

## CSWG Status Report: CDI Monthly Meeting 2014-11-12

### Meetings

- First meeting of new FY held Oct. 7, 2014;
- General brainstorming/strategy;
- "Learning mode" for the foreseeable future;
- Speakers being identified -- focus initially on brief updates on USGS projects;
- Meetings first Tuesday, every other month -- Next meeting Tue., Dec. 2 @ 1 p.m. ET.

### Federal Community of Practice on Crowdsourcing and Citizen Science

- *Tracking a Changing Climate: Citizen Science Contributions to the National Climate Assessment*
  - Wilson Center, Washington, DC - Public roundtable, Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2-4:30 pm - Webcast
    - <http://www.wilsoncenter.org/event/tracking-changing-climate-citizen-science-contributions-to-the-national-climate-assessment>
    - <https://sites.google.com/a/usgcrp.gov/tracking-a-changing-climate/home>
    - <https://sites.google.com/a/usgcrp.gov/tracking-a-changing-climate/home/agenda>;
  - Virginia Burkett AD Climate & Land Use Change keynote address;
  - Several CSWG members involved in various aspects of planning, preparation, and will participate.

### CDI FY 15 RFP -- 4 CS/Crowdsourcing SOIs -- one in first-tier ranking for invited proposals

- Geocaching Natural Features – Applying Game Mechanics to Citizen Science Data Collection;
- Adopt a Pixel Mobile Application;
- Involving Scientists and Citizen Scientist in Worldwide coastal pH measurements;
- Developing Crowd-based Web Applications to Promote Inter Agency Collaboration on Hurricane Research.

### Kudos

- Audubon Magazine November-December 2014 issue -- Patuxent Wildlife Research Center:
  - [Three Generations of Citizen Science: The Futurist](#) features Jessica Zelt and the USGS [North American Bird Phenology Program](#) crowdsourcing project. (Bird occurrence records);
  - [Three Generations of Citizen Science: The Incubator](#) features USGS scientist Sam Droege's numerous Citizen Science projects;
  - A third article about a celebrated FWS retiree rounds out the set: [Three Generations of Citizen Science: The Pioneer](#).

### A Plug: 2014 Christmas Bird Count

- Volunteers, led and mainly staffed by USGS current and retired employees, have monitored the Audubon Christmas Bird Count "Brooke Circle" NE of Fredericksburg in Virginia continuously since December 1947;
- Monday, Dec. 15 -- contact [Dave Govoni](#) or [Odette James](#) if interested in participating.