

# PAD-US NGO Workgroup

The **Protected Areas Database of the United States** (PAD-US) is America's inventory of parks, public lands and other protected areas. Published by USGS, PAD-US is a GIS database of over 150,000 sites, totaling 3 billion acres of land and marine protected areas. PAD-US includes lands owned outright by agencies and NGOs, management designations and lands with conservation easements.

The **PAD-US NGO Workgroup** provides coordination and information sharing among national and other nonprofits engaged in developing elements of PAD-US: national nonprofits doing land conservation, USGS cooperators and those managing the National Conservation Easement Database (which contributes data to PAD-US).

## 2018 Goals:

- Host annual technical workshop and planning meeting.
- Improve communication between the NGO Workgroup and PAD-US State Data Stewards during updates.
- Develop collaboration on data integration.
- Improve data interoperability by aligning core data standards with PAD-US, advise on revisions.
- Significantly improve inventory completeness by integrating parks from over 14,000 cities from TPL ParkServe into PAD-US.
- Continue outreach activities and other tasks implementing the [PAD-US Action Plan](#).

Major revisions to PAD-US will be published in 2018.



*PAD-US data supports conservation, recreation, public health, and many other issue areas and users.*



## PAD-US - Parks and Protected Areas Data for America

*PAD-US displayed by land manager at Esri User Conference. Most recent data is version 1.4, published by USGS in May 2016*

## 2017 Accomplishments

- Improved the PAD-US 2.0 inventory with data from TNC, TPL and DU.
- Reviewed PAD-US data standards to better align databases, work continues.
- Shared state contacts and update opportunities to leverage resources.
- Updated and published PAD-US and NCED inventory completeness.
- Supported data development in low capacity states.
- Identified needs to improve data sharing and enhance PAD-US.
- Expanded outreach activities.

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## For more information:

<http://gapanalysis.usgs.gov/padus>

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