

# Federal Recreation Council



**US Army Corps  
of Engineers**



## Outdoor recreation through a federal interagency lens

Boise, Idaho

May 17, 2016

# The “America’s Great Outdoors” Initiative

## Presidential Memorandum - America’s Great Outdoors April 16, 2010

### Vision

- Recreation
  - Connect Americans to the Great Outdoors
- Restoration
  - Conserve and Restore America’s Great Outdoors
- Conservation
  - Work Together for America’s Great Outdoors



# AGO in Action

## Summer 2010

- 51 America's Great Outdoors (AGO) public listening sessions
- 10,000 participants
- 105,000 comments
- BLM hosted or supported listening sessions (MT, CO, UT, WY and other states)

## Goal of Listening Sessions

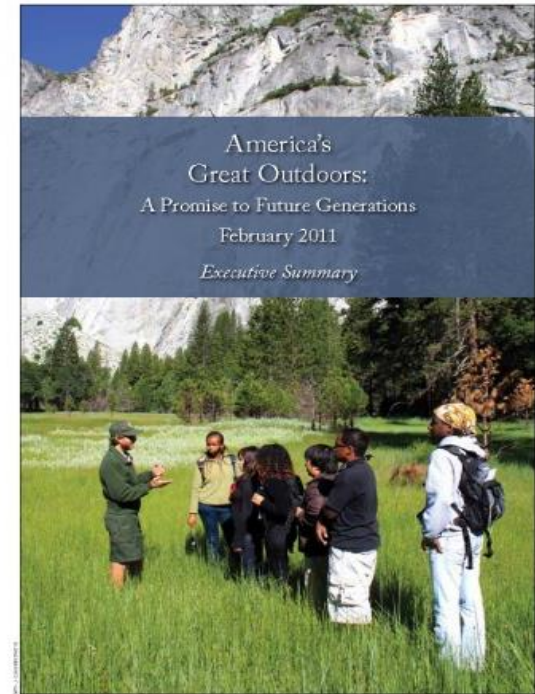
- To reinvigorate the American public's enjoyment, conservation and stewardship of the nation's outdoors.



# America's Great Outdoors Report

## Recommendations included:

- Accessible parks / green spaces for our children.
- A new generation of great urban parks and community green spaces.
- Newly-restored river restorations and recreational “blueways” that power economic revitalization in communities.
- Stronger support for farmers, ranchers, and private landowners that help protect rural landscapes and provide access for recreation.
- The reinvestment of revenues from oil and gas extraction into the permanent protection of parks, open spaces, wildlife habitat and access for recreational activities.
- A 21st century conservation ethic that builds on local ideas and solutions for environmental stewardship and connects to our historic, cultural and natural heritage.





# AGO/FICOR/FRC

The AGO Report called for the establishment of the Federal Interagency Council on Outdoor Recreation (FICOR).

Four departments signed the FICOR MOU in 2011; in 2014, each of the seven participating agencies signed the FICOR Charter.

The **now Federal Recreation Council** is led by NPS.



