

The Peregrine Fund's "Safe Harbor" program.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal to Develop the "FGDC Standard for a Geologic Data Model" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is soliciting public comments on the proposal to develop a "FGDC Standard for a Geologic Data Model." If the proposal is approved, the standard will be developed following the FGDC standards development and approval process. If the standard is adopted by the FGDC, it must be followed by all Federal agencies collecting geologic data directly or indirectly, through grants, partnerships, or contracts.

In its assigned Federal leadership in the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that FGDC standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review the proposal and comment on the objectives, scope, approach, and usability of the proposed standard; identify existing related standards; and indicate their interest in participating in the development of the standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 19, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: The complete proposal is included in this notice. It is also posted at Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Proposals/geomod.html>

Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-geomod@www.gdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in WordPerfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National

Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete proposal for the "FGDC Standard for a Geologic Data Model".

Project Title: FGDC Standard for Geologic Data Model.

Date of Proposal: April 18, 1997, revised: July 14, 1997.

Type of Standard Proposed: Logical Data Model.

Submitting Organization: FGDC Geologic Data Subcommittee.

Point of Contact: David R. Soller, USGS.

Objectives: The objective of this standard is to create a logical data model that will describe the various critical entities of a geologic map and the relations among them.

Scope: This standard will describe how geologic map information will be configured in digital format, and will not proscribe methods by which geologic maps will be made. Geologic maps are very diverse in the type of information contained. The developers of the geologic map data model recognize this diversity, but will focus on the elements of geologic maps that are common to all or at least most geologic maps. In recognition of the diversity of information in geologic maps, the data model is being designed to allow for development of extensions to the standard. The intent is to develop and propose a standard that is widely accepted by map producers using a wide variety of computer and software systems.

Justification/Benefits: Geologic maps are produced by various State and Federal agencies, according to various locally-developed guidelines for content and form. A geologic data model is needed by the geoscience community to provide consistency to the map data that are archived and served to the public and to promote the exchange of digital map data. The model will aid in the development of systematic mapping coverage for the Nation, and will facilitate production of a variety of derivative map products from a geologic map database, as mandated by the Geologic Mapping Act of 1992.

Development Approach: A Geologic Data Model working map group has been formed through an agreement between the Association of American State Geologists (AAQSG) Digital Geologic Mapping Committee and the USGS National Geologic Map Database project. The working group is staffed by technical experts from the USGS, the State geological surveys, and the Geological Survey of Canada. The following steps will be taken:

- Define the general framework of the model (done—the working group has defined an entity-relationship model)

- Develop the model through presentation and discussion at public forums, and prepare it for general public review (in progress)

- Provide to the public a document describing the model and an implementation of the model (e.g., a set of ArcView software tools) for informal evaluation among the USGS, AASG, Geological Survey of Canada, the Geologic Data Subcommittee, and other interested parties (Summer, 1997)

- Revise the document according to comments received (late 1997)

- Prepare a formal document containing the revised model and implementation for consideration by the Geologic Data Subcommittee (Spring, 1998)

- After final Subcommittee comment, submit to the FGDC (Spring, 1998)

Related Standards: Geological Survey of Canada logical data model used for FieldLog software; British Geological Survey Logical Data Model (Technical Report WO/93/20R).

Development and Completion Schedule: see Development Approach.

Resources Required: The USGS, AASG, and Geological Survey of Canada are providing the resources to develop the model. The GDS will require resources to develop a draft for public review.

Potential Participants: The USGS, the AASG, the Geological Survey of Canada, and professional societies.

Other Targeted Authorization Bodies: None. However, the GDS will consider whether to propose the standard to other standards organizations such as ASTM.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

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Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Geological Survey

Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC); Public Comment on the Proposal To Develop the "FGDC Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization" as a Federal Geographic Data Committee Standard

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The FGDC is soliciting public comments on the proposal to develop a "FGDC Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization." If the proposal is

approved, the standard will be developed following the FGDC standards development and approval process. If the standard is adopted by the FGDC, it must be followed by all Federal agencies portraying geologic data in map form directly or indirectly (through grants, partnerships, or contracts).

In its assigned Federal leadership in the development of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), the FGDC recognizes that FGDC standards must also meet the needs and recognize the views of State and local governments, academia, industry, and the public. The purpose of this notice is to solicit such views. The FGDC invites the community to review the proposal and comment on the objectives, scope, approach, and usability of the proposed standard; identify existing related standards; and indicate their interest in participating in the development of the standard.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 19, 1997.

