Open Your Data

Using Data.Gov as a Gateway to ‘Public’ Records in ServCat

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Executive Order 12906 (1993)

- Each agency shall document all new geospatial data it collects or produces.
- Each agency shall establish procedures to make geospatial data available to the public.
Executive Order 13642 (2013)

- Government information shall be managed as an asset
- Data are released to the public in ways that make the data easy to find, accessible, and usable.
Agencies must meet the following five initial requirements by November 30, 2013:

1. Create and maintain an Enterprise Data Inventory
2. Create and maintain a Public Data Listing
3. Create a process to engage with customers to help facilitate and prioritize data release
4. Document if data cannot be released
5. Clarify roles and responsibilities for promoting efficient and effective data release
ServCat ‘Public’ Data for the Public

Magic

Automatic

‘The Public’

Natural Resource Program Center
10,432 datasets found

Datasets ordered by Popular

National Wetlands Inventory - Wetlands Mapper
The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (Service) is the principal Federal agency that provides information to the public on the extent and status of the Nation’s wetlands. The...

Final Critical Habitat for the Desert Tortoise (Gopherus agassizii)
To provide the user with a general idea of areas where final critical habitat for desert tortoise (Gopherus agassizii) occur based on the description provided in the Federal...

National Wetlands Inventory - Wetlands KML
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Followers: 0
Members: 2
Datasets: 10.4k
Two Agencies Responsible for 85 Percent of Open Data Site

May 1, 2014 - In December 2009, the Obama administration announced the Open Government Directive requiring federal agencies to expand public access to their data and to begin posting information on Data.gov, the government’s open data hub. One year ago, the administration provided further guidance through its Open Data Policy, which mandates that agencies list datasets in a machine-readable and user-friendly format so that they can be automatically aggregated by Data.gov and other services. Since then, 68,932 datasets have been posted to the site. Data.gov has tallied the number posted by each federal agency over the last 12 months, and the results show that 85% come from just two agencies: Department of Commerce and Department of the Interior.

Datasets Posted to Data.gov in Last 12 Months by Agency

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We Need You!

To Write Metadata!
What legacy will you leave behind?

Confusion

Clarity

leave behind?
Thank You

I DON'T ALWAYS STORE MY DOCUMENTS

BUT WHEN I DO, I USE SERVCAT

https://ecos.fws.gov/ServCat