

GP-CESU FY04 Work Plan October 2003 – September 2004

- Hold a Manager's Committee Meeting conjointly with the Executive Committee Meeting
- Continue work on NPS research needs catalog including, submitting a proposal to form a NPS research needs assessment team for funding in FY05. Continue to work with additional agencies on similar projects (update list for BOR, investigate the status of research needs list for BLM)
- Focus on expanding the university faculty and science agency expertise lists on the web site. Include a searchable database for maximum benefit and ease of use
- Increase participation of minority partner institutions within the GP-CESU
- Develop a list of potential cross-cutting, multi-agency projects at the Manager/Executive Committee spring meeting and work to develop a proposal based on at least one of these project ideas
 - NPS will take lead and propose 1 or 2 ideas during the meeting
- Complete geographical representation in the unit by adding a partner university in Kansas
 - Kansas State University has expressed interest
- Discuss with additional federal agencies and non-government organizations about becoming a member of the GP-CESU.
 - Initial targets: Natural Resources Conservation Service, EPA, The Nature Conservancy, US Fish & Wildlife Service, State agencies (Kansas Geological survey for example)
- Market the GP-CESU to all levels of our partner universities and federal agencies through site visits, GP-CESU slide shows, and presentations by technical representatives
- Continue to work with our partners (both federal and university) to increase participation in the GP-CESU
- Survey agency manager's about technical assistance expertise needed and provide them with information on partners with extensive expertise in that field (GIS, remote sensing, etc.)
- Develop guidelines for reporting of projects to the GP-CESU office
- Begin preparations for 5-year review