

Canyon User Group Meeting Notes July 6, 2005

Attendance:

Chad Lynch, Canyon County Assessors
Eric Adolfson, Canyon County Assessors
Kathy Knapp, Canyon Highway Dist
Brad Burge, Nampa Highway Dist
Kristin Maughan, Digline

Dave Marston, Caldwell
Ross Dodge, COMPASS
Jay Young, Nampa
Rod Collins, Nampa
Blake , Nampa
Blair Deaver, High Desert

Pictometry

Chad described the Pictometry product. The Assessors office is going to front the money for the project due to the limited time needed to coordinate funding among interested parties. After they receive the data, Chad will work with interested parties to develop an equitable funding plan. The total project cost is approximately \$120,000 for the first year. The contract requires a second flight but the cost, time and other details of the second flight are dependant on the first flight. Chad suggested that interested parties should plug money into their FY06 budgets if the opportunity still exists. Otherwise it would be good to plan on putting it into the FY07 budget. More details will be presented in future meetings.

Road Centerline Update

Chad has been working on cleaning and organizing the centerline attribute table as it was defined at the May 25th meeting. However, no additional line work has been added to this file. He explained that the group still has to develop a coordinated process for merging the various files into one on a regular basis. Chad said he will distribute this file to interested parties so they can check it against their data. The goal is to get to one master file that we are all using. Ross asked how we should handle requests for that data. It was generally decided that requests for a Canyon centerline file should go through Chad as a single source distribution point.

GeoDatabase Presentation

Chad gave a presentation on the fundamentals of a geodatabase (GDB).

Group Discussion

Data Sources - Each participant gave a brief explanation of the data they maintain. Chad requested participants to send Ross their list and he will compile them into a single list. This list will be distributed at the next meeting.

SACCOUNT - Chad would like to have a detailed discussion on the saccount database file at the next meeting. He would like to know what works (or doesn't) and how people use the file.

IMS - Chad's goal is to have the County's parcel data converted from CAD to GIS by years end. It's a pretty ambitious goal because there is a lot to do. The next goal would be to have the data available on the internet but there has to be a level of confidence in the data before he does that. Development Services is attempting a permitting tracking application on the web.

Education - The group shared known education opportunities for participants. BSU classes are an economical way to get quality teaching in a classroom setting. The ESRI virtual campus is a good source of training if the student can be isolated from work for a period of time. There are a variety of workshops available at the Northwest ESRI user conference is being held in Sun River this year.

To Do List

Following is a list of items that members should bring to, or prepare for, the next meeting:

- Chad will distribute the centerline file to participants; feedback is requested
- Group should be prepared to discuss the SACCOUNT file
- Members should submit ideas for, or volunteer to give, a presentation for future meetings
- Ross will assemble a data source list

Next Meeting:

August 3rd at 8:30 - Canyon Courthouse (Room TBD)