

WRTT Conference Call

January 26th, 2009

Monday 11:00 AM Mountain Time

Call: 1-877-612-4949 Passcode: 8870122

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Topics of Interest:

- Please check out the updated TIPS website for recent updates! These are located in the “What’s New?” section of the page. <http://www.tips.osmre.gov>
- Please check out the updated NTTT website for recent updates! These are located at: <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov>
- The annual Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration meeting will be held February 22-25, 2009 in Denver, CO at the Colorado Convention Center. Please visit their website at: <http://www.smenet.org/meetings>
- The Geomorphic Forum will be held in Bristol, VA April 28-20 at the Holiday Inn and Convention Center. Please go to the website to register: <https://www.dce.siu.edu/index.php/Conferences/Geomorphic-Reclamation-and-Natural-Stream-Design-at-Coal-Mines>
- WRTT Team Meeting will be in conjunction with the 2009 ASMR/BLRS Conference in Billings, MT May 30-June 5, 2009. Tentatively, the WRTT team meeting will occur from 8:00 – 12:00 Thursday during the event. Please check out the website for this conference: <http://www.billingslandreclamationsymposium.org>
- Check out the newly designed OSMRE website at: <http://www.osmre.gov>
- Happy New Year!

Discussion Topic(s):

Human population continues to grow at an alarming rate. Communities expand, urban sprawl develops and humans create a larger and larger geographical footprint. A major problem that is being encountered is that the land being used for development may contain old mine workings.

What has your program done to deal with this problem? Have you participated in the underground mine mapping initiative? Have you submitted maps to the national mine map repository (If so, please explain the process of doing so)?

This issue is being addressed by all of the states that were present on today’s call.

North Dakota has been dealing with the notification of the public via a published bulletin “Ask before you build” which is available to realtors, community, county and city

government, etc. The “Ask before you build” bulletin was based on the state of Ohio development guide. North Dakota has submitted three proposals to the underground mine map (UGMM) applied science program. They have also submitted over 450 maps/1500 pages to the National Mine Map Repository (NMMR). A GIS Database is currently being built which contains all of the UGMM information. Maps are still being georeferenced. North Dakota noted that the AMLIS system is available and that it has applications compatible with existing GIS systems.

Wyoming noted that they had collected numerous mine maps from various state inspectors and coal companies. These maps were digitized and georeferenced and send to the NMMR. Wyoming has an existing AML database.

New Mexico has worked with it Bureau of Geology to collect data from their Gallup and Raton sites. This data may be stored in an existing GIS database.

OSM-CFO noted that the NGMGC is proposing to post GIS files on a public site.

WRTT Member Reports/Information

Alaska:

Arizona (Navajo):

Arizona (Hopi):

Colorado:

Montana:

Montana (Crow):

New Mexico: James

North Dakota: Bill, Bruce, Tim

Utah:

Wyoming: Marcelo

Casper Field Office: Alan

Program Support Division/Albuquerque Area Office/Farmington Area Office:

Denver Field Division/ Olympia Area Office: Howard

TIPS:

Others: Henry, Duane, Paul.

Technical Assistance, Training and General Information

All information regarding the TIPS/NTTP/TECHNOLGY TRANSFER programs can be found at the following websites:

- www.techtransfer.osmre.gov
- www.tips.osmre.gov
- www.doilearn.gov

**Next Call:
February 23rd, 2009 (due to the holiday on the 16th).**