

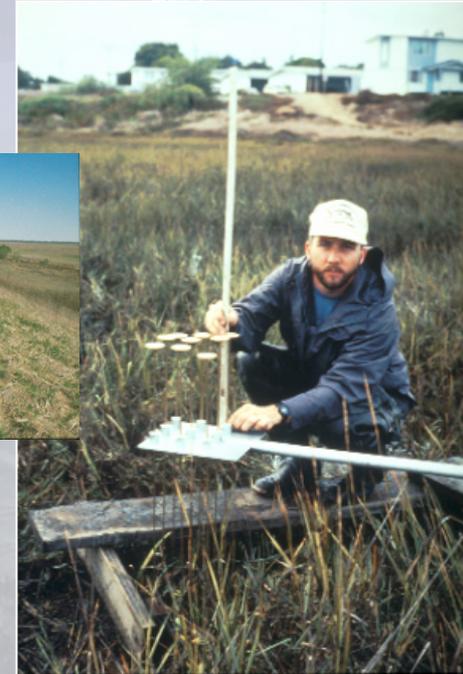


Data as a national asset for decision making

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- **USGS is the Nation's Earth science agency – our focus is on natural systems (biotic and abiotic), natural resources, and natural hazards.**
- **Our reputation is our most important asset and it is dependent upon the quality and integrity of our science – including our data.**
- **Resource managers in a changing world need credible, timely, actionable science that is built on data from trusted sources.**



All USGS Mission Areas share a common science quality and integrity policy – and our data is free and open to the public



Ecosystems



Energy and Minerals



Natural Hazards



Water



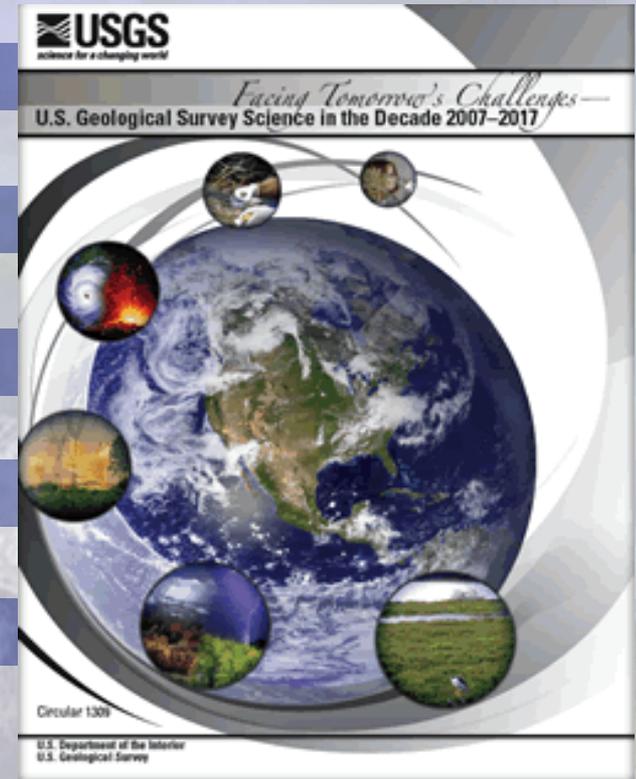
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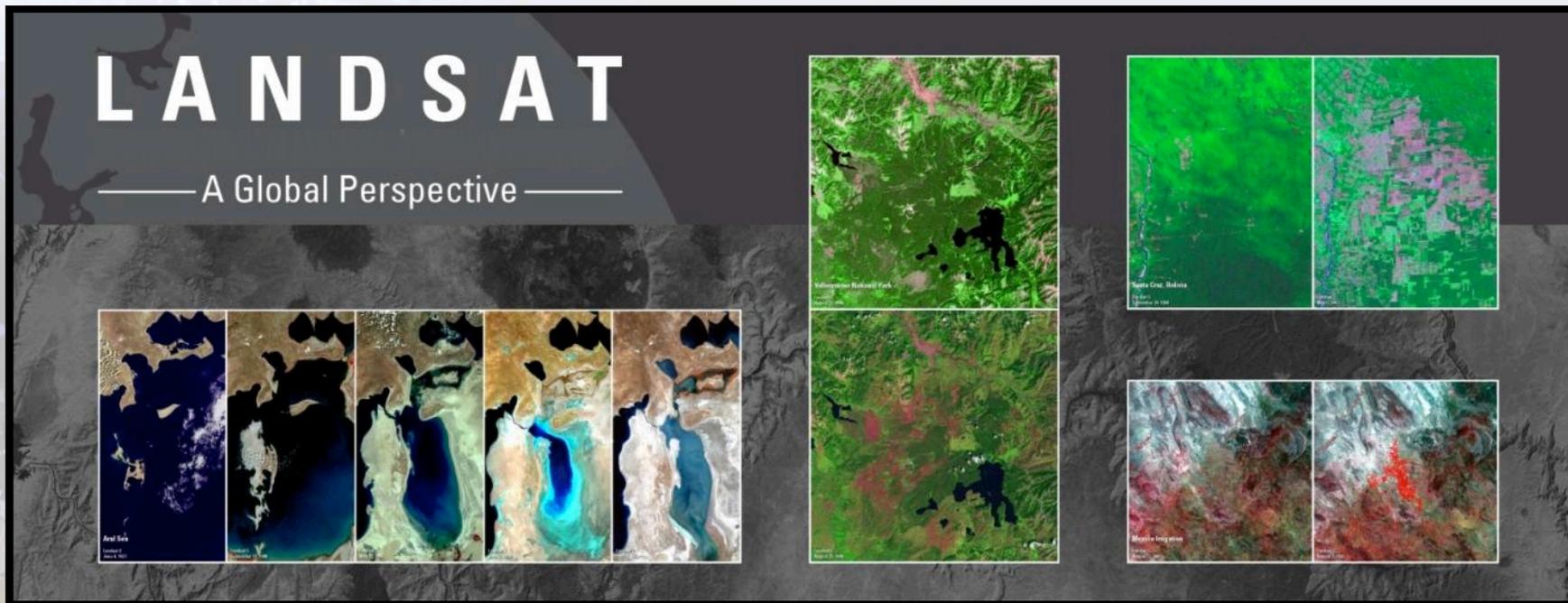
Climate and Land-Use Change



Core Science Systems



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- The USGS the Landsat archive: more than **5.5 million images (187 billion sq. km) from 1972 to the present** – and spanning the globe.
- All Landsat images are **available to anyone at no cost.**
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