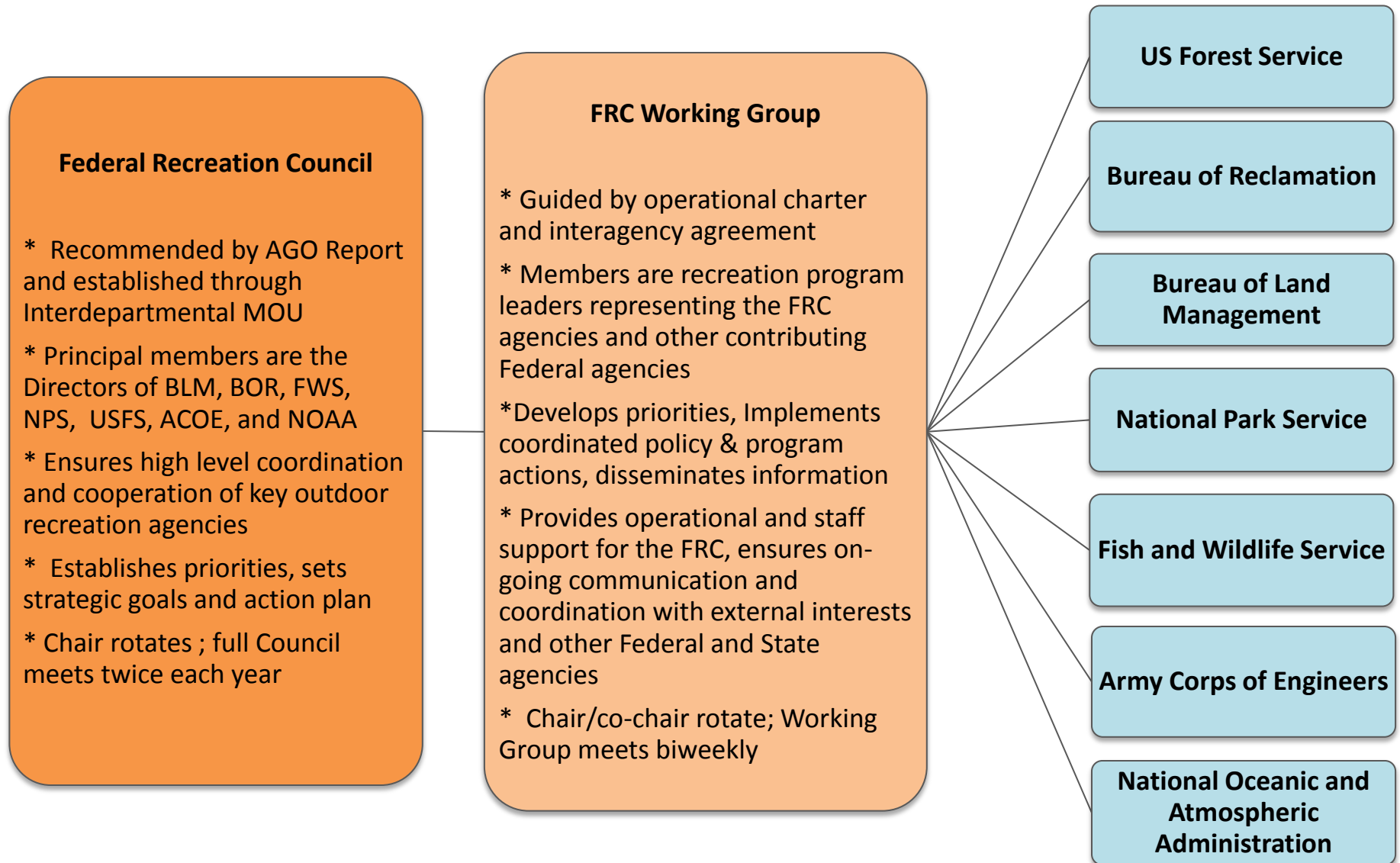
# Purpose and Goal

The **purpose** of FRC is to support and enhance outdoor recreation access and opportunities on federal public lands, waters and shores.

The **goal** of FRC is to promote better coordination and collaboration among federal agencies whose missions or programs include providing outdoor recreation amenities/opportunities and conserving or managing natural and cultural resources used or visited for outdoor recreation.



