

Minutes from NHD TWG meeting Tuesday, November 09, 2010

Participants: Katy Hattenhauer, ADEQ
Randy Puckett, ADEQ
Tony Davis, Brown Davis, Inc.
Tracy Moy, AGFC (on phone)
Pam Starks, AGFC (on phone)
Jennifer Sheehan, AGFC

We started off the meeting discussing the new grants in place. They are the new Fayetteville Shale areas and the Special Project areas. These grants are in place from September 1, 2010 – October 1, 2011. Katy asked if anyone had any specific project areas at this time that they could also edit the NHD, and there was not a response at this time. If anyone is able to work in a special project area, please contact Katy.

Katy updated the group on the ArcInfo licenses. The MOU is signed and is in place. ESRI is currently getting the licenses together to send to Katy. Once Katy receives the licenses, she will contact the few sub-stewards who need them, and an authorized person from ADEQ will be responsible for installing and uninstalling these licenses. If you need an ArcInfo license and have not already talked with Katy, please do so as quickly as possible. Katy is checking on which versions we can receive.

NHD WET Tool: Katy showed a video to the group and will be sending a link to the group. Katy encouraged everyone to watch this as they would be able to hear the video better.

Katy is editing the Oklahoma border. The status map has been updated. Katy will need to go back into the past Fayetteville Shale areas and enter the pipeline data once she finishes the Oklahoma border.

Katy informed the group about the USGS Vector GAZ. This is a gazetteer which will contain all GNIS databases for all states. This will allow users to be able to have all GNIS features downloaded with the NHD, rather than having to download the GNIS databases and join with the NHD.

Katy reported on the COGNA GNIS conference held in Springfield, MO in October. Katy, Tracy, and Bekki White attended this conference, and Katy gave a presentation on the GNIS issues we face with the NHD in Arkansas. Katy also participated in a panel discussion. Katy informed the group that “Negro” is NOT a derogatory name, so unless there are enough people in the community to complain about the name, we should leave it alone. For our ditch issue, we can name them whatever we would like, and there is not a size limit on the ditch to name. GNIS does not have stream, etc. size requirements. Also, the Board on Geographic Names informed us that if we have unofficially named any ditch, pond, stream, etc., and the public is able to see that in documentation, then we HAVE to make it official within the GNIS.

Katy mentioned an error document that she received from the USGS, and highly recommends that the sub-stewards include this document in their training manual. This document explains how to fix errors that appear when the XMLExtract, etc. tools are ran at the end of the editing process. Katy will send this in an e-mail to the group.

Katy also showed the group a graphic from Shelby pertaining to the upcoming LIDAR imagery. Jennifer mentioned that the AGFC will be participating in this as well. The graphic showed a combined NRCS and local collect of high resolution LIDAR. The data will be 1 meter spacing with 9.5 cm vertical accuracy. The project covers all of the L'Angeuille, Cache, and Point Remove watersheds plus the buy up area. Shelby also asked Katy to mention that FEMA Region 6 is looking at flying additional coverage of the state in 2011, but their exact project boundaries are not yet defined.