

# USGS COALITION

Since 1879, the U.S. Geological Survey has served all Americans with a mission that extends far beyond the boundaries of the nation’s public lands. The USGS plays a crucial role in protecting the public from natural hazards, assessing water quality, providing geospatial data, and conducting the science necessary to manage our nation’s living, mineral, and energy resources. The USGS works with partners to provide high-quality research and data to policymakers, emergency responders, resource managers, civil and environmental engineers, educators, and the public. The USGS:



**Water:** Informs management of freshwater resources used for drinking water and to support agricultural, commercial, industrial, recreational, and ecological activities.



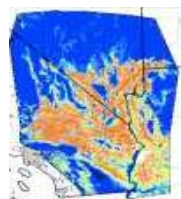
**Hazards:** Monitors and reduces risks from earthquakes, droughts, tsunamis, flooding, landslides, volcanoes and wildfires, all of which jeopardize human lives and cause major infrastructure damage annually.



**Energy & Minerals:** Influences decisions about the nation’s energy future by assessing the land for rare earth elements, minerals, coal, oil, natural gas, and geothermal resources.



**Ecosystems:** Informs sound management of natural resources on federal and state lands, including control of invasive species and wildlife diseases that cause enormous economic losses every year.



**Geospatial & Mapping Data:** Provides data used for economic development, environmental and infrastructure projects, and scientific applications by government and the private sector.



**Land Resources:** Predicts the impacts of climatic changes on water resources, wildfires, and ecosystems. Informs agriculture production and responses to and mitigation of natural hazards.

## The Coalition urges Congress to provide \$1.85 billion for the USGS in FY23.

For many years Congress has worked in a bipartisan fashion to invest in USGS science and operational programs. These efforts have paid dividends and helped the USGS to answer the challenging questions facing decision-makers at federal, tribal, state, and local agencies across the country. This funding would allow the USGS to continue and expand its many programs serving Congress, the Executive Branch and the American people.

## The USGS Coalition

*The USGS Coalition is an alliance of 85 organizations united by a commitment to the continued vitality of the biological, geographical, geological, and hydrological programs of the US Geological Survey. The Coalition supports increased federal investment in the USGS programs underpinning responsible natural resource stewardship, improve resilience to natural and human-induced hazards, and contribute to the long-term health, security, and prosperity of the nation.*

## USGS Coalition Member Organizations

American Association of Petroleum Geologists • American Fisheries Society • American Geosciences Institute • American Geophysical Union • American Institute of Biological Sciences • American Institute of Professional Geologists • American Rivers • American Society for Photogrammetry & Remote Sensing • American Society of Agronomy • American Society of Civil Engineers • American Society of Plant Taxonomists • American Water Resources Association • American Water Works Association • Applied Technology Council • Association of American Geographers • Association of American State Geologists • Association of Ecosystem Research Centers • Association of Environmental and Engineering Geologists • Association of Fish and Wildlife Agencies • Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies • Association of Public and Land-Grant Universities • Association of State Floodplain Managers • Boise State University • Botanical Society of America • Bureau of Economic Geology, University of Texas at Austin • California Institute of Technology • California Seismic Safety Commission • Cartography and Geographic Information Society • Consortium for Ocean Leadership • Council of Entomology Department Administrators • Council of Science Editors • Crop Science Society of America • Dewberry • Earthquake Engineering Research Institute • Ecological Society of America • ESRI • Geo-Institute of ASCE • Geological Society of America • Geoscience Information Society • The Groundwater Foundation • Incorporated Research Institutions for Seismology • International Association of Emergency Managers • Interstate Council on Water Policy • Irrigation Association • Kansas Geological Survey • MAPPS • Merrick & Company • National Association of Clean Water Agencies • National Association of University Fisheries & Wildlife Programs • National Cooperators' Coalition for USGS Cooperative Fish & Wildlife Units • National Council for Science and the Environment • National Flood Association • National Geographic Society • National Ground Water Association • National Institutes for Water Resources • National Mining Association • National Society of Professional Surveyors • Natural Science Collections Alliance • NatureServe • NBII Coalition • OhioView • Ornithological Council • Phycological Society of America • Quantum Spatial • Renewable Natural Resources Foundation • Seismological Society of America • Society for Freshwater Science • Society for Mining, Metallurgy and Exploration • Society for Range Management • Society of Economic Geologists • Society of Environmental Toxicology & Chemistry — North America • Soil Science Society of America • Southern California Earthquake Center at the University of Southern California • UNAVCO • Universities' Council on Water Resources • University Consortium for Geographic Information Science • University Corporation for Atmospheric Research • University of Colorado • University of Southern California • Water Environment Federation • Weed Science Society of America • The Wildlife Society • Woolpert

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