# FRC Operational Framework



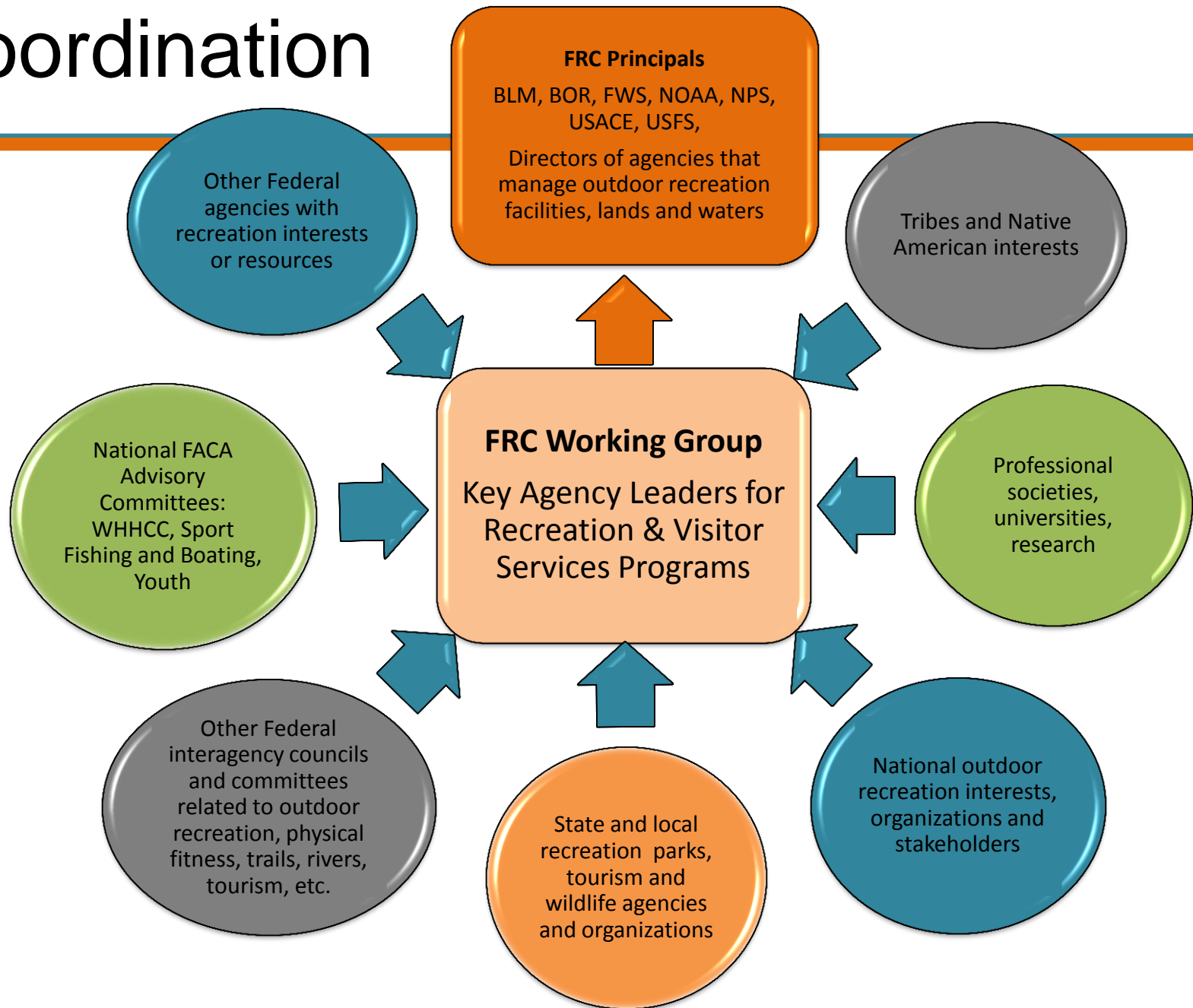
# FRC Principals and Working Group

Agency	Principal	WG Member
<b>National Park Service (Chair)</b>	<b>John Jarvis</b> Director, NPS	<b>Robert Ratcliffe</b> Division Chief, Conservation and Outdoor Recreation, NPS
<b>Army Corps of Engineers</b>	<b>Eddie Belk</b> Chief, Operations and Regulatory Division, USACE	<b>Mary Coulombe</b> Chief, Natural Resources Management, USACE
<b>Bureau of Land Management</b>	<b>Neil Kornze</b> Director, BLM	<b>Andy Tenney</b> Division Chief, Recreation and Visitor Services, BLM
<b>Bureau of Reclamation</b>	<b>Dionne Thompson</b> Deputy Commissioner, External and Intergovernmental Affairs, BOR	<b>Jerome Jackson</b> Program Analyst, Land Resources, BOR <b>Lauren Meredith</b> Partnerships Coordinator, BOR
<b>Fish and Wildlife Service</b>	<b>Dan Ashe</b> Director, USFWS	<b>Kevin Kilcullen</b> Chief, Branch of Visitor Services, USFWS
<b>Forest Service</b>	<b>Tom Tidwell</b> Chief, USFS	<b>Joe Meade</b> Director, Recreation, Heritage, and Volunteer Resources, USFS
<b>National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration</b>	<b>Chris Cartwright</b> Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator, National Ocean Service, NOAA	<b>Chiara Zuccarino-Crowe</b> Tourism and Recreation Coordinator, NOAA





# Coordination



# FRC Priorities: Four Cornerstone Framework

- 1) **Improve Visitor Information:** The Federal Recreation Council will direct the agencies to work collaboratively to develop and maintain outdoor recreation information, including data that is used for multi-agency programs and serves other governmental and non-governmental entities as an authoritative source.
- 2) **Enhance the Visibility of the Value and Benefits of Outdoor Recreation:** The Federal Recreation Council will seek to improve the understanding and visibility of the full range of social, environmental and economic values and benefits of outdoor recreation on public land and waters.



# FRC Priorities: Four Cornerstone Framework

- 3) **Engage the Next Generation of Outdoor Recreationists:** The Federal Recreation Council will promote the use of public lands and waters among the next generation of outdoor recreationists through partnerships that help deliver quality recreation, learning and work experiences for youth, veterans and the changing demographic of recreationists.
- 4) **Enhance Visitor Services and Experience:** The Federal Recreation Council will develop, coordinate, deliver and promote sustainable strategies for customer service management among Federal agencies to support responsible recreation.



# Supporting the future of outdoor recreation in the U.S.

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## **Work Plan**

- Improving visitor information
- Enhancing the visibility of the value and benefits of outdoor recreation
- Engaging the next generation of outdoor recreationists
- Enhancing visitor services and experience





PAD-US – Protected Areas Database of the United States

# FRC: Improve visitor info - Align rec data

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The **rec community** needs a  
national inventory of every  
**public park and open space**

# PAD-US - Official Inventory of America's Protected Areas

## NGDA - Cadastral Theme





# What's in PAD-US



Fee,  
easement  
(+ocean PAs)



# Habitat + Recreation



# What can PAD-US tell you?

“Federal”

**Agency Type**

“Local Gov”

“National Park Service”

Owner and Manager

**Agency Name**

“State Parks and Rec”

“State Park”

**Designation Type**

Fee or Easement

“National Wildlife Refuge”

“National Forest”

Source data or standardized

Acres

**Unit Name**

**Public Access**

Open, Closed, Restricted or Unk

**State Name**

Date of Establishment

GIS Source

Biodiversity protection status

# Other information can be tied to this inventory

## Boundaries+

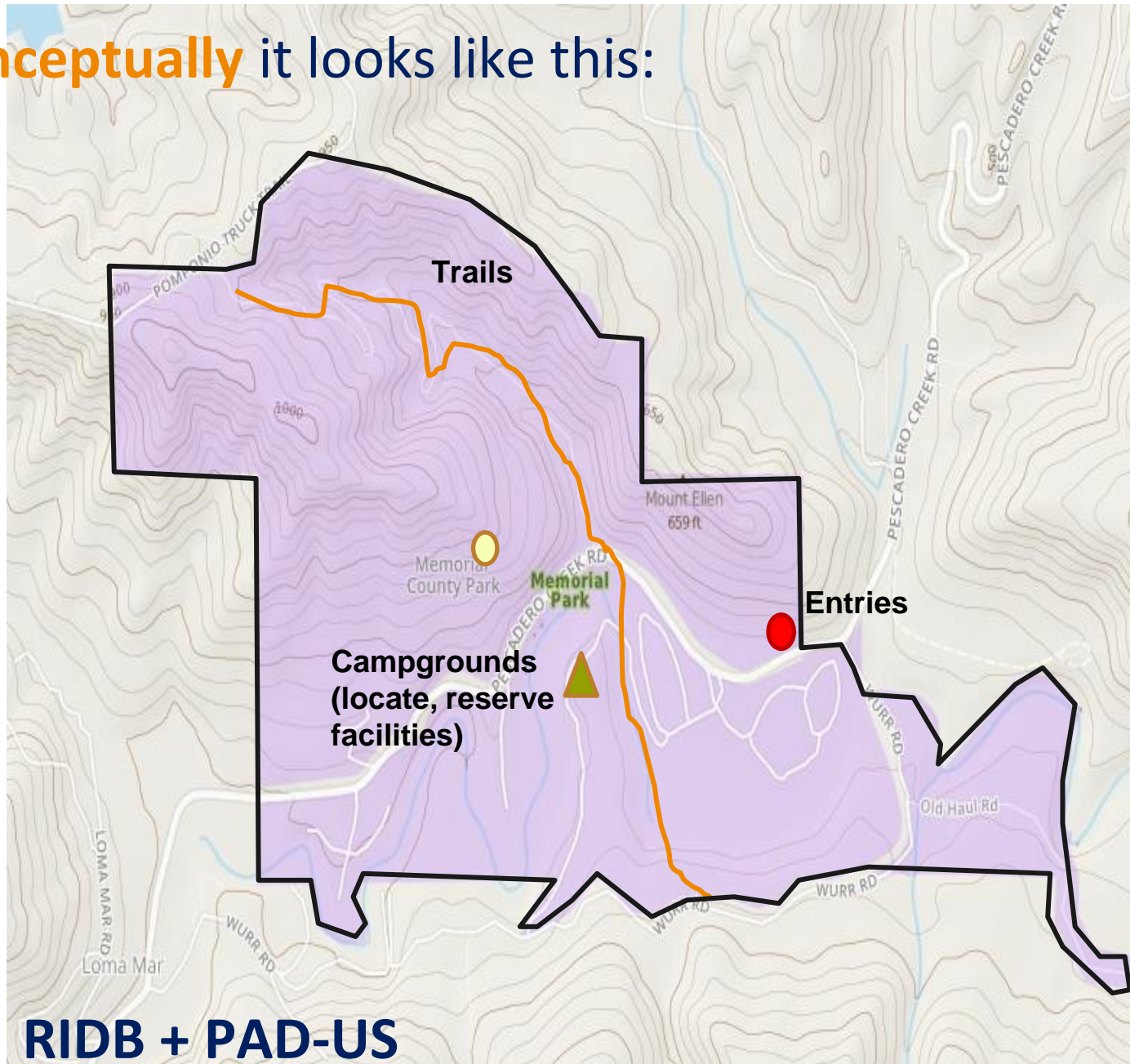
- Park entry points
- Trails
- Facilities
- Activities
- Amenities
- etc.

