



MISSOURI
DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES

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Governor

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Director

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Dear Director Schwartze:

Thank you for reaching out to the Department of Natural Resources about ongoing efforts regarding financial collaboration to update Missouri's portions of the National Hydrography Dataset and National Wetlands Inventory. We share in your support of these updates, as they are valuable to many including Missouri citizens, non-governmental organizations, and federal and state agencies.

As you are aware, the Department recognizes a need for efficiency in collecting and providing updated imagery data. Because these data come at a significant cost, and efficiency with our budgets is crucial, an organized effort is of utmost importance. Ongoing communication by many local, state, federal and private organizations through the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee allows organized data collection efforts that maximize timely use and help to avoid duplication of efforts. The Department is supportive of updating these data sets and is willing to do our part to move those efforts forward.

The Department also continues to champion development of the Missouri Hydrologic Information Center and the Missouri Drought Mitigation and Response Plan. A vital part of those efforts is the availability of up-to-date and versatile information that helps ensure citizen safety and property protection.

As indicated in the resolution, the Department will continue to coordinate with the Department of Conservation in these efforts. Additionally, the Department continues to coordinate with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Geological Survey, Missouri State Emergency Management Agency and universities and others to make sure resources compliment and connect for all water resources efforts.

Please let us know if you have questions or if we can provide more information.

Sincerely,

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