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State Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure

Purpose of the Procedure

Flood Insurance Studies involve searching for geospatial data during Discovery (formerly pre-scoping and scoping) tasks. If needed data are not available, studies might fund the collection of new data and, where applicable, encourage cost sharing among existing organizations. Detailed information about the role geospatial data coordination plays in studies is in the *Geospatial Data Coordination Implementation Guide*, which is available at https://hazards.fema.gov/femaportal/docs/GeoDataImplem_V3.pdf, and in *Scoping Guidelines: Pre-scoping and the Scoping Meeting*, which is available through the Regional Support Center (RSC).

Resources developed through FEMA's geospatial data coordination activities provide information about data and contacts for organizations that have geospatial data that cover large areas (like States) in which many studies are interested. Dead-end searches and cold calls can be avoided by starting with these proven sources of information.

One resource is this Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure. It outlines sources of geospatial data and contact information, preferences for base map data and State geospatial participation in studies, and other useful information for the State.

If you have questions about this procedure or other geospatial data coordination resources, contact the geospatial data coordination lead in your RSC:

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Default Flood Hazard Base Map for the State

The default base map for flood hazard maps for the State is USGS Digital Orthophoto Quarter Quad imagery. Also encouraged for use is recent, black and white, countywide orthophotography data provided by local government to FEMA as public domain data. The resolution must be 1-meter resolution or better.

Geospatial Data Coverage

Below, you will find links to statewide (and Federal agencies' national) geospatial datasets and information about them. The list is provided to save time when building a list of candidate geospatial datasets available for the study during Discovery activities; it is not a prescription of datasets that must be used in a Flood Insurance Study.

Major State Holdings

Orthophotos

Dataset name: National Agriculture Imagery Program (NAIP) Image
Data currentness: 2017
Accuracy/Scale: 1:12,000
Ground sample resolution: 1 meter
Horizontal datum: NAD 83
Fee associated? No

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Available for redistribution? Yes

Dataset source: <http://datagateway.nrcs.usda.gov/>

Dataset contact: gateway@ftc.usda.gov

Notes: NAIP imagery has many uses, and many States participate in NAIP. NAIP is leaf-on imagery and is not cloud-free, so the ground might be obscured. While NAIP (and other such imagery) can be used as base maps, the imagery must be checked to ensure that it provides a clear view of important features on the ground for areas of significance for flooding.

Transportation (roads, railroads, and airports)

Dataset name: Tiger Roads

Data currentness: 2019

Accuracy/Scale: 1:100K

Horizontal datum: NAD 83 HARN

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Are road names part of the dataset? Yes

Dataset source: <https://www.census.gov/geographies/mapping-files/time-series/geo/tiger-line-file.2019.html>

Dataset contact: N/A

Hydrography (rivers, streams, lakes, and shorelines)

Dataset name: NHDPlus High Resolution

Data currentness: 2019

Accuracy/Scale: 1:24k

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Are hydrography names part of the dataset? Yes

Dataset source: <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/national-hydrography/access-national-hydrography-products>

Dataset contact: N/A

Political boundaries (county, municipal)

Dataset name: Counties and cities from Arizona State Land Department

Data currentness: 2016

Accuracy/Scale: Unknown

Horizontal datum: NAD 83 HARN

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Dataset source: <http://agis.az.gov/portal>;

Dataset contact: Arizona State Land Department, 1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Notes: This data set consists of all incorporated city boundaries throughout Arizona. The data is updated continually throughout the year and published approximately quarterly. The most recent publication occurred in June 2016.

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Publicly owned lands (national, State, and local parks, forests, etc)

Dataset name: Land ownership from Arizona State Land Department

Data currentness: 2016

Accuracy/Scale: Unknown

Horizontal datum: NAD 83 HARN

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Dataset source: <http://agis.az.gov/portal>

Dataset contact: Arizona State Land Department, 1616 West Adams Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85007

Notes: The LAND data set was first started in 1984 and updated in spring 1988 by the State Land Department Forestry Division and ALRIS. The PLSS data originated from the Department of Transportation (ADOT) and USGS Quad sheets. The data was then projected into ARC/INFO format and edited using the procedures from the ASLD “Land Status Map Digitizing Procedure” guide. The data set covers the entire State of Arizona. Federal boundaries are updated by the Bureau of Land Management, and State land and other boundaries are updated by the Arizona State Land Department

Public land survey system (PLSS) (township and section lines)

Dataset name: Arizona PLSS Townships

Data currentness: 2020

Accuracy/Scale: Unknown

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Dataset source: <http://agis.az.gov/portal>

Dataset contact: N/A

Cadastral (parcels)

Dataset name: Arizona State Parcels

Data currentness: 2018

Accuracy/Scale: Unknown

Horizontal datum: NAD 83

Fee associated? No

Available for redistribution? Yes

Dataset source: <https://koordinates.com/layer/97279-arizona-state-parcels/>

Dataset contact: N/A

Notes: Parcel data is only available for some cities and counties within Arizona.