Supports many applications...





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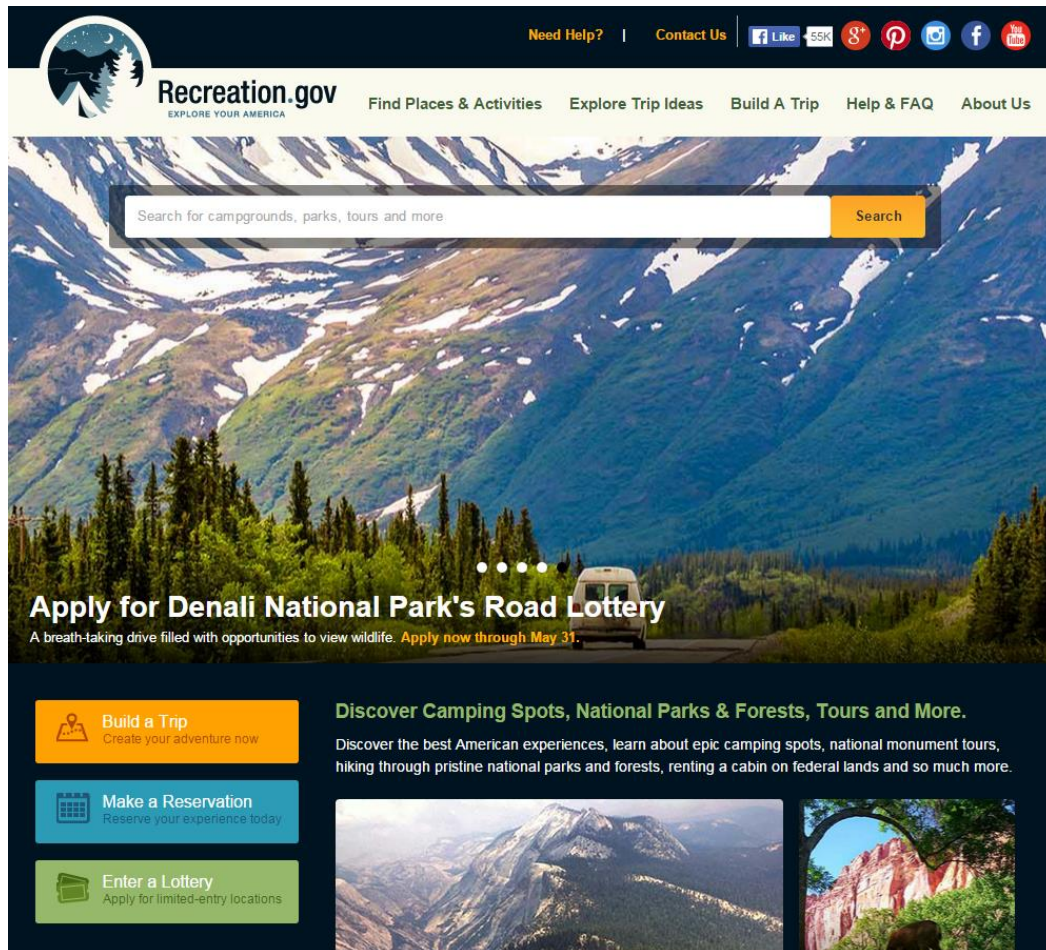


+ PARK  
Activities  
(attributes)

