### Reno-Carson City Lidar – March 23, 2017

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- What is NBMG?
  - NBMG is the state geological survey of Nevada, whose mission is to provide citizens of Nevada with geological information critical to public safety, economic development, and improving the quality of life.
  - NBMG is a statewide public service unit at UNR and is a part of Mackay School of Earth Sciences and Engineering in College of Science.
  - NBMG scientists conduct research and publish reports on mineral, geothermal, and oil-gas resources, engineering geology, environmental geology, geologic mapping, and Nevada's geologic framework.





## LIDAR DATA ACQUISTION

### lidar = light detection and ranging







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#### **Point Cloud Classification**



#### **Bare Earth DEM**



## LIDAR APPLICATION



Infrastructure and Land Use Management



**Forestry and Ecosystem Monitoring** 



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**Alternative Energy** 



Archaeology

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#### Landslide Mapping



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Flood Risk Management



#### **Geologic Mapping**

### LIDAR APPLICATION



**Ophir Creek, Washoe Valley** 



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Galena Creek / Mt. Rose Hwy

## Salt Lake City Lidar

### 2011: 4,700 km<sup>2</sup> of Q2 lidar

### 2013: 3,700 km<sup>2</sup> of Q1 lidar

#### Funded by federal and regional agencies:

Utah Geological Survey Salt Lake County Surveyors Office Utah Division of Emergency Management City Governments USGS FEMA EPA





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## Salt Lake City Lidar





Used by local agencies for:

- Geologic mapping and hazards
- Flood control modeling
- Building footprints
- Boundary disputes
- Grading plans and preconstruction bids
- Slope maps for "Foothills and Canyon Overlay Zones"
- Rooftop solar
- Geotechnical consulting projects
- Aerial imagery rectification



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## **USGS 3DEP PROGRAM**

- U.S. Geological Survey 3D Elevation Program
- Goal of collecting lidar data of the conterminous U.S over an 8year period
- Competitive proposal process requiring at least 50% match for acquisitions





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### **USGS 3DEP PROGRAM**

Quality Level	Source	Vertical Accuracy RMSEz	Nominal Pulse Spacing (NPS)	Nominal Pulse Density (NPD)	DEM Post Spacing
QL1	Lidar	10 cm	0.35 m	8 points/sq. meter	0.5 meter
QL2	Lidar	10 cm	0.7 m	2 points/sq. meter	1 meter
QL3	Lidar	20 cm	1.4 m	0.5 points/sq. meter	2 meters
QL4	Imagery	139 cm	N/A	N/A	5 meters
QL5	Ifsar	185 cm	N/A	N/A	5 meters

- The 3DEP program funds acquisitions at QL2 specification
- If using USGS contracted lidar vendor: QL2 = estimated \$255 / sq. mile (estimates came back at \$230 / sq. mile)
- Applicant can cover cost of upgrade to QL1 at \$525 / sq. mile
- All lidar data acquired from the 3DEP program is made publicly available through the USGS National Map portal





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## Reno – Carson City Urban Corridor Lidar Proposal

- Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology/UNR
- Proposal incorporates Reno Carson City urban corridor
  - ~1372 square miles for QL2 Lidar
  - Major populated areas in northern Nevada
  - **Major transportation corridors**
  - **Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center**
- **Applications** 
  - Urban growth and associated infrastructure
  - Earthquake hazards 8 earthquakes M6 or larger in • past 160 years
  - Flood risk management Truckee and Carson Rivers
  - Flash-flood, debris flow hazards on small catchments
  - Landslide hazards
- Funding Total proposal \$349.605
  - \$174,605 secured from USGS
  - \$175,000 match from local entities
    - \$150,000 provided by UNR Vice President for • **Research and Innovation Office**
    - \$25,000 additional funds needed to maximize • match (\$16,000 to maintain current area)



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## Reno – Carson City Urban Corridor Lidar Proposal

#### **Further support:**

- Funds to expand the Q2 acquisition area (\$230 / sq. mile)
- Possible to pursue additional 3DEP
  match
- Enhance a portion of the acquisition to Q1 resolution (\$525 / sq. mile)





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# Q1 vs Q2







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# Q1 vs Q2



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