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Protected Lands Data Standardization Network
Kickoff Meeting

January 15, 2026
1:00-2:00pm

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Agenda

Meeting Materials:
- Presentation Slides

Purpose: *This meeting will convene data practitioners within the Protected Lands Workgroup's network to kick off discussions on methods for standardizing protected lands data moving forward.*

Welcome and Introductions (1:00 - 1:15pm) - *all*

- If you are able, come off mute and turn on your camera to introduce yourself and your role.
- *Ice Breaker question: What is your favorite winter activity?*

I. **Context Setting (1:15-1:30) -** *Sophie Waterman, USGS, Protected Lands Coordinator*

- Sophie will provide an overview and background of the Protected Lands Indicator, known issues, and introduce the work on updating and aggregating the PLI schema.

II. **Jurisdictional Perspective (1:30- 1:45)** - *all*

- Jurisdictional data managers will be asked to share about their programs and data sets. Questions for jurisdictions to consider:
    - Do we have the right people at the table? Who else from your jurisdiction needs to be present for these meetings?
    - What challenges do you foresee when it comes to improving your jurisdiction's data?
    - What standardization and quality control have you done to your jurisdiction's data in the recent past?
    - What can your involvement with this community of practice realistically look like?
    - How can the Bay Program make your involvement worthwhile?

III. **General Discussion and Next Steps (1:45-2:00)**

- The group will discuss timelines and capacity for implementing schema changes for the 2026 PLI.

IV. **Adjourn (2:00pm)**

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