

Canyon User Group Meeting Notes August 3, 2005

Attendance:

Chad Lynch, Canyon County Assessors
Eric Adolfson, Canyon County Assessors
Kathy Knapp, Canyon Highway Dist
Brad Burge, Nampa Highway Dist
Todd Milich, Nampa Highway District
Angie

Dave Marston, Caldwell
Ross Dodge, COMPASS
Jay Young, Nampa
Blake , Nampa
Brent , Canyon Development Services
Ryan , Canyon Development Services

Road Centerline Update

Chad displayed the latest centerline version using his laptop. It was the same version that he had distributed to the group prior to the meeting. There was a discussion regarding the files projection. Todd said that our data needs to be in the same projection if we are going to coordinate the distribution. He suggested that all data be distributed in NAD 1983 StatePlane Idaho West. There is still an issue of using one centerline file to meet the needs of GIS and the Spillman 911 dispatch technologies. He seems to think that two files will still need to be maintained. Chad then showed how the records of a given field could be converted to all upper case lettering. He also showed the capabilities of the georeferencing toolbar that assist in the alignment of raster and vector data.

Pictometry

Chad informed the group that the flight is scheduled for sometime in November and the data to be available in January. The cost is \$92,000 and includes 6in resolution for Nampa, Caldwell, and Middleton with 12 in resolution for the remainder of the County. Interested agencies will get training on how to use the data and software. Chad will work with each entity to develop a financial package. He was not clear on all the details, but thinks hardcopy maps cannot be printed and sold. They can be used internally, but public mapping requests need to go through Pictometry. Chad acknowledged that this whole project was a bit of a rush, but the County desperately needed ortho photos and he hopes this will work for others as well.

Data Maintenance List

Ross distributed the list of data maintained by each participating agency. Kathy agreed to maintain the data maintenance list. Ross will e-mail her the list. Any changes to the list should now go through Kathy.

Presentation

Ross gave a presentation on how COMPASS uses the Canyon County centerline file. Their primary purpose is for geocoding building permit activity. Ross uses the parcel data to add new roads to the data layer. He also uses Nampa's centerline file as an additional information source.

SACCOUNT

Chad explained that the SACCOUNT file was originally created on an old HP system. They are now migrating to a Manitron SQL database which is a monumental change. There was discussion on how to use some of the fields. Kathy has a data dictionary describing the various fields; she will e-mail it to everyone.

Other

Chad would like to move the County into an IMS type distribution system. There will be more talk about this in the future. The Southwest Idaho Information User Group (SWIUG) will have its first meeting on September 11th in Boise.

To Do List

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

- Ross will send Kathy the Data Maintenance list
- Kathy will send the SACCOUNT data dictionary
- Members should submit ideas for, or volunteer to give, a presentation for future meetings

Next Meeting:

September 7th at 8:30 – Canyon Highway District; 15435 Hwy44. SW corner of HWY44 and I-84