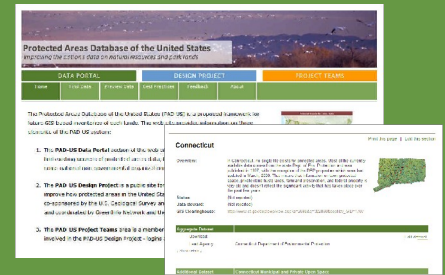


TELL US ABOUT YOUR STATE'S DATA

Help build profiles of state protected lands at www.protectedlands.net

This project is a task in the effort to design a Protected Areas Database of the United States (PAD-US), supported by USGS and the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation



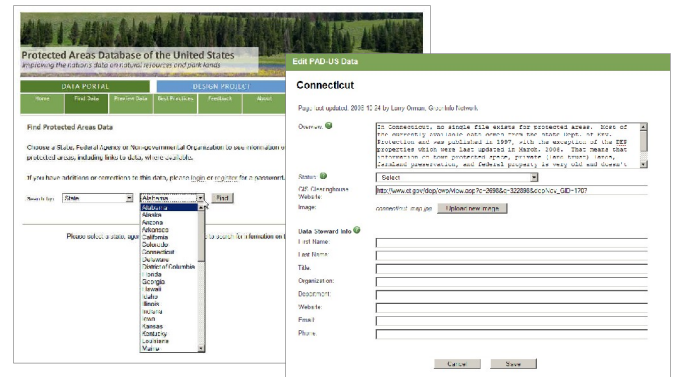
You can help build an on-line portal with links to all current protected areas data sets in the U.S. – read on to find out how. And thanks for helping!

A full and current GIS-based inventory of protected areas in the United States is urgently needed and attainable within the near future. A working group of governmental and non-profit experts is now preparing the plan for such an inventory and invites your assistance in expanding the information being used in this design process.

If you are actively involved in your state's efforts to track protected areas, we invite you to enter basic information in an online form at www.protectedlands.net

The web site contains information about the Protected Areas Database – United States (PAD-US) Design Project, as well as preliminary information about inventories for each state and federal agency. **IMPORTANT:** Currently, this information is preliminary and we need knowledgeable experts to refine it.

The purpose of this database of protected lands inventories is to aid in defining where we need additional support for improving such data, and also to assist any person or institution who might be seeking protected areas data (there is not now an easy way to do this for the U.S.).



Register and log in, then choose a state, and then select "Edit this Page" to open the main edit window.

Here's how to add or update the web site:

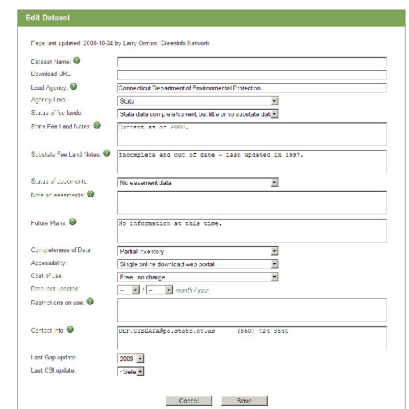
- Go to www.protectedlands.net - choose the **Data Portal/Find Data** tab (in the green tab series).
- **Register** by clicking the link on this page (simple registration), and then **log in** to the site.
- **Choose** your state or agency from the list and click **"Edit This Section"** to open the overview edit window. Enter information as indicated in the form and save your edits.
- To add a specific aggregate or individual data set, choose "Edit Dataset" from the sections below the main form and save your changes. You can add up to 10 other datasets.

IMPORTANT - Instruction Notes

AGGREGATE GIS DATASETS: "Aggregate" data sets cover all or most protected areas in a state or in a single federal agency (if your state or agency does not have a single comprehensive data set, you can enter Additional Data Sets, see below). In general, choose the form's categories that **best fit** your situation.

A state's aggregate data set typically contains all or most state-owned and federal open space areas (parks, forests, wildlife preserves, etc.), AND it would be generally recognized as the *main data set* for that state. It might also contain inventories of regional and local parks and preserves (and might include public and/or private land easement data). If the data set only covers a particular type of protected area (forests, state parks, high value biodiversity lands, etc.), it should normally be added as an "additional" data set.

ADDITIONAL GIS DATASETS: The "Additional Data" forms are for individual data sets that are less than comprehensive – e.g., a state parks layer, or state wildlife preserves, etc. These would not include local or regional data sets, unless those comprise a very large portion of a state's protected areas.



Specific data sets can be entered using the Aggregate or Additional data forms

For contact information, go to www.protectedlands.net