

*Cadastral Subcommittee -
PLSS Working Group
Charter*

The PLSS Working Group is a team working under the auspice of the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee. The authorizations, operations, and guidance from the Cadastral Subcommittee Charter is implied for all subcommittee working groups.

SCOPE

Cadastral data are defined as the past, current and future rights and interests in real property including the spatial information necessary to depict geographic extents. Rights and interests are benefits or enjoyment in real property that can be conveyed, transferred, or otherwise allocated to another for economic remuneration. Rights, authorizations, and restrictions are recorded in land record documents. The spatial information necessary to depict geographic extents can be based on the survey and legal description frameworks such as the Public Land Survey System, or parcel-by-parcel surveys and with land descriptions.

The PLSS Working Group oversees the development of a standardized PLSS nationwide that can be used to support the GIS mapping and vertical integration of themes to the PLSS. The goal is to have a single PLSS data set that represents the best available PLSS data in any state that is hosted and maintained by the appropriate data stewards.

Ideally the information from all PLSS data stewards could be combined into a single, non-overlapping and seamless data provided in the current CadNSDI Publication format and available for download from each state's primary data steward

PURPOSE

Support the development of a standardized PLSS nationwide that will provide the following.

- Edge matched, seamless, non-overlapping PLSS data for the 30 Public Domain States that identifies the data stewards, data currency or vintage, and provided the data in the most current CadNSDI publication format.
- Support effective data stewardship for PLSS data.
- Provide education and documentation materials that support the use and understanding of the applications for the standardized PLSS data.

MEMBERSHIP

The Working Group membership shall consist of representatives of federal land agencies, state data providers, representatives of business operations that consume the information, and other subject matter resources that will support the working group objectives and decisions.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The goal for the PLSS working group is to identify a data steward for all 30 PLSS states and to have a standardized version of the PLSS published and available for public access.

The objectives for the PLSS Working group include the following:

- Describe the business operations that rely on information related to the PLSS including the currency, spatial resolution, and attribute requirements for the business operations.
- Provide supporting documentation, including metadata, and educational materials on the PLSS data use and development. The GIS Handbook for the CadNSDI PLSS Data is a primary documentation for this team.
- Support data producers with the documentation of the use of codes, attribution, and production and editing procedures that will support the long-term maintenance of the standardized and current PLSS data set.

WORKING GROUP PRIORITIES

Because of the large and complex nature of this data, work will be performed for data sets in accordance with the priorities as follows:

- Documentation and Coordination
- Data Sets
 - Federal managed PLSS data sets in the western US
 - Eastern States with federal interests
 - Remaining states

GOVERNANCE AND REPORTS

The Working Group meetings shall be held at the call of the Working Group Chairperson(s), and shall be held at least annually. Notification of meetings and an agenda will be made available to members of the Working Group and to the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee in advance of the meeting. Meeting minutes will be completed and made available the Cadastral Subcommittee publication website <http://www.nationalcad.org>.

All decisions shall be made on the basis of consensus. For the purpose of formal votes seventy-five (75) percent of the membership present will be considered a passing vote.

The Working Group Chairperson(s) shall consult with the Chairperson of the Cadastral Subcommittee to determine the need for further coordination prior to implementing decisions that impact agencies, other subcommittees, and working groups.

The Working Group may establish additional rules and procedures for conducting business.

The Working Group shall report to the Cadastral Subcommittee annually describing the accomplishments updates to the operating plan of activities planned for the upcoming year, reports, findings, recommendations, and other materials that may be of value to the Cadastral Subcommittee, and a brief discussion any problems encountered, solutions reached, and other matters of interest.

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