

# 2023 GeoGov Summit: Imagery and Mapping for the Future

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#### **USGS Mission and Vision**

The **USGS mission** is to monitor, analyze and predict current and evolving dynamics of complex human and natural Earth system interactions and to deliver actionable information at scales and timeframes relevant to decision makers.

Vision Statement: Lead the Nation in 21stcentury integrated research, assessments, and prediction of natural resources and processes to meet society's needs.





# **Federal Geographic Data Committee**































































The Federal Geographic Data Committee (FGDC) was established in 1990 to coordinate the Nation's geographic-information and spatial-data activities



# **Enabling the National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI)**





# Looking Back: A Legacy of Progress in Spatial Data Infrastructure





Circular A-16 called for "development of a national digital spatial information resource



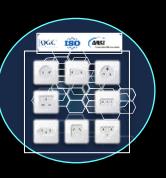
Established Geospatial Clearinghouse Network



Established Geospatial One-Stop



Established GeoPlatform



FGDC Endorses Standards



Geospatial Data Act enacted



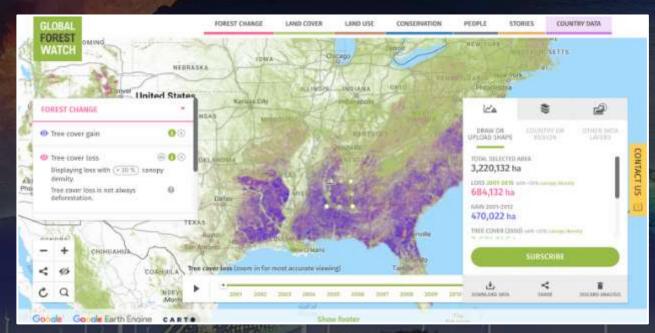
Released 2021 – 2023 NSDI Strategic Plan

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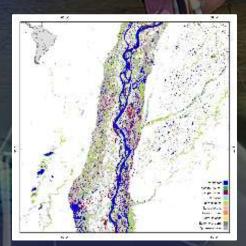


### Successes: Landsat - The 'Backbone' of Earth Observation

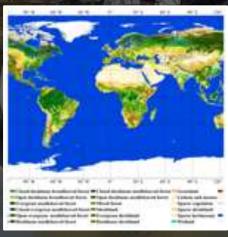
- Nearly five-decade record of land cover, land use, and vegetation condition
- Large area coverage for global, continental and regional land cover studies
- Landsat remains the most cited land remote sensing system in the peer-reviewed scientific literature—and the citation rate is increasing



Global Forest Watch provides a "near-real time" view of deforestation (and reforestation) around the world using millions of Landsat images through Google's cloud computing and online access (https://globalforestwatch.org)



Global Surface Water Change, Pekel, et al., Nature 2016



Mapping Global Cropland, Phalke, et al, ISPRS 2020



# Successes: Land Change, Monitoring, Assessment, and Projection

#### **Monitoring:**

Continuous tracking of land surface change using Landsat Analysis Ready Data

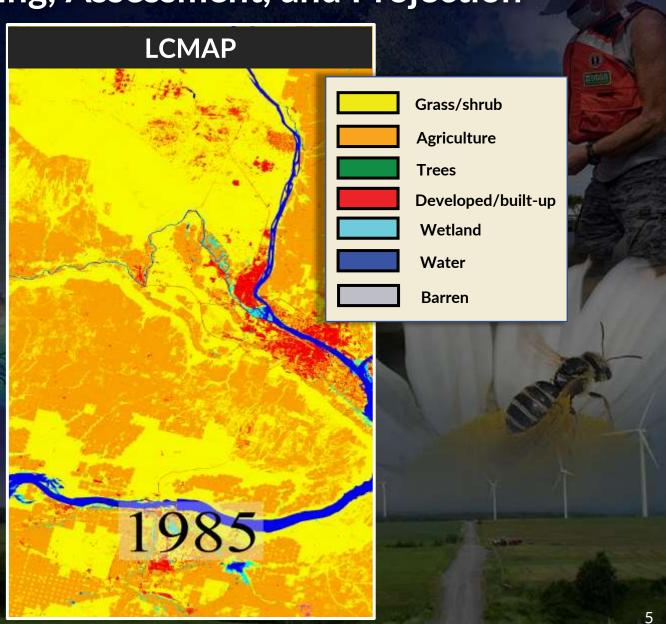
#### **Assessment:**

Summarizing landscape change, its causes, and consequences

#### **Projection:**

Modeling past and future landscapes and facilitating applications

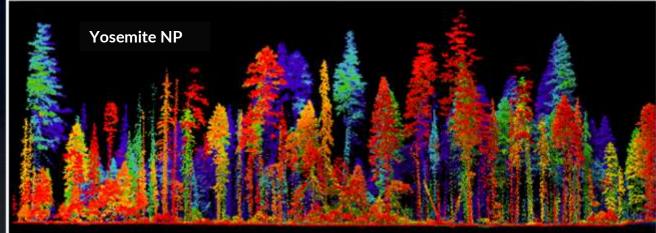




# **Successes: USGS 3D Elevation Program**















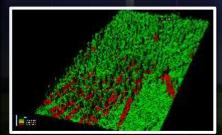
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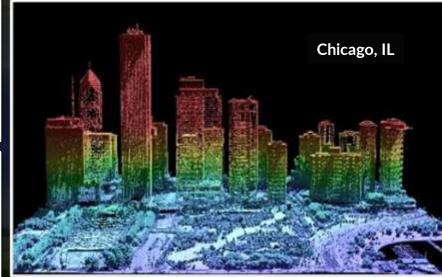


Requirements Potential annual and Benefits benefit with Study ROI of 5:1

> 300

Partner Organizations Percent of total 3DEP cost contributed by partners

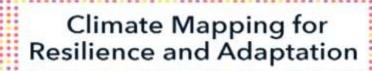
Lidar data points being distributed





# Successes: Climate Mapping for Resilience and Adaptation











- View real-time maps showing where climate related hazards are occurring today
- . Check how your exposure to five common climate related hazards is projected to change over time
- . Learn more about climate related hazards and federal policies relevant to climate adaptation
- Find federal funding opportunities that can help pay for climate resilience projects, including those available
  through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.



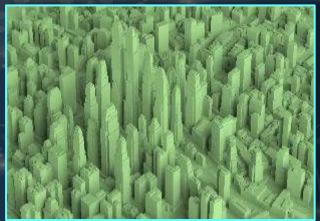
# Mapping for the Future













U.S. National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI) Advancing the Geospatial Capabilities for the Nation



# Questions?



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