



Acronym: USGS
Full Name: United States Geological Survey
Website: www.usgs.gov
Established: 1879
Location: Reston, United States

Areas of expertise: Natural resources, mapping, natural disasters.

Main Partners and collaborations: National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) , National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Spatial Data Infrastructure (NSDI), and others.

Short Description:

In 1879, the United States Geological Survey was created and it is part of the United States Department of the Interior. The USGS is the “largest water, earth, and biological science and civilian mapping agency”* in the United States.

The mission of the USGS is to “(provide) reliable scientific information to describe and understand the Earth; minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and enhance and protect our quality of life.”*

Main activities:

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) “collects, monitors, analyzes, and provides scientific understanding about natural resource conditions, issues, and problems.”* Additionally, the USGS provides maps, imagery and publications and educates the community on natural disaster.

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