Meeting Minutes
GIS&T Users Group and Data Cooperative Kickoff Meeting
NMSU Department of Geography – 9 January 2013

- Initial "Meet and Greet" meeting to explore regional GIS&T Users Group (UG) and Data Coop was hosted at NMSU on 1.9.13, with very good turnout (see attached agenda).
- 16 people attended, representing 12 different agencies (see attached attendance sheet), and approximately 10 more people and agencies expressed interest but could not make the meeting.
- People attending introduced themselves and their agency and shared some thoughts on what they hoped to get from the development of the UG and Data Coop.
- People were very receptive to the idea of both a GIS&T Users Group (UG) and also some form of regional data cooperative; we expect most parties to actively participate.
- Major topics discussed include the following:
    - Brief overview of the Camino Real Sustainable Communities Planning Project and the need for GIS&T support,
    - Exploration of interest in a regional data inventory,
    - Partnering with the PdNMapa regional GIS&T effort driven by the City of El Paso and currently housed and managed by Raed Aldouri at UTEP,
    - Development of a metadata catalog/database and a search engine to search overall data holdings, and
    - Interest in quarterly or semi-annual meetings that provide opportunities to brainstorm on what a UG and Data Coop should be, explore cooperative data acquisition efforts, and share technical tips and tricks.
- Next steps include the following:
    - Distribution of summary of meeting notes to those that attended and also those that could not attend,
    - Enhancement of roster of interested parties to insure we have all the key players at the table, or that they have at least been invited,
    - Development of some form of survey or inventory tool to identity what agencies have what data, compile most basic metadata, and ask for willingness to cooperate and share data, and
    - Outline the development of a metadata catalog/database and a search engine to search overall data holdings.