

***Cadastral Subcommittee -
US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions Working Group
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The US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions Working Group is a team working under the auspice of the FGDC Cadastral Subcommittee.

SCOPE

Cadastral data are defined as the past, current and future rights and interests in real property including the spatial information necessary to describe 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. Restrictions place limitations on the use of land. Rights, authorizations, and restrictions are recorded in land record and planning documents. The spatial information necessary to describe geographic extents includes surveys and legal description frameworks such as the Public Land Survey System, as well as parcel-by-parcel surveys and descriptions.

The US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions Working Group is focused on describing the attributes, domains of values, features, and spatial extent of US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions for properties that have an interest held or managed by the federal government. The goal of the Working Group will be to provide guidelines for publishing of US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions from production (operation and maintenance) systems in federal agencies that can be accessed and processed by business operations that rely on this information. Ideally the information from various federal agencies that hold an interest in and manage land could be combined into a single data set and the resulting specified formats could be added to the existing CadNSDI Publication format

MEMBERSHIP

The Working Group membership shall consist of representatives from federal agencies who hold interests in real property, representatives of business organizations that consume the information, local and state government organizations, and other subject matter expertise that will support the working group objectives.

GOAL AND OBJECTIVES

The Goal and Objectives for the US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions Working Group include the following:

Goal: Establish and facilitate the implementation of a national standard that is inclusive of the “core” attributes needed to meet business needs and support a comprehensive inventory for the effective management of federal real property assets across federal agencies. Meeting this goal should allow the federal government to provide a comprehensive inventory and depiction of the rights held by the federal government as well as those rights granted by the federal government for the authorized use of federal lands and the restrictions that place limitations on the use of those lands.

Objectives:

1. Identify and document the business operations that rely on information related US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions including the content, currency, spatial resolution, and attribute requirements.
2. Provide standard definitions for attributes and terminology associated with the US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions data sets. Some of this information may be background for data consumers. This documentation will also support the development of publication guidelines, metadata, and handbooks.
3. Describe the transactions and legal instruments for conveying and describing US rights, restrictions and authorizations.
4. Identify the “Core” attributes that are critical for meeting the identified business operations and define a standard physical data format that can be used to publish US Rights, Authorizations, and Restrictions data that can be accessed across multiple federal land management agencies.
5. Identify the minimal Metadata requirements for these data sets for publication and use.
6. Coordinate the development and/or identification of data sets that contribute to the national standard data set.
7. Define the maintenance cycle, requirements for alignment with other themes and data sets, and processes for maintenance.

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:

- US Rights (e.g., rights and interests held by the federal government – these rights are not limited to surface estate or public lands)
- Authorized Use (e.g., rights granted or reserved for using public lands)

- Land Use Restrictions (e.g., stipulations, encumbrances, etc.)
- Recommendations for Updates to the Cadastral Data Content Standard

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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