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**--- MEETING AGENDA ---**

1. **Welcome & Introductions** (Ryan Cooper/Peter Bonsall/Brian Deaton) 5 min.
    - a. **Please use the WebEx chat to enter:**
      - i. Your First/Last Name
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      - 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 2020?**
    - b. Meeting agendas, presentations, and notes are uploaded to the [PNTS website](#).
  - a. **Announcements & Information from Audience** 5 min.
    - a. Additional updates?
    - i. **Discussion Topic** 45 min.

**Presenter: Brian Deaton, GIS Specialist for the National Trails, National Park Service along with contributions from other National Trails staff and the University of New Mexico Geography and Environmental Studies Department.**

***Collaborating with Partners to Create StoryMaps***

The National Trails office (NTIR) continues working with partners in innovative ways using various GIS technologies to engage and inform the public of the National Historic Trails. Our office has begun to increase our use of the ArcGIS Online storymaps as an avenue to collaborate with our partners to reach new audiences and tell new stories of the National Historic Trails. Storymaps provide a relatively easy way to present dynamic and interactive information to the public. The presentation will go over best practices and lessons learned developing storymaps for El Camino Real de Tierra Adentro National Historic Trail.
2. **Future Meeting Dates & Topics** 5 min.
  - a. **March 15, 2022** - TBD
  - b. **April 19, 2022** - TBD

**We always welcome suggestions for additional topics for discussion or presentations. Please contact us with your suggestions using the email address below.**

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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.*