Decision Support Tool Catalog and Community of Practice

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Agenda

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- Tool Catalog and tool description
- Forums
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Motivation

- Many tools related to energy projects
 - Lack of transparency of tools and underlying data
 - Open questions about interoperability between tools
- Absence of a central place to discuss issues about these tools

Goals

- Provide a dynamic catalog of decision tools and their main features
- Establishing a community of practice involving developers, stakeholders, etc.

Benefits

- Clarify underlying tool architecture and data for decision makers
- Identify potential interoperability among tools
- Help decision makers which tool they can use
- Engage developers, users and stakeholders in a community

Technology

- Drupal
 - Open source CMS, extensible via modules
 - Used from personal blog to corporate website
 - Ex: http://whitehouse.gov, http://ubuntu.com)
- Solr
 - Open source search platform
 - Along with Drupal, provides faceted search

Users

- Anonymous
 - Can access tool catalog
- Registered users
 - Can access tool catalog and forums
- Developers
 - Can access tool catalog and edit tools and forums
- Administrators
 - Can access and edit everything

Tool Catalog

Keyword search

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Tool description

A tool is described by a set of attributes

- Tags
- Ecosystem parameters
- Type of Data
- Functionalities
- Metadata
- Geographical coverage
- Input/output
- Others

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URL: http://wind.tnc.org/awwi

Organization: American Wind Wildlife Institute

The Nature Conservancy

Tags: wind energy environment Natural Resources wildlife GIS Maps

Intended purpose:

The LAT is intended for the landscape-level screening of potential wind energy with a Tier 1 assessment as described in the Land-Based Wind Energy Guidel by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service. An LAT search can indicate what type of the area under consideration, or it can display the estimated distribution of a The LAT can help developers identify the type of specific studies needed for for

Potential tool users: academic consultant government agency NGO (Environmental/Conse Wind Project Developer

Geographic Coverage: National State

Data layers:

Over 700 Data Layers including USGS-developed Species Distribution Models Birds, Fish, Invertebrates, Mammals, and Reptiles, 225 Critical Habitat Layer Data, Protected Areas Database, Disturbance Data, 80-m and 50-m wind res the data layers include Wind Resource, Disturbance, and Land Ownership la

Ecosystem-level Parameters: Flora/Fauna [Species presence/absence] Land-Use

Species Information: Distribution (Breeding, Nesting, Roosting, Feeding, Resting) Migration D

Energy Resource Mapping:

Solar Potential and Existing Development Wind Potential and Existing Development

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Forums

- Tools forums
 - One per tool
 - Discussion about a specific tool, questions, releases.
- General forum
 - Discussion involving several tools, new tools not included yet and other questions

Tools Forums

User Questionnaire

Please see the user questionnaire when submitting a new feedback on a decision tool.

Developers

Please see the request for information about your tool.

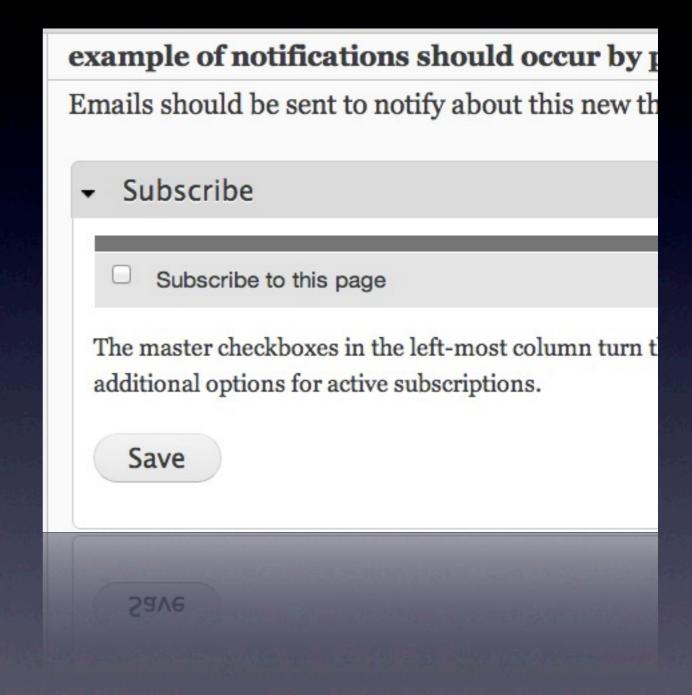
If you want to add a new tool, please fill the form requesting a permission.

Tools Forums

	Forum	Topics	Posts
Δ	Regional Transmission Expansion Planning Process	0	0
Δ	Renewable Energy And Defense Geospatial Database (READ-Database)	0	0
Δ	Southern Great Plains Crucial Habitat Assessment Tool (SGP CHAT)	0	0
Δ	Western Regional Partnership Web Mapping Application	0	0
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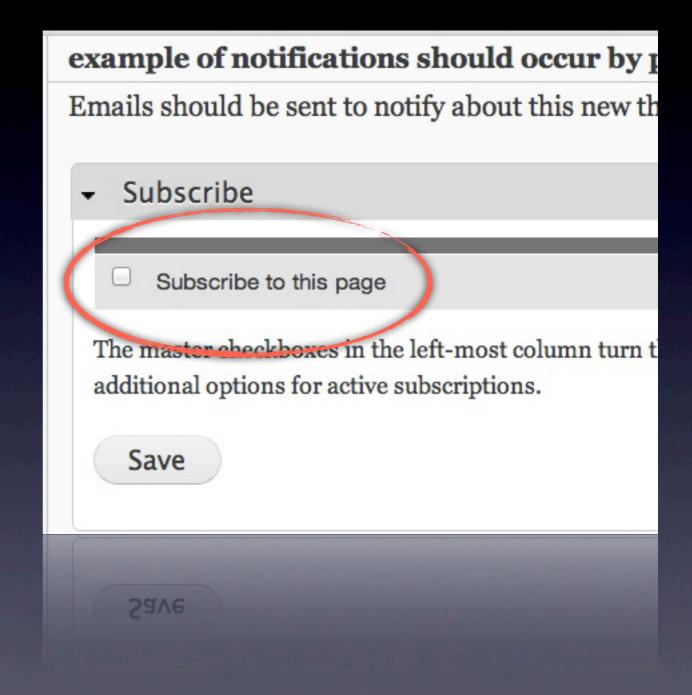
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Future work

- Add more details about tools
- Promote DSTCCP among developers and stakeholders
- Get feedback from users for next iteration