Extraterritorial jurisdiction (ETJ) boundaries

No coverage available.

Terrain (elevation)

Dataset name: Multiple Datasets

Data currentness: Varies

Accuracy/Scale: Variety

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Vertical datum: Variety
 Fee associated? No
 Available for redistribution? Yes
 Dataset source: <https://earthexplorer.usgs.gov/>
 Dataset contact: N/A

Useful Risk MAP Discovery Data Sources

Preliminary information on Discovery data sources is provided in this document to reduce the level of effort needed on each subsequent Discovery data collection effort.

Coordination with local community sponsors for additional local data still remains an integral part of Discovery and local data should be used where appropriate.

The National Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document contains information on data resources available from other Federal agencies (OFAs), including those that FEMA maintains at the national level, and should be used in conjunction with this State Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document. In addition, FEMA and its contractors have created a geospatial Discovery Data Repository to host data that are not readily accessible through direct sources such as Web sites or subscription services and/or are not updated on a frequent basis. Instructions for accessing the Discovery Data Repository are provided in the National Geospatial Data Coordination Procedure document.

Table 1 identifies data resources that are available at the regional and State levels, and also if there are no data available other than the national datasets. Resources in this table have been identified as appropriate for Discovery projects and may not represent the best data sources for FIRM production (please see the Preferred Base Map Sources section of this document for geospatial data that meets FIRM production requirements).

Table 1. Discovery Data Resources

Data	Data Source	Location
Watershed boundaries	National	See National Operating Procedure
Jurisdictional boundaries	Arizona State Land Department	Jurisdictional boundaries available at Arizona Geographic Information Council GIS portal: https://azgeo-open-data-agic.hub.arcgis.com/
Tribal land boundaries	National	See National Operating Procedure
State lands	Arizona State Land Department	Land ownership info available at Arizona Geographic Information Council GIS portal: https://azgeo-open-data-agic.hub.arcgis.com/
Federal lands	Arizona State Land Department	Land ownership info available at Arizona Geographic Information Council GIS portal: https://azgeo-open-data-agic.hub.arcgis.com/
Major roads	National	See National Operating Procedure
Streams	National	See National Operating Procedure
Coastal Barrier Resource Areas	National	See National Operating Procedure

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Data	Data Source	Location
Coordinated Needs Management Strategy	National	CNMS data is available by request from each of FEMA's Regional Service Centers (RSC). Contact information for each RSC is available at the following website: https://hazards.fema.gov/contacts/Statecontacts/contacts.asp?page=AZ
Topographic/bathymetric data	FEMA Regional Office	FEMA Region IX Geo-index See RSC9 Geospatial Data Coordination Lead
AAL data from HAZUS	National	See National Operating Procedure
Coverage areas for known community and Tribal risk assessment data	FEMA Regional Office	CalEMA maintains MyPlan with the goal of facilitating city, county, special district, and state user access to federal- and state-produced raster and vector-based GIS data for use in creating maps suitable for preparing, upgrading and reviewing Local Hazard Mitigation Plans (LHMPs), General Plan Safety Elements, Local Coastal Plans (LCPs), and hazard mitigation projects. Phase 1 development will focus on providing access to existing online hazards, risk, and vulnerability maps at a single web location for use in local planning by the end of 2010. Data can be accessed at: http://myplan.calema.ca.gov
Status of Hazard Mitigation Plans	Arizona Division of Emergency Management	Statewide hazard mitigation plans can be found at the following ADEM site: http://www.dem.azdema.gov/operations/mitigation/hazmitplan/hazmitplan.html
Flood control data	National	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of stream gages	National – USGS	See National Operating Procedure
Past flood claims and repetitive loss properties	National	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of clusters of Letters of Map Change	National – FEMA	See National Operating Procedure
Known flooding issues beyond effective FIRMs and the Coordinated Needs Management Strategy database	FEMA Regional Office	Region IX keeps track of known flooding issues beyond FIRMs and CNMS through a "flood issue ad hoc requests" list maintained by the RSC9 Geospatial Data Coordination Lead
Areas of planned development, high growth, or other natural land changes	County Planning Departments	A statewide layer for planned areas of development does not exist for the State of Arizona. However, counties such as Gila and Pinal have their own land use planning databases that describe areas of planned development and rapid growth. The link to the data description is: http://www.caagcentral.org/GIS/databases.html
Areas of land use change datasets	National – USGS	The USGS Land Cover Institute (LCI) provides access to a wide variety of land use change and land cover data sets including the National Land Cover Dataset (NLCD). Data sets can be downloaded from the USGS at http://landcover.usgs.gov/

