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**PRESENTATION AT UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA:
“UNI GEOINFORMATICS TRAINING, RESEARCH, EDUCATION AND EXTENSION CENTER
(UNI GeoTREE) – HOW WE HELP IOWA”**

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Executive Summary: The GeoTREE Center works to support the effective use of geospatial technologies such Geographic Information Systems, Global Positioning Systems, Remote Sensing, and Web mapping at the University of Northern Iowa (UNI) as well as across the state of Iowa. Today's presentation will detail some of the efforts of the Center to fulfill its mission: training, research, education and extension. We will highlight projects of the Center that not only benefit UNI students, faculty and staff but also a wide variety of stakeholders throughout the state of Iowa.

John DeGroot

John DeGroot serves as the Director of the GeoTREE Center and also as an Instructor in the Geography Department at the University of Northern Iowa. He has worked at UNI for 11 years including as a Senior Research Associate before assuming his present position. Before joining UNI, John worked for almost five years as a Geographic Information Systems Analyst for a research institution in Scotland. While at UNI, he has carried out independent and collaborative research, supervised many undergraduate and graduate students in the GeoTREE Center, and assisted many internal and external clients to effectively use geospatial technologies.