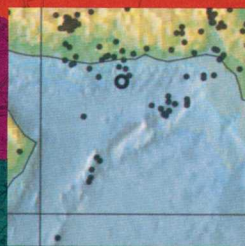
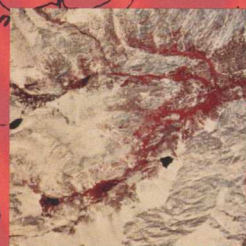
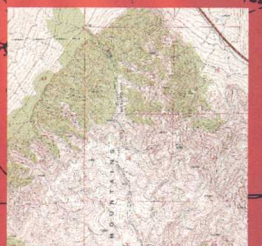


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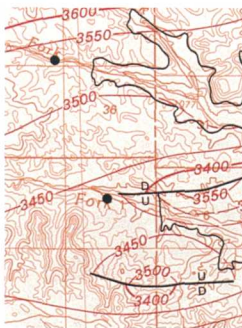
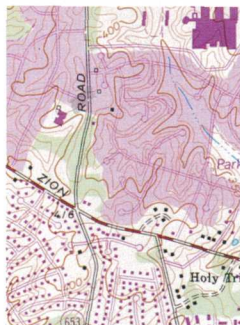
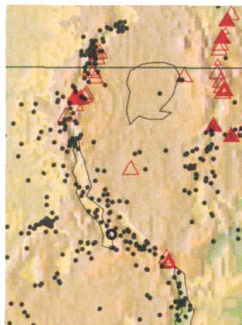
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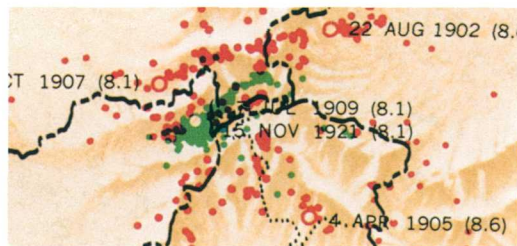
An ESIC? An Earth Science Information Center. Don't spell it. Say it. ESIC. It rhymes with seasick. You can find information in an information center, of course, and you'll find earth science information in an ESIC. That means information about the land that is the Earth, the land that is below the Earth, and in some instances, the space surrounding the Earth.

The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) operates a network of Earth Science Information Centers that sell earth science products and data. There are more than 75 ESIC's. Some are operated by the USGS, but most are in other State or Federal agencies. Each ESIC responds to requests for information received by telephone, letter, or personal visit. Your personal visit.



ESIC—Your doorway to data

The ESICs are known to many customers as the map stores. The well-known USGS topographic maps, which are also available from thousands of private dealers, can be purchased at many of the ESIC's. But the ESIC's are much more. An arm of the USGS National Mapping Division, they are the primary source of public information on all the cartographic activities of the Division as well as the earth science products of the Survey's Geologic and Water Resources Divisions. For detailed geologic and hydrologic information, ESIC personnel will refer inquiries to information offices in the appropriate divisions.



ESIC—Information is (almost) our middle name

- General information on the earth sciences
- Specific information on the earth sciences
- Information on where to get earth science information
- Information about earth science projects
- Information about earth science programs
- Information about earth science products
- Information about earth science reports
- Information on purchasing earth science products

We get lots and lots of questions

Where can I buy topographic maps?

Here at the ESIC, from a local dealer, or by mail through our Denver Distribution Center.

How much do maps cost?

Depends. What maps do you want? Most are inexpensive. Call us.

Can anyone just drop in on an ESIC?

Yes. We are open to the public. Our hours are generally from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Call your nearest ESIC to confirm.

Can you send me map ordering information?

Yes. Just ask and be specific. Depending on where you live, you may want to stop in and pick up the map in person or you may wish to order the information by phone.

Do you have map data in digital form?

Yes. Call for our information package on digital cartographic data.

How do I get aerial photographs of where I live?

Find out by using the Aerial Photography Summary Record System at the ESIC, or you can drop us a note identifying your area of interest and we'll get back to you with the information about available photographs covering your area.

Are there geologic maps or publications for where I live?

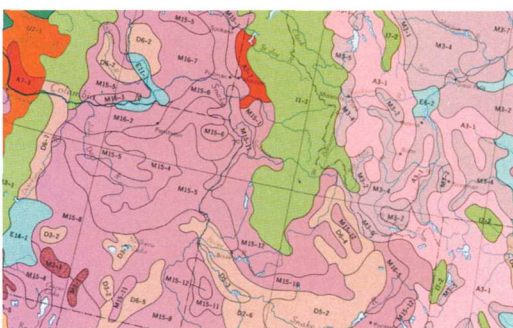
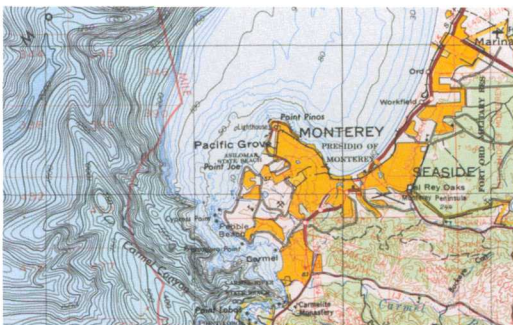
Probably. We will take a look for you.

Do you have stream gauging data available for a particular stream?

We have data for many streams. For your specific stream we would refer you to the Water Resources Division of USGS.

Do you have digital data for Australia?

No. But we would check our Cartographic Catalog and refer you to some organizations that do.



We're more than maps; just ask

Maps and charts? Yes, we have them. Topographic maps, topographic-bathymetric maps, Antarctic maps, photoimage maps, satellite image maps, geologic maps, hydrologic maps, land use maps, maps of the planets and moons, National Atlas maps, and special maps. In many cases, you can walk in, find your maps, pay your money, and leave with your maps. If we don't stock your maps, we can at least tell you where to go to find them or pass on your order. We may direct you to one of the other ESIC's across the United States or to one of the 3,000 or so authorized map dealers.

Digital cartographic data?

Yes, we have them. Much of the mapping information we have is now being converted to digital form. If the digits are in our data, we can provide them to you.

Books and reports?

Yes, we have them.

Space images? Yes, we have them. Many of them are located at our Earth Resources Observation Systems (EROS) Data Center in South Dakota.

Earth science data bases? Yes, we maintain three major information and retrieval data bases, one for aerial photographs, the Aerial Photography Summary Record System; a second for maps and charts, the Map and Chart Information System; and a third for general earth science information and products, the Cartographic Catalog. Your inquiry initiates our inquiry into the data bases for information you can use.

For more information, contact any of the Earth Science Information Centers or call 1-800-USA-MAPS.