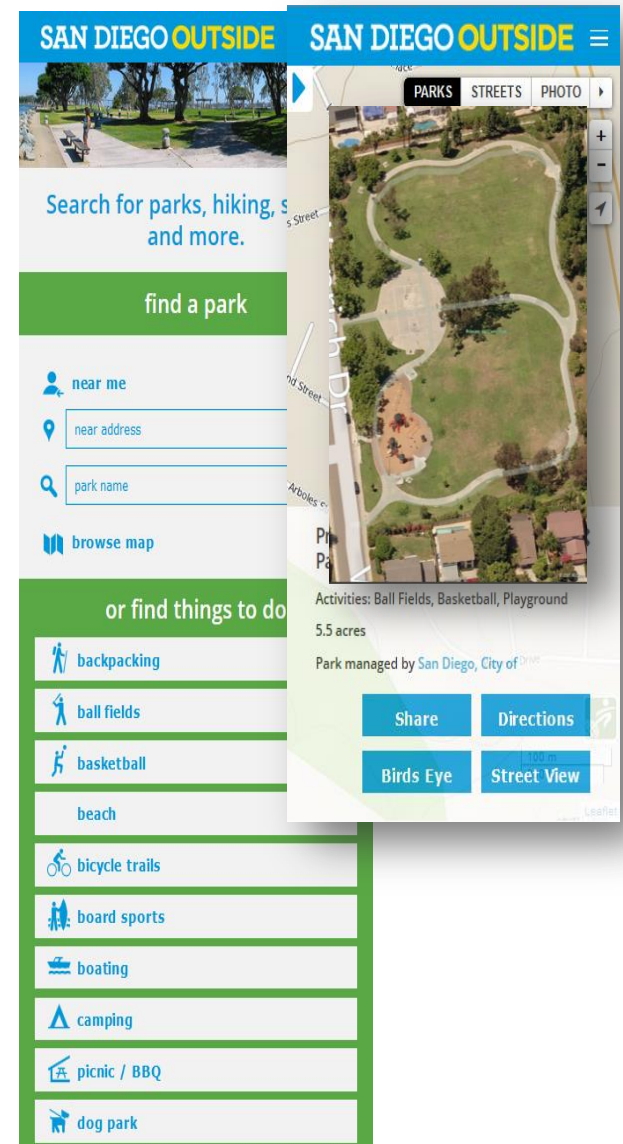
- ✓ Hiking
- ✓ Biking
- ✓ Climbing
- ✓ Fishing
- ✓ Restrooms
- ✓ Trail map avail.
- ✓ Open all year?
- ✓ etc.



Practically, it can function like this . . .



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# How to get PAD-US

The screenshot shows the USGS National Gap Analysis Program (GAP) | Protected Areas Data Portal. The header includes the USGS logo and navigation links: USGS Home, Contact USGS, Search USGS. The main navigation bar has links: GAP HOME, PAD-US HOME, VISION, VIEWER, DATA, STEWARDS, RESOURCES, NEWS, CONTACT. The main content area features a map of the United States titled "Department of Interior Protected Areas in PAD-US". To the right of the map is a text box titled "Enhancing data for protected areas in the U.S." with a link to "Learn more: Download PAD-US Factsheet". Below the map is a section titled "Best Data Practices" with a sub-section for "Massachusetts" and a photo of a forest. To the right of this is a "PAD-US News" section with a list of recent news items. On the far right is an "Access PAD-US Data" section with two buttons: "GET DATA Protected Areas" and "GO TO Protected Areas Viewer".

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Department of Interior Protected Areas in PAD-US

Enhancing data for protected areas in the U.S.

We are creating a spatially explicit inventory that lets any user – from the general public to professional land managers – know exactly what lands are protected anywhere in the United States and allows them to easily use this inventory in conservation, land management, planning, recreation and other uses.

Learn more: Download PAD-US Factsheet »

Best Data Practices

Massachusetts

The state's Protected and Recreational Open Space Data Layer is a comprehensive, parcel based system published by MassGIS, the state agency responsible for GIS. The data web site has rich information on... Learn more >>

PAD-US News

- FY16 State Data Steward Project grants awarded. >>
- The Trust for Public Land and Duck's Unlimited scheduled to provide select state data updates in FY15. >>
- FY15 State Data Steward Project grants awarded. >>
- The Trust for Public Land scheduled to provide state data updates in FY14 >>

Access PAD-US Data

GET DATA Protected Areas GAP ANALYSIS PROGRAM

GO TO Protected Areas Viewer GAP ANALYSIS PROGRAM

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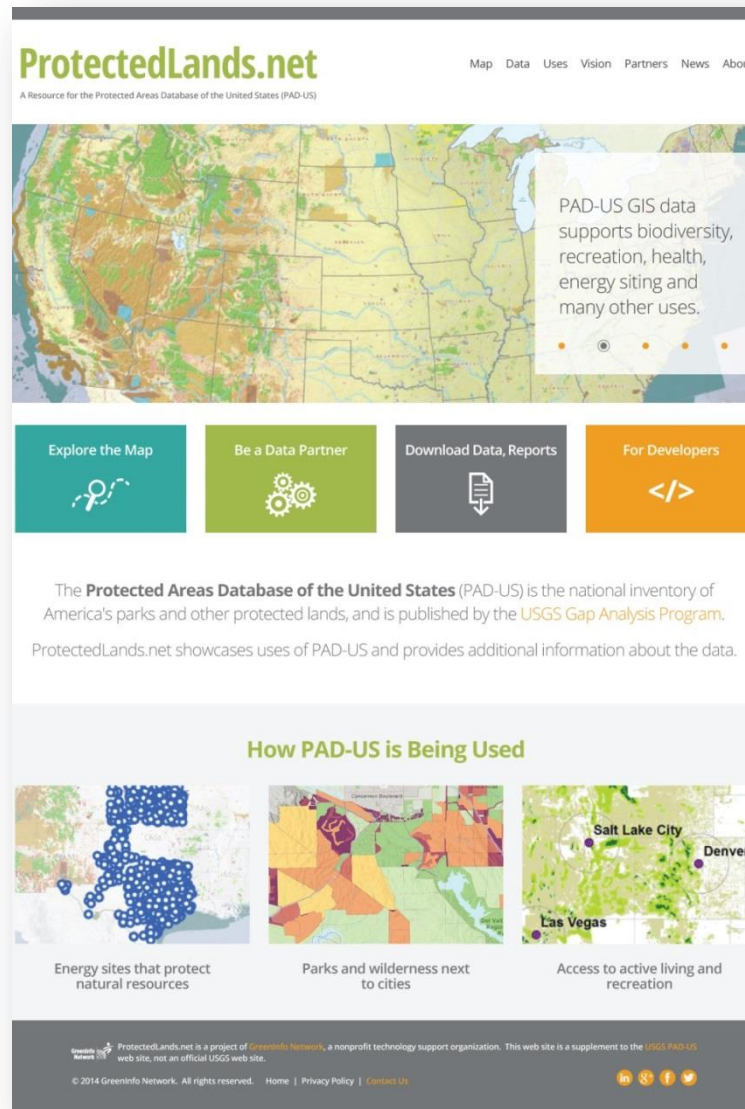
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[gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus](http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus)

