

IMPROVE Steering Committee Meeting Summary March 26-27, 1992

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A meeting of the IMPROVE Steering Committee was held in Las Vegas, NV on March 26 & 27, 1992. A copy of the meeting agenda and a list of participants are attached.

Network Status

Twelve sites are currently without optical monitors. Eight are available to be located that were purchased with eastern IMPROVE money. The issue is whether the eastern and western money should be managed separately. The IMPROVE Committee agreed that OAQPS should answer this question before these optical monitors are sited. The answer is needed before mid-April.

Data Availability

The focus for IMPROVE has been to establish sites, standardize methodology, and accumulate data. It is now time to focus on providing our "clients" with data and related products. The committee agreed that a protocol should be established for distributing the data. The consensus was that upon proper request to the National Park Service the data would be provided in an ASCII flat file format.

The issue of placing the data on AIRS arose. The committee agreed that if OAQPS would devote the resources to place the IMPROVE data on AIRS they would support these efforts.

Data Uses

Consideration was given to providing some assistance to customers in ways to use the data. These included the consideration of guidance documents, training videos, using packages such as Voyager. In my opinion this issue was not resolved by the committee. Rich Poirot gave some very interesting uses of the data through Voyager including a success story.

Status of 105 Money

The status of the 105 money was reported. Both WESTAR and STAPPA had comments about the protocol being used for this particular 105 Funding. The 105 money does not appear to be following a normal STAPPA protocol.

Mount Zirkel Wilderness Visibility Situation

The IMPROVE Committee was updated on the visibility situation associated with the Mount Zirkel Wilderness Area. The committee offered to provide its visibility expertise in any way if requested and would be interested in reviewing the study plan. The status of the U.S. Forest Service study plan was uncertain. The committee has no financial resources to support this project.

Miscellaneous

Many other issues were addressed during the meeting. A recurring item was products for IMPROVE clients and client satisfaction. There were over 100 pages of handouts distributed during the course of the meeting.

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IMPROVE Steering Committee Meeting Agenda

Dates: March 26 & 27, 1992
Location: Desert Research Institute Conference Room
755 E. Flamingo Road, Las Vegas, NV

March 26

8:30 am	Introductions, agenda review & approval, etc.	Marc Pitchford
9:00 am	Visibility activities and issues by the participants: WESTAR (also Grand Canyon Trans. Comm.) NESCAUM STAPPA NPS FS FWS BLM EPA (including CASTNET & Proj. MOHAVE)	John Core Rich Poirot Dan Ely William Malm Rich Fisher Bud Rolofson Scott Archer Joe Elkins & Marc Pitchford
10:30 am	Break	
10:45 am	Status of the monitoring network and data: Aerosol monitoring and analysis Optical and photographic monitoring	Bob Eldred John Molenaar
12:15 pm	Lunch	
1:30 pm	Newsletter: review of 1 st issue, future issues, etc.	Marc Pitchford
2:00 pm	Display, summarization, and analysis of IMPROVE data: Video display Summary report and other publications	Julie Winchester William Malm
3:30 pm	Database management and data distribution	Marc Pitchford
4:00 pm	Network management and budget	William Malm
5:00 pm	Adjourn	

March 27

8:30 am	Future directions and priorities: Review of IMPROVE objectives and approaches Interactions with other monitoring programs Possible attribution study in Mt. Zirkel W, CO Possible support at Selway-Bitterroot/ Frank Church Wilderness Areas	Marc Pitchford Rich Poirot Dan Ely & Rich Fisher Rich Fisher & Marc Pitchford
11:30 am	Lunch/Adjourn	

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