CONTACT AND ADDRESSES: The complete proposal is included in this notice. It is also posted at Internet address: <http://www.fgdc.gov/Standards/Documents/Proposals/geosym.html>.

Comments may be submitted via Internet mail or by submitting an electronic copy on diskette. Send comments via Internet to: gdc-geosym@www.fgdc.gov. Comments e-mailed as attachments must be in ASCII format.

A soft copy version may be submitted on a 3.5 x 3.5 diskette in Word Perfect 5.0 or 6.0/6.1 format, along with one hardcopy version of the comments, to the FGDC Secretariat (attn: Jennifer Fox) at U.S. Geological Survey, 590 National Center, 12201 Sunrise Valley Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20192.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Following is the complete proposal for the "FGDC Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization."

Project Title: FGDC Standard for Geologic Map Symbolization.

Date of Proposal: April 18, 1997, revised: July 14, 1997.

Type of Standard Proposed: Data Symbology.

Submitting Organization: FGDC Geologic Data Subcommittee.

Point of Contact: David R. Soller, USGS.

Objectives: The objective is to provide a national standard for geologic map symbols, colors, and patterns in order to provide geologic map products that have a standard appearance.

Scope: The scope of this project covers cartographic symbols and patterns that are on geologic maps. The

scope includes colors that are used to convey areas of particular formation, age, or lithology.

Justification/Benefits: Geologic maps are produced by various State and Federal agencies, according to various locally-developed guidelines for content and form. National or regional standards for symbolizing geologic map elements do not exist. Locally developed standards or guidelines used by a geologic mapping agency have not been widely adopted. A national standard is needed to provide a standard cartographic product to the end-user. Because most new maps are produced from digital files, this standard must be robust enough to be implemented in digital form on a variety of hardcopy output devices.

Development Approach: This standard will be based on symbolization contained in USGS Open-file Report 95-525 "(draft) Cartographic and digital standard for geologic map information." The approach will be as follows:

- Conduct a review of USGS OFR95-525 to determine elements of the document that should be further developed as a FGDC draft standard (this review was released as USGS Open-file Report 96-725 and is available on-line at <http://ncgmp.usgs.gov/ngmdbproject/standards/carto/OFR95-525review.html>).

- The review concluded that the symbols, colors, and patterns in the document should be converted to digital form for consideration as a FGDC standard and for general use within the USGS. This conversion is underway within the USGS.

- The digital symbols will form the basis of a draft standards document to be prepared by the Geologic Data Subcommittee late in 1997.

- The document will then be submitted to FGDC for review.

Related Standards: The proposed standard will be based on symbolization contained in USGS Open-file Report 95-525 "(draft) Cartographic and digital standard for geologic map information." Potential relation to ISO Standard 710, 1974, Parts 1-7 will be evaluated.

Development and Completion Schedule:

- In late summer, 1997, the USGS will finish a first draft of the digital symbols to be contained in the standard.

- The Geologic Data Subcommittee will evaluate those symbols, and in late 1997, the Geologic Data Subcommittee will begin compiling the digital symbols into a draft FGDC standards document.

- In the first quarter of 1998, the document will be submitted to FGDC for review.

Resources Required: The USGS is supporting development of the standards document and the implementation.

Potential Participants: The USGS, the Association of American State Geologists, the Geologic Data Subcommittee, professional societies, and private companies.

Other Targeted Authorization Bodies: None.

Dated: November 25, 1997.

John Fischer,

Acting Chief, National Mapping Division.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Indian Affairs

Indian Gaming

ACTION: Notice of Approved Amendment to Tribal-State Compact.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to Section 11 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, Pub. L. 100-497, 25 U.S.C. 2710, the Secretary of the Interior shall publish, in the **Federal Register**, notice of approved amendments to Tribal-State Compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III (casino) gaming on Indian reservations. The Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Department of the Interior, through his delegated authority, has approved Amendment IV to the Gaming Compact Between the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Indian Reservation and the State of Oregon, which was executed on September 3, 1997.

DATES: This action is effective December 5, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas H. Hartman, Acting Director, Indian Gaming Management Staff, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. 20240, (202) 219-4068.

Dated: November 21, 1997.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

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Carbon Basin Area; Potential Federal Coal Planning Decisions; Carbon Co., WY

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.