

PAD-US NGO Workgroup

The **Protected Areas Database of the United States** (PAD-US) is America's inventory of parks, public lands and other protected areas. Published by USGS, PAD-US is a GIS database of over 150,000 sites, totaling 3 billion acres of land and marine protected areas. PAD-US includes lands owned outright by agencies and NGOs, management designations and lands with conservation easements.

The **PAD-US NGO Workgroup** provides coordination and information sharing among national and other nonprofits engaged in developing elements of PAD-US – national nonprofits doing land conservation, statewide data coordinating groups, and those managing the National Conservation Easement Database, which contributes data to PAD-US.

2017 Goals:

- Improve data quality by sharing best practices from efforts by workgroup members.
- Improve data interoperability by aligning core data standards with PAD-US, advise on revisions.
- Improve data completeness and quality by leveraging non-profit resources for PAD-US updates.
- Increase the number of non-profits using PAD-US and associated products for conservation or recreation planning and reporting.
- Recommend priorities for call to action.
- Continue outreach activities.

Major revisions to PAD-US will be published in late 2017.



PAD-US data supports conservation, recreation, public health, and many other issue areas and users.



PAD-US - Parks and Protected Areas Data for America

PAD-US displayed by land manager. Most recent data is version 1.4, published by USGS in May 2016

2016 Accomplishments

- Improved the PAD-US 1.4 inventory with local government and land trust areas and easements.
- Reviewed PAD-US data standards to better align databases, work continues.
- Shared state contacts and update priorities.
- Reviewed and published PAD-US inventory completeness.
- Guided data development in low capacity states.
- Maintained regular calls and primary contacts.
- Identified needs to enhance PAD-US.
- Expanded outreach activities.

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For more information:

<http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus>

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