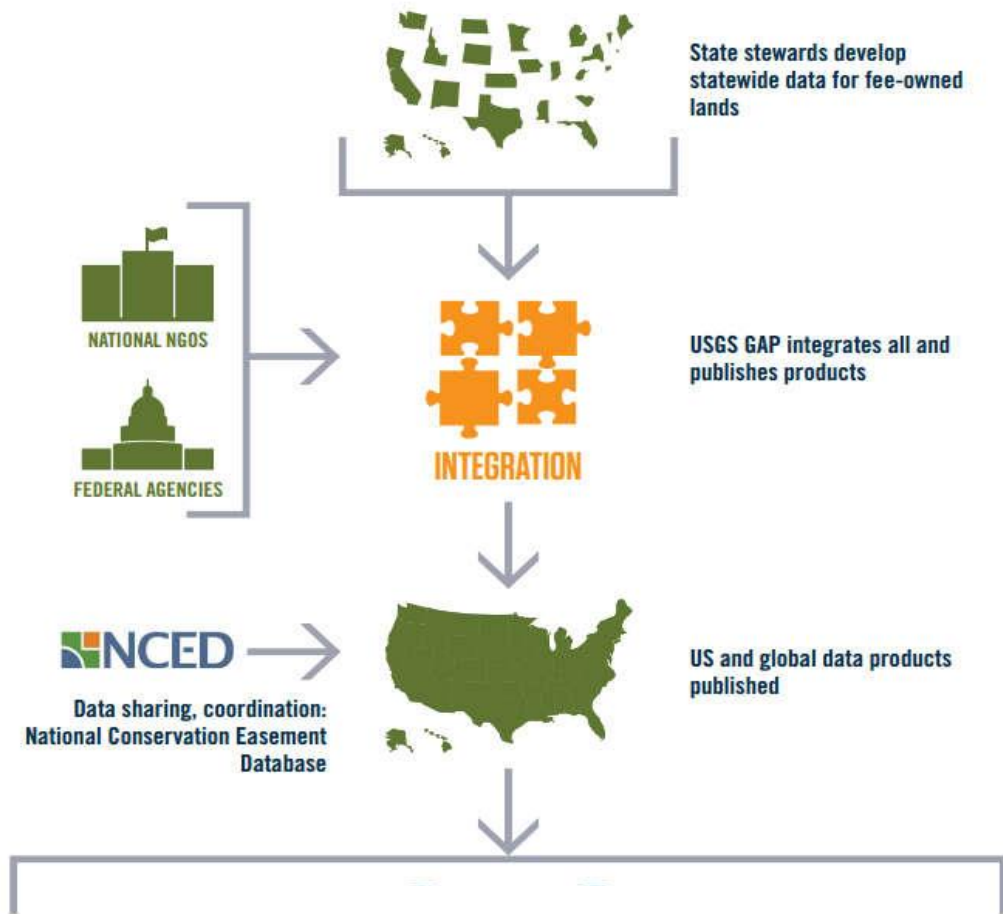
# ProtectedLands.net

More info for rec  
users coming soon!



