

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

DIRECTOR, BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT — DIRECTOR,  
U.S. GEOLOGICAL SURVEY

INTERAGENCY COMMITTEE FOR PROGRAM COORDINATION

Inasmuch as the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) have related responsibilities in a number of program areas, it is in the national interest that such programs be closely coordinated and mutually supportive. Accordingly, there is hereby established a BLM-USGS Interagency Committee for Program Coordination with the following responsibilities.

1. To coordinate related programs with the full range of interface between the two agencies. These include programs involving the following activities:
  - Land and resource planning and classification.
  - Mapping, surveying, and remote sensing.
  - Water resource investigations.
  - Mineral assessments and mineral surveys.
  - Information systems.
2. To arrange for cooperation and support in the operational conduct of related programs.
3. To provide for the exchange of data, information, and findings of mutual concern.
4. To exchange budget information during the preparation stages and to share information with budget implications whenever appropriate.

The Committee will have the authority to make decisions within its areas of responsibilities, wherein there is agreement. Disagreements will be resolved by the agency heads.

The Committee will have authority to establish subcommittees and charge working groups to consider specific proposals or problem areas, as required.

The Committee will be jointly chaired by the Associate Director, BLM, and the Associate Director, USGS. There will be equal membership from both agencies, preferably with officials at the policy level to represent the specific activities listed above. It will meet at least once every quarter or as often as necessary to resolve immediate problems.

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Bureau of Land Management

Date: September 9, 1982

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Dallas L. Peck, Director  
U.S. Geological Survey

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