



**MEETING MINUTES, 27 February 2007, 3 P.M. TO 4:30 P.M.
FOREST SERVICE HEADQUARTERS BUILDING
GRAVES ROOM (3rd Floor)
RESOURCE IMPACTS TASK GROUP
SUBCOMMITTEE ON DISASTER REDUCTION**

Critical Infrastructure Task Group Chair

Susan Conard, Chair

Attendees

Susan Conard

John Haugh

Andrew Johnson

Nathalie Valette-Silver (T)

Jan Thorman (T)

Emily Wallace (Secretariat)

I. Call to Order

II. Summary of Discussion

A. Discuss Task Group Scope and Linkages to Prior SDR Reports

The group began by reviewing the *Grand Challenges for Disaster Reduction* to determine the areas where resource impacts tie in and can be expounded upon in the soon-to-be-authored resource impacts white paper.

Grand Challenge #1: data collection; earth observations; link to IOOS/GEOSS; data management and interoperability

Grand Challenge #2: “modeling should be applied to...resource management;” improved forecasting and models means better ecological forecasting

Grand Challenge #3: See Appendix A and the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans for land-use issues

Grand Challenge #4: N/A because the Critical Infrastructure Task Group is authoring a white paper

Grand Challenge #5: “Assess the resilience of the natural and human environment;” “learn from each event”

Grand Challenge #6: long-term view of cumulative actions (perhaps an opportunity to reference climate change)

The Secretariat will cull the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans for references to resources. At the next meeting, the group will read through this list to identify the gaps in hazards and management issues that also need to be part of the white paper. Ultimately, the white paper will show how hazards impact resources and identify the federal science and technology investments that will help reduce resource/ecosystem vulnerability.

Next, the Task Group edited the RITG mission statement, included in the meeting packets. The group debated the definition of “natural resources” and finally agreed to work from (and, perhaps, revise) the definition of natural resources given in the Department of Homeland Security National Response Plan, which states:

“Natural resources include land, fish, wildlife, domesticated animals, plants, biota, and water. Water means salt and fresh water, surface and ground water, including water used for drinking, irrigation, aquaculture, and recreational purposes, as well as in its capacity as fish and wildlife habitat, including coral reef ecosystems as defined in 16 U.S.C. 64501. Land means soil, surface and subsurface minerals, and other terrestrial features.”

Members will review the revised mission statement and offer edits. The mission statement will be finalized at the next meeting and the Task Group will move forward to determining a plan of work for the white paper.

III. Future Meetings

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 21st at 2:45 p.m. at the Forest Service building.

IV. Agenda Items and Other Communications with the Subcommittee

Please send proposed agenda items and any other items intended for distribution to the full Resource Impacts Task Group to the Secretariat, or to the RITG Chair.

V. Contact Information RITG Leadership

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VI. Summary of Actions

Action	Lead	By When
Review the Grand Challenges Implementation Plans and cite references to resource management or resource impacts	Secretariat	March 12
Review mission statement and suggest edits	Members	March 16
Suggest individuals to participate in the Task Group from APHIS, FWS and USGS	Members	Ongoing and prior to the next meeting on March 21 st