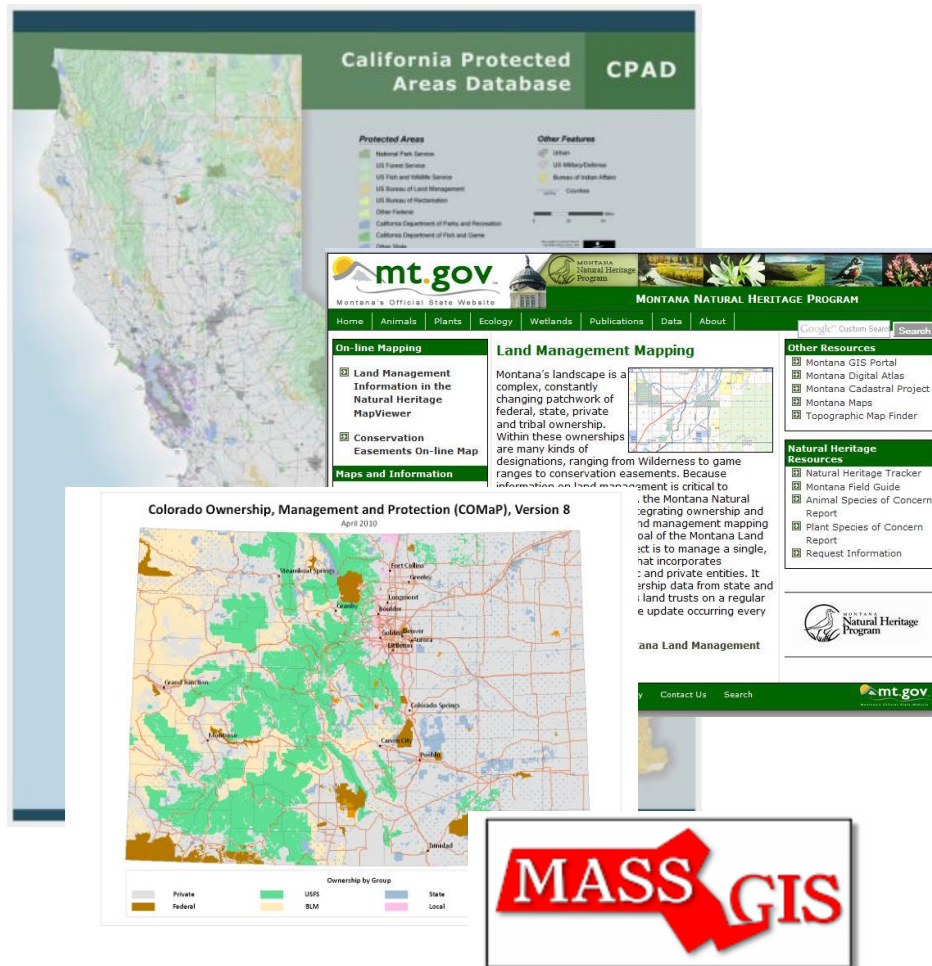


# How PAD-US is Built



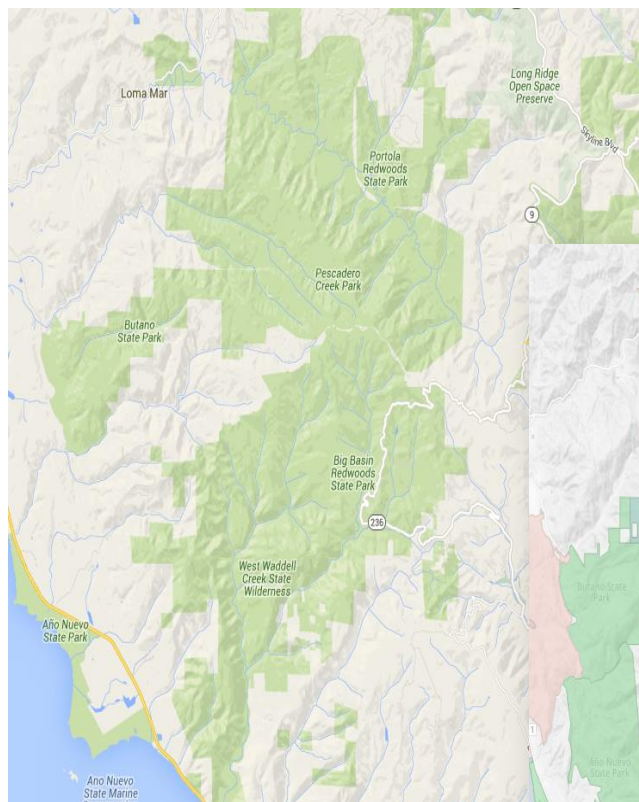


# PAD-US State Data Steward Network



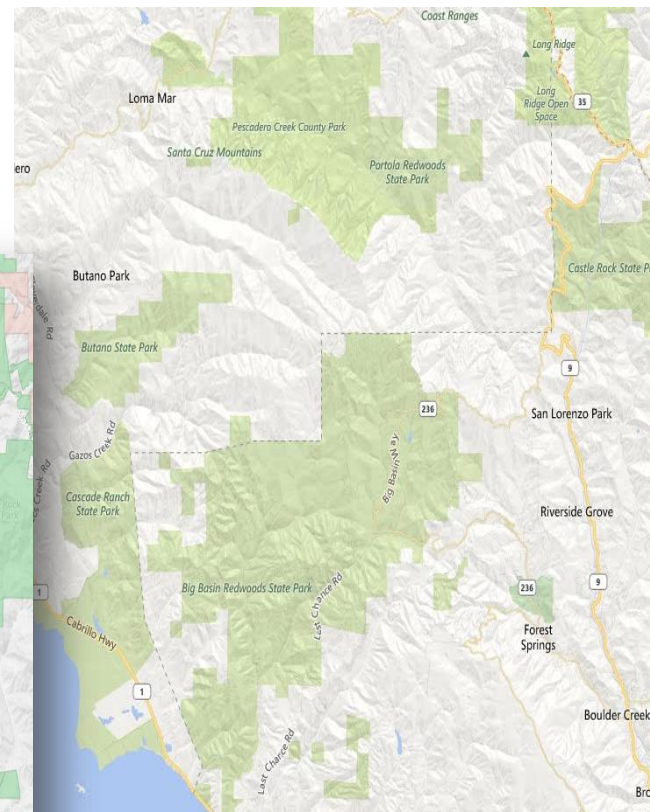
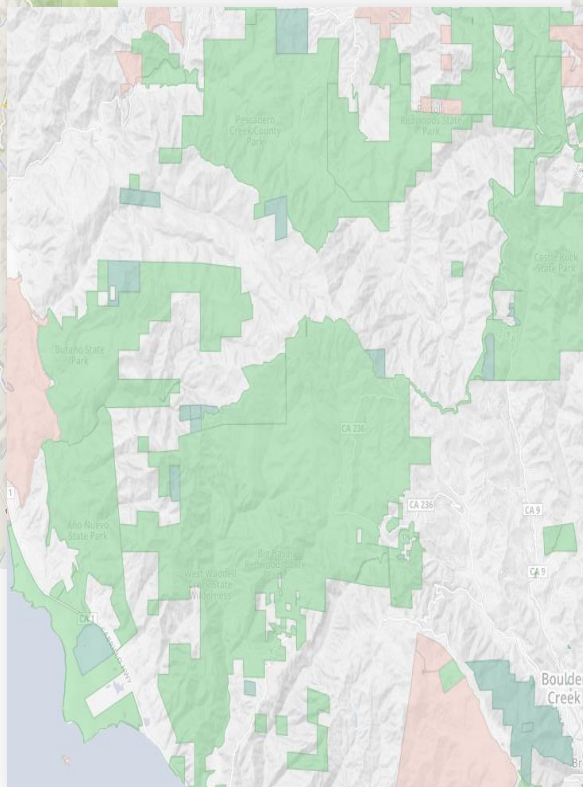
- Primary aggregators of state, local, NGO data
- Stewards are:
  - ▣ State agencies
  - ▣ Universities
  - ▣ Nonprofits
- Demonstrate common objectives and resources
- USGS GAP grants build data management capacity

