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MAGIP Membership

Dear MAGIP Members,

The MT Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is requesting your assistance to coordinate a field data collection project with Montana schools. DEQ has received a grant from the U.S. EPA in support of the National Environmental Information Exchange Network to verify locations of Underground Storage Tanks (USTs) and Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUSTs) sites in Montana as well as make that data available through EPA's Federal Registry System (FRS). We would like to involve Montana schools (colleges, universities, and graduate programs) to use GPS enabled data loggers (Trimble Juno's with ESRI ArcPad) to collect UST/LUST locations along with information about those sites. Curriculum of initial training and use of the GPS unit as well as data collection specific to UST/LUST sites will be developed in coordination with the chosen parties that wish to be involved. This could range from a lab exercise in an existing course to internships supported by the school for course credits or payment of services.

We are seeking interested MAGIP members to work with DEQ environmental program professionals to:

1. Solicit involvement from Montana schools with environmental or GIS programs that could use a GPS based data collection effort for a real world example in support of their curriculum,
2. Help develop the class curriculum in support of site identification and data collection,

We would like to complete the planning for this work effort in time for the 2012 data collection season (spring/summer). Although limited, our grant funds will allow us to award service contracts and provide training where applicable.

If you are interested in the Montana DEQ UST/LUST Data Collection Project, please contact:

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