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News you can use about USGS Mapping Products May 2, 2013

"USGS Topo Data on the Go": Got a smart phone and want to use USGS topographic data for navigation? Now you can. The USGS [has published information](#) on how to leverage USGS topographic mapping data into mobile devices, and using the power of the device's GPS to find precise locations while hiking, biking, running or other outside activities. *The National Map* data is available on devices that are using the Android operation system or iOS. <http://go.usa.gov/Tmne>

Sequestration Impacts: [Mark DeMulder](#), the Director of the USGS [National Mapping Program](#), responded to a query from [GIM International](#) asking about the impacts of sequestration on the USGS as well as the greater geomatics/geospatial community. The question was partly due to the postponement of this year's [The National Map Users Conference](#) and decreased participation in other geospatial related conferences and meetings because of reduced travel and sponsorship funds. <http://bit.ly/ZWpDT5>

New elevation data released: The April 2013 update of the National Elevation Dataset (NED) 1-, 1/3- and 1/9-arc-second collections [has been posted](#). The release incorporates 27,895 square miles of new light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data into the NED 1/9-arc-second layer primarily over CONUS. The NED 1- and 1/3-arc-second layers were updated with 54,762 square miles of migrated high resolution source data and 13,700 square miles of 5-meter Interferometric Synthetic Aperture Radar (IFSAR) source data over Alaska. The update also includes topobathymetric data covering the North Carolina Outer Banks. [April Release Notes](#). NED data are available via [The National Map Viewer](#)

ASPRS Awards: The American Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ASPRS) recently presented the [2013 Outstanding Service Award](#) to USGS scientist: George Y. G. Lee for his service as Technical Editor of the *Manual of Photogrammetry* and his dedicated efforts to fully endow the Francis H. Moffitt Memorial Scholarship. Also, USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center (NGTOC) Director Kari Craun was recognized for her achievements as part of a working group which

developed guidelines for procurement of commercial geospatial mapping products.
<http://bit.ly/10W7SX7>

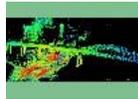


New Database Maps Biodiversity: The UGS Biodiversity Information Serving Our Nation ([BISON](#)) system allows users - often land managers, researchers, refuge managers, citizen scientists, agriculture professionals, fisheries managers, water resource managers, educators and others - to search for hundreds of thousands of species records in search fields ranging from the entire country and U.S. territories down to specific towns or parks. BISON displays search results in list or interactive map formats, and each species occurrence point can be clicked on to find more information about who provided or collected the data. <http://go.usa.gov/TETj>



JOHN DEERE

Mapping Like a Deere: USGS representative Mark Newell was quoted and provided background for an article titled "Free maps, in seconds" for the recent edition of [Homestead Magazine](#), published by John Deere (page 29). The short article describes the advances of the US Topo map program and how to download new quadrangles for free. <http://bit.ly/18de6SD>



USGS Cited in GCN: The USGS-sponsored [National Enhanced Elevation Assessment](#) was referenced in the recent edition of [Government Computer News](#). The study found that a national program of light detection and ranging (LiDAR) data collection could result in net benefits ranging from \$116 - \$620 million per year. Biggest savings would be found in flood risk management, infrastructure and construction management, natural resources conservation, agriculture and water supply management. <http://bit.ly/13MZQwu>



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