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To: Ron Bauer, Tom Fenton, Chad McGrath, Steve Page, Ron Kuehl, Margie Faber, Mark Kuzila and Bill Pauls

One of the action items of our September 20, 2001 teleconference was to follow up on our plans to have a web page available for the United States Consortium of Soil Science Association by the first of the year.

Current Progress:

Through the leadership of Mark Kuzila, Director of the Conservation and Survey Division and the technical assistance of Duane Mohlman there Data Systems Coordinator a web site URL that has the University of Nebraska permission is now functional. The address for this new web site is "soilsassociation.org".

Ron Bauer has provided Duane some documents such as Goals and Objectives, and a list of organizations that include some contact people. Also the web site URL of some societies/associations and others are included. Some of this material is a copy of what is on the National Soil Survey Center web site. As is with most list of this nature, it needs some serious updating.

Duane has done a nice job of taking what we have given him and putting it in a format where it is easily used.

Current Needs:

There are two items needing attention as we collectively move forward on this venture.

We need to develop a tentative list of topics or items for the front page general directory.

We need a neat simple design to give our web site a unique, appealing and interesting look.

I am attaching a potential list of web site topics to begin the process of developing one that can be phased in over a period of time. Please review this list of potential topics. I would appreciate your feed back on what items may or may not be needed. Also other approaches, topics or ideas we need to consider would be great.

Requested Action:

I am suggesting we have a teleconference the first or second week of December to discuss all comments and to firm up a final draft of our web site directory.

Please send me your comments on this attachment and your preference week and /or day for a teleconference. I will plan to work with Linda Bouc in setting up the teleconference and getting you a copy of all review comments prior to the teleconference.

Overall I am very pleased with our initial progress. Thanks for you cooperative assistance and willingness to serve on this working team!!!!!!

Jim Culver