic

**Presenter – Chelsea Bodamer, Presentation Outreach & Youth Coordinator, Partnership for the National Trails System**  
***PNTS Forum***

The Partnership for the National Trails System has recently developed a new online forum. Before its official release to the public, Chelsea would like to present the new interface, and open the discussion up for feedback and advice from the NTS GIS community.

Notes:

- [pnts.org/new/community](https://pnts.org/new/community) - Register
- Purpose of forum: to connect the National Trail community
- Chelsea is moderator for the forums and has to approve each registration
- General public cannot read the forum right now but can be - suggested by many to have open to public for viewing/reading; Register to be able to add comments
- Is the forum, open to all Trail related topics, or specific to National Trails? - Both, mainly for National Trail community but open to partners and other trail enthusiasts
- Will try to moderate and group discussions that are similar
- Add functionality to keep newest topics on top

### 4. Future Meeting Dates & Topics

- a. **Aug 15, 2017** – BriAnna Weldon from Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail (JUBA) will present and lead a discussion on Trail Corridor Protection
- b. **Sept 19, 2017** – TBD
- c. **Oct 17, 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 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.*