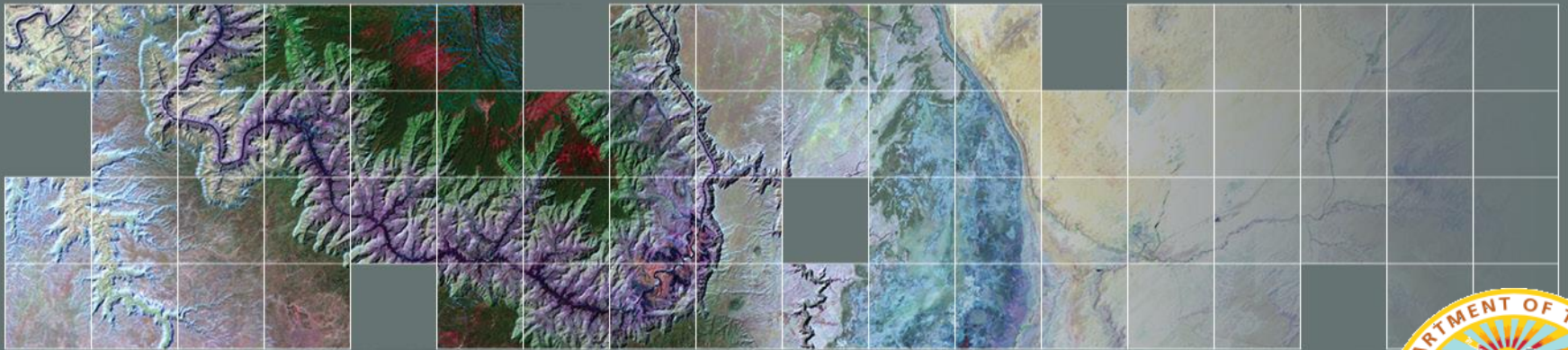




# Overview of Department of the Interior and USGS

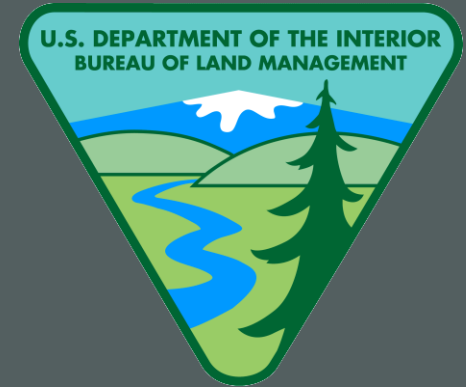
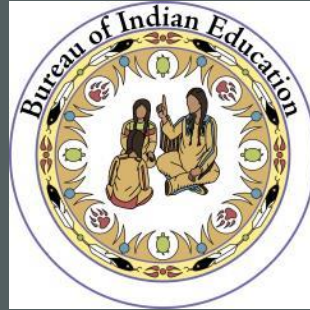
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# Ten Operational Units (Bureaus)



# Department of Home, aka: Interior

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- **The U.S. Department of the Interior (DOI) manages the Nation's public lands and minerals, including providing access to public lands and the Outer Continental Shelf for renewable and conventional energy**
  - **Steward of 20 percent of the Nation's lands**
    - national parks, national wildlife refuges, and other public lands; is the largest supplier and manager of water in the 17 Western States and a supplier of hydropower energy
  - **Upholds Federal trust responsibilities to >550 Indian tribes and Alaska Natives.**
  - **Responsible for**
    - migratory wildlife conservation; historic preservation; endangered species conservation; surface-mined lands protection and restoration; mapping, geological, hydrological, and biological science for the Nation; and financial and technical assistance for the insular areas.
  - **High quality science and scholarship play an important role in advancing the DOI mission.**
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# DOI Dollars and Science

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- **Budget ~ 20 billion (outgoing)**
- **Receipts ~ 15 billion (incoming)**
- **Annual Research and Development budget ~ \$800 million**
  - **> 82% allocated to the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS)**
  - Bureau of Land Management, 1.9%
  - Bureau of Reclamation, 1.5%
  - Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, 4.7%
  - Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement, 3%
  - Fish and Wildlife Service, 3.5%
  - National Park Service, 3%

# USGS – Founded in 1879

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## Vision

The USGS is a *world leader in the natural sciences* through our scientific excellence and responsiveness to society's needs.

## Mission

The USGS serves the Nation by *providing reliable scientific information* to describe and understand the Earth; to minimize loss of life and property from natural disasters; to manage water, biological, energy, and mineral resources; and to enhance and protect our quality of life.

# 130+ Years of USGS Science

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- > 50,000 Bureau Series scholarly publications and associated data are searchable and accessible online at the USGS Web site ([www.usgs.gov](http://www.usgs.gov))
- > 41,000 scholarly publications authored by the USGS but published externally are cataloged on the USGS Web site, and links to original published sources are provided
- Currently >7000 scholarly publications year (internally and externally published)