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Data	Data Source	Location
Locations of ongoing or updated stream studies	FEMA Regional Office	RSC9 Geospatial Data Coordination Lead
Locations of wave and tide gauges	National – NOAA	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of wind gauges	National – NOAA	See National Operating Procedure
Primary frontal dune	N/A	Not applicable in the State of Arizona
Beach nourishment or dune restoration projects	N/A	Not applicable in the State of Arizona
Comparison of stillwater elevations	Local	No statewide coverage
Available effective study data	National – FEMA	See National Operating Procedure
Orthophotography	National	See National Operating Procedure
Proposed discussion areas, problem areas, areas of proposed mitigation projects	Local	RSC9 geospatial lead maintains records of problem areas based on Region's communications with local communities and logs them as CNMS "ad hoc" requests; Maricopa County Flood Control District also maintains an inventory of problem areas and areas of proposed mitigation projects within the county and can be contacted for such information at: Eric Feldman, emf@mail.maricopa.gov
Land use and soil information	Local	Soil data for Arizona can be downloaded from the Soil Information for Environmental Modeling and Ecosystem Management at the following location: http://www.soilinfo.psu.edu/index.cgi?soil_data&index.html
Reference points to locate areas with flooding issues	FEMA Regional Office	RSC9 Geospatial Data Coordination Lead maintains records of known flooding issues on Region's communications with local communities and logs them as CNMS "ad hoc" requests
Hydraulic structures: bridges	National	See National Operating Procedure or links to National Inventory of Bridges; Arizona Department of Transportation also maintains a separate state historic bridge inventory which can be accessed here: http://www.azdot.gov/highways/EPG/EPG_Common/Documents/Technical/Historic/BridgeInventory.asp
Hydraulic structures: culverts	Local	No statewide coverage
Hydraulic structures: dams	Arizona Department of Water Resources	ADWR maintains a state inventory of dams that is separate but related to the National Inventory of Dams. Information requests can be made to: Nicole Spence Gibson, nsgibson@azwater.gov
Coastal structures, shoreline structures, manmade embankments, surge	N/A	Not applicable in the State of Arizona

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Data	Data Source	Location
conveyance pathways, and shoreline change data		
Local structure and topographic data from the existing hazard mitigation plans	Arizona Division of Emergency Management	Once implemented, MyPlan for Arizona should contain information about local structure from existing hazard mitigation plans.
Historic inundation areas and High Water Marks	Local	No statewide coverage
Clusters or locations of Individual Assistance/Public Assistance grants and locations of grant projects completed, planned, or underway	National	See National Operating Procedure
Locations of projects and structures completed or planned for FEMA Hazard Mitigation Assistance grant programs or mitigation funds from other agencies or entities, such as the Small Business Administration	National	See National Operating Procedure
Other information on FEMA grants, as described in G&S Appendix I	National	See National Operating Procedure
Any data deficiencies identified in hazard mitigation plans	Local	No statewide coverage
Information from FloodSmart on market penetration	National	See National Operating Procedure
Community Assistance Visits / Community Assistance Contacts	National	See National Operating Procedure
Community Rating System class information	National	See National Operating Procedure
Information from other Federal agencies	National	See National Operating Procedure
Information from State agencies	N/A	No statewide coverage
Current community plans, ordinances, or programs to alleviate flooding or manage stormwater	Local	No statewide coverage

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Data	Data Source	Location
Other known hazards	Local	No statewide coverage
Information on active disasters	FEMA Regional Office	http://www.fema.gov/about/regions/regionix/
Campgrounds, recreational areas, emergency access routes, etc.	National	See National Operating Procedure
Other data	Local	No statewide coverage

