

US National Vegetation Classification Workshop Agenda

March 20, 2012, Denver Federal Center, Building 810, Hayden & King Auditorium

- 8:00 – 8:15** **Introductions, Overview, and Housekeeping** (Mike Mulligan, USGS)
- 8:15 – 8:30** **The Rationale for this Workshop** (Scott Franklin, ESA Panel): to describe the NVC and demonstrate the value to participants from the standpoint of its logic and organizational structure, shared interagency mandates, and flexibility and uses of the system.
- 8:30 – 8:45** **Introduction to the NVC** (Alexa McKerrow, USGS)
- 8:45 – 9:40** **Roundtable Discussion: how do you use vegetation information and the NVC?** We will separate into four breakout groups according to nametag color and present back to the group.
- 9:40 – 10:15** **Breakout Group Presentations**
- 10:15 – 10:30** **Break**
- 10:30 – 11:15** **How the Classification Works and What Supports it** (Todd Keeler-Wolf, ESA Panel)
- 11:15 – 11:45** **Case Study: How the NVC can help with Ecological Site Description (ESD) Development**
- 11:45 – 12:45** **Lunch**
- 12:45 – 1:30** **Case Studies: How the NVC can help with MLRAs (Major Land Resource Areas); How the NVC can help with the NRCS Conservation Effects Assessment Project (CEAP)**
- 1:30 – 2:00** **Tangible Examples of NVC Uses from Monitoring, Mapping, and Habitat Modeling.** (Todd Keeler-Wolf, ESA Panel)
- 2:00 – 2:15** **Potential Conservation Planning for Jefferson County, CO Using NVC Vegetation Information** (Joe Stevens, Colorado Natural Heritage)
- 2:15 – 2:30** **Break**
- 2:30 – 3:00** **Group Feedback and Discussion of Case Studies:** Do the case studies clarify relationships and open possibilities for integration? Are there constraints based on your agency or organization's business needs?
- 3:00 – 3:30** **Discussion of Integration of NVC and Other Methods:** Clarification for NVC use in your agency: data collection, business needs requirements, cross-walking, facts and myths about the "National Standard" for vegetation.
- 3:30 – 4:00** **Feedback from Today's Workshop:** What should we do in future workshops? How should we expand our outreach activities for the NVC? What training needs do you have?
- 4:00** **Adjourn**

