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August 15<sup>th</sup>, 2008

Dear WAGIC Colleague,

Thanks to all of you who attended and participated in recent WAGIC Retreat held in Ellensburg, WA on June 12-13<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The objective of the retreat was to renew our connection with the WAGIC user community and to understand how WAGIC can better support Washington State's GIS community both today and into the future. One of the results of the retreat was a set of ranked and unranked WAGIC Action Items.

The theme of this month's WAGIC meeting is a **New Strategic Vision for WAGIC**. We will start with a presentation titled "**Creating an Online Network for Rapidly Sharing and Visualizing Data**", by **Eddie Pickle of ERDAS Inc.**, from Alexandria VA, on an exciting new technology from ERDAS, Inc.

Following Eddie's presentation and in building on the momentum of the recent WAGIC retreat and the theme of this month's WAGIC meeting, we will have a series of presentations by various members of our WAGIC Executive Board whose primary focus will be on the action items generated by the retreat. Please **WE NEED** your **INPUT** on these action items in order to make this new vision for WAGIC successful. Attached to this email and also posted to WAGIC's web site are these action items. Please read and review them prior to Thursday meeting so that we can have a healthy discussion in building our joint vision of WAGIC. Also at the meeting the WAGIC budget for 2008-09 will be presented for discussion and approval

During our business portion of the WAGIC meeting, we will update you on a recent 2009 NAIP meeting and the possibility of another statewide ortho project as well as the upcoming GIT meeting.

We will conclude our meeting with a site roundtable, which is your opportunity to bring up issues or events of interest to the group.

The usual videoconference sites will be available for this meeting. For the latest information on video conferencing sites please visit the WAGIC website at <http://wagic.wa.gov>.

Available sites:

Bellingham: Western Washington University

Olympia: Forum Building, DIS Boardroom

Pasco: Educational Service District 123 – 3918 W. Court St, Pasco

Seattle: University of Washington Libraries – T-239 Health Sciences Building

Spokane: WSU Riverpoint Campus – SIRTl Building, Room 310

Pullman: Contact Richard Rupp (509) 335-2381 to confirm location, which is typically Johnson Hall Room 207 on the WSU campus.

If it is not feasible to attend the meeting at one of the sites listed, please consider participating by telephone. To do this, contact Joy Paulus at [joyp@dis.wa.gov](mailto:joyp@dis.wa.gov).

If you have questions about the upcoming meeting, or WAGIC in general, please contact Joy Paulus at (360) 902-3447, or myself at (509) 477-6344, or visit the WAGIC website at <http://wagic.wa.gov>.

Sincerely,

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