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--- MEETING AGENDA ---

1. Welcome & Introductions (Ryan Cooper / Peter Bonsall/Kerry Shakarjian) 5 min.

- a. **Please use the WebEx chat to enter:**
 - i. Your First/Last Name
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 - 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 2019?**
- b. Meeting agendas, presentations, and notes are uploaded to the PNTS website. Please feel free to contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, or Kerry Shakarjian and we would be happy to share these items with you.

2. Announcements & Information from Audience 5 min.

- a. National Trails Workshops announced for 2020: May 18-21 in Ghost Ranch, New Mexico and October 26-30 in Morganton, North Carolina.
- b. Chelsea Bodamer is departing from her Outreach and Youth Programs Coordinator role with the Partnership for the National Trails System.
- c. Other news or announcements?

3. Discussion Topic 45 min.

Presenters: Russell Hirschler, Upper Valley Trails Alliance

21st Century Way to Attract Trail Users: On-Line Trail Finder

We will share a new online trail database: Trail Finder - a cooperative, web-based database showing publicly accessible trails throughout New Hampshire and Vermont (with a separate, similar program in Maine). The project aims to connect people to publicly accessible trails, increasing the public's access to healthy outdoor recreational opportunities in their own communities. Unlike other open source databases where any public information can be added, Trail Finder uses only information that is approved by the landowner and trail manager. Collaboration among conservation landowners, trail groups, and towns are contributing trails' data, including landownership and allowable uses, in a single, GIS web-based platform. The project works with organizations, towns, and willing landowners to digitally map existing trails and record public access and allowable trail uses. Trail encourages people to get outside, be active, and connect with amazing conserved lands. We will explore the extra incentives and fun features in Trail Finder.

4. Future Meeting Dates & Topics 5 min.

- a. **October 15, 2019** – Greg Matthews, COU Coordinator USGS, Digital Trail Project Platform Update
- b. **November 19, 2019** – Brian Deaton and Sarah Rivera, Mapping the Pony Express Commemorative Re-Ride
- c. **December 17, 2019** – No call this month, enjoy the holidays!

We always welcome suggestions for additional topics for discussion or presentations. Please contact Ryan Cooper, Peter Bonsall, and/or Kerry Shakarjian 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.