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Selected Earth Science Publications—Booklets, Leaflets, and Posters

Introduction

The following is a list of selected publications about major U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) activities, products, and services.

Booklets

Aerial Photographs and Satellite

Images—Discusses some characteristics of aerial photographs and satellite images and the types of images that are available from the USGS. (1995)

Elevations and Distances in the United States—Gives elevations of features and distances between points in the United States. (1995)

Helping Your Child Learn

Geography—Gives parents practical ideas for teaching children simple concepts in geography. (1990) (revision scheduled for 1997)

Natural Gemstones—Describes mineral and organic gemstones and lists references. (1992)

Topographic Mapping—Introduces the elements of topographic mapping, including principal map series, scale, control surveys, national standards, procedures, symbols, revision, and information sources. (1992)

USGS Maps—Describes and illustrates types of USGS maps and gives ordering information. (1994)

Using Maps in Genealogy—Describes how to use maps in genealogy and provides sources of information. (1994)

Leaflets

Earth Science Information Center—Describes the Earth Science Information Centers of the USGS and the types of information and products they distribute. A poster is also available. (1991)

Finding Your Way with Map and

Compass—Tells how to use a map and compass by explaining scale and illustrating how to determine distance and direction, with emphasis on topographic maps. (1993)

Map Separates—Explains map separates, terms used, and ordering options. (1992)

Maps of the United States—Describes current and historical U.S. maps available from the USGS. (1993)

Maps of the World—Describes world maps available from the USGS. (1994)

National Atlas Maps—Lists all National Atlas maps available from the USGS and gives ordering information. (1993)

Spatial Data Transfer Standard (SDTS)—Explains the SDTS and how to get more information. (1994)

Topographic Map Symbols—Shows symbols used on topographic maps. (1995)

Understanding Color-Infrared Photographs—Describes how color-infrared images are obtained and used. Lists references. (1994)

USGS Mapping Partnerships—Explains how the program works and lists contacts for additional information. (1992)

Posters

Catalog of Cartographic Data—Lists and illustrates 16 categories of products and 7 information systems available from the USGS. (1991)

Earth Science Information Center—A decorative poster depicting the concept of the Earth Science Information Centers. (1991)

Geographic Information Systems—

Explains geographic information system (GIS) technology and gives practical applications. (1992)

Map Projections—Compares and illustrates 18 commonly used projections to show suitability of each for producing a particular type of map. Poster is useful for wall hanging or teaching aid. (1991)

National Aerial Photography Program—Describes a multiagency cooperative activity administered by the USGS and illustrates various examples of available products with color-infrared photographs. (1992)

Planetary Maps—Describes maps and images of the Moon and Mars and some of Earth's other neighboring planets and their satellites and gives ordering information. (1992)

Additional Information

Single copies of these publications are available free at any U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) Earth Science Information Center (ESIC). Additional copies (50 maximum) can be ordered from:

USGS Information Services
Box 25286
Denver, CO 80225

For information on these and other USGS products and services, call 1-800-USA-MAPS, fax 703-648-5548, or e-mail esicmail@usgs.gov.

Receive information from the EARTH-FAX fax-on-demand system, which is available 24 hours a day, at 703-648-4888.

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