# Privately Source Data?



Google

PAD-US



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# Federal Lands Workgroup

Interagency coordination for inventorying federal lands

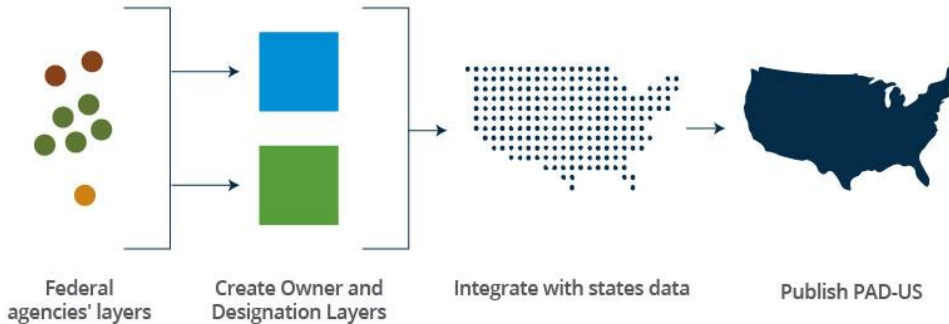
## FGDC Federal Lands Workgroup

Geospatial and reality professionals from land management (USFS, BLM, NPS, FWS, BOEM, BIA, USBR, NRCS and DoD) and other federal agencies (USGS, Census, NWCG) are working to integrate land ownership and management boundaries to fulfill common agency needs.

Formed in October 2011, the FGDC Federal Lands Workgroup is a subgroup of the E Group, focused on the development and publication of a cadastral geodetic aggregated federal lands.

FY 2016-17 Objectives:

- Assess and improve inventory
- Assess and improve the core attributes between existing standards (i.e. USGS)
- Improve the efficiency of an aggregation for the Protected United States (PAD-US) through documentation and review.
- Identify and correct major to boundaries between agency



Silvers in red represent areas where federal land boundaries (green) overlap. Legitimate overlaps are accepted while discrepancies are edited in source data to prevent reoccurrence.

Identified new priorities

- Improved "Agency Name" standard in cooperation with BLM and USGS Board of Geographic Names
- Maintain monthly calls and primary contacts from each federal land management agency

Revised 2/4/16

**FGDC Federal Lands Working Group Contacts**

<http://www.fgdc.gov/participating-working-groups/interagency-coordination-federal-lands-workgroup>

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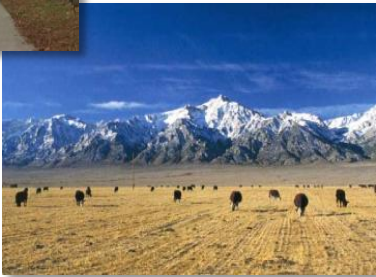
# The Road Ahead



- PAD-US 1.4 in May
  - ▣ Major update!
- Improve Inventory
  - ▣ TPL urban parks
  - ▣ Other state and county
- Improve Data Structure
- Outreach and Support
  - ▣ Rec and other users



# How You Can Help



- **Tell us how you're using PAD-US**
  - Review existing data
  - Suggestions for improvement
- **Help us find opportunities to inform others**
  - Webinars for SCORPS
- **Reference PAD-US in your Libraries and Information Systems**
- **Sign up for our newsletter, coming soon**
  - Send me your emails for updates
- **Connect us with others working on these data**

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# An Outdoor Recreation Satellite Account

- ORSA
  - Data
  - Benefits



- In addition:
  - work with IVUMC
  - engagement in forums
    - OR
    - SHIFT
    - IPW
    - Partners Outdoors
    - SORP!





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# Every Kid in a Park



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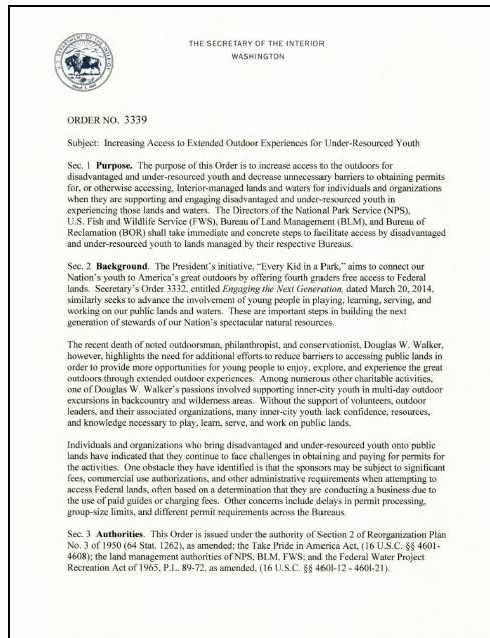
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# OAWG/RMORR

- OAWG
- Secretary's Order
- RMORR
- Diversity





# Engaging and Supporting

- Contacting the ED

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- FRC-related foundations



- Institutionalization and the future of the Federal Recreation Council

# Feedback Welcome!

## Questions, discussion or recommendations?

- What actions should be expanded or de-emphasized ?
- Are there particular constituencies we should be engaging?

