**Interior’s Office of Policy Analysis Seminar**

**Natural Capital Accounting: Bridging the Nation’s economic accounts & natural resources for improved management**



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Natural capital accounting (NCA) is being used globally by the private and public sectors to track changes in ecosystem services – the value nature provides to society. An interagency working group begun in 2016 and funded by USGS and others recently completed the first synthesis of natural resources and economic data needed to produce an initial set of NCAs for the United States at both national and subnational scales. Our approach aims to provide a rigorous and replicable assessment process to support more sustainable natural resource management for Federal agencies, the private sector, and others. This panel will describe (1) approaches to quantifying changes in the supply, use, and value of land, water, ecosystems, and other assets to the U.S. economy, (2) lessons learned in the process, including both successes and remaining limitations to accurate NCA in the U.S., and (3) next steps needed to connect NCA users and producers, ensuring that their production adds value to decision making.

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