Data Distribution Process for State Data

The Arizona Geodata Portal is a cooperative project sponsored by the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC). The data and services available on the Portal are provided by a variety of public agencies in Arizona who are contributing members of the Arizona Geodata Portal. Contributing members agree to provide the Portal with data, metadata, and services in agreed upon formats, which are standardized for user convenience. The Portal is hosted by the Arizona State Land Department and staffed by the Arizona State Cartographer's Office (SCO) and the Arizona Land Resources Information System (ALRIS). Links to the Arizona Geodata Portal is given in the section titled "Clearinghouses and Inventories for the State".

Federal Nationwide Geospatial Data Holdings

Information about nationwide holdings and of Federal agencies' programs is available from the Mapping Information Platform website at <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/national-geospatial-program/national-map>.

Finding and Accessing Other Existing Geospatial Data

Below, you will find information about, and links to, ways of searching for additional geospatial data available for the State. These capabilities can be useful for finding geospatial data other than the statewide and Federal data listed above, including those of special governments, counties and parishes, municipalities, tribes, universities, and other organizations.

Clearinghouses and Inventories for the State

AZ Geo Data Hub

<https://azgeo-open-data-agic.hub.arcgis.com/>

This platform, supported by the Arizona Geographic Information Council (AGIC) and the Arizona State Land Department, was built to allow people to explore and download authoritative data for the state of Arizona. The majority of data published by AZGeo is accessible to the general public. AZGeo also utilizes groups to allow people to share sensitive data within groups.

Arizona Land Resource Information System (ALRIS)

<http://www.land.state.az.us/alris/>

The ALRIS was established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1982. The goal of ALRIS is to provide a geographic information system for public agencies in the State and provide training and consultation in the use of the system, related technical services, and limited

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production services to system users. Since its initiation, the ALRIS program has provided a wide variety of support services for Arizona's GIS community. The ALRIS program goals are approached by conducting five major types of program activities, which include:

- Database Development & Maintenance
- GIS Hardware and Software Support
- Education, Consulting, and Information
- GIS Software Development
- ALRIS: GIS Clearinghouse. The Clearinghouse data is also available online via the AGIC Geodata Portal.

Arizona State Cartographer's Office (SCO)

<https://land.az.gov/content/sco>

The Arizona State Cartographer's Office (SCO) was established by the Arizona State Legislature in 1987. The goal of the SCO is to improve access to GIS information and geospatial data. The SCO website has links to other major GIS sites in Arizona and throughout the nation. Many of the listed sites are links to downloadable geospatial data, GIS services, internet map services, and information about GIS. The Arizona State Cartographer's Office serves the Arizona GIS community by:

- establishing a clearinghouse of information about data resources
- developing web-based information services
- improving access to GIS databases
- preparing GIS policies and standards
- coordinating the development of common projects
- providing support for the [Arizona Geographic Information Council](#)

Working with People

Useful State and Federal Contacts

The main contacts for the State's geospatial activities and Federal agencies' representatives in the State are available on the Mapping Information Platform website at <https://hazards.fema.gov/contacts/statecontacts/contacts.asp?page=AZ>

Involving State's Geospatial Coordinator in Flood Studies

The RSC has established periodic communications with the Arizona NSGIC representative. In the context of Geospatial Data Coordination, the RSC has worked with Arizona State Cartographer's Office to obtain information on upcoming imagery acquisition.

State Coordination Process for Building Geospatial Partnerships

Through cooperation and partnerships AGIC facilitates the acquisition, exchange and management of geographic information and technology for the State of Arizona to benefit State agencies and the Arizona GIS community.

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Finding Local Geospatial Contacts

Local contacts, including those from special government districts (for example, a regional planning commission); counties, parishes, or equivalent governments; tribes, municipal governments; and other organizations (for example, local universities) also have geospatial data that can help a Flood Insurance Study. Contact information is available from the FEMA archives and government link portals such as <https://hazards.fema.gov/contacts/statecontacts>.

Provide Feedback on This Procedure

If you find information in this Procedure or in other FEMA or State resources that are outdated, please contact the geospatial data coordination lead in the RSC. Please provide the correct information, if you know it. Use the contact information for the lead listed in the section *Purpose of the Procedure*. The lead will use your feedback to update and redistribute this Procedure.