



## **DIGITAL MAPPING TECHNIQUES 2020**

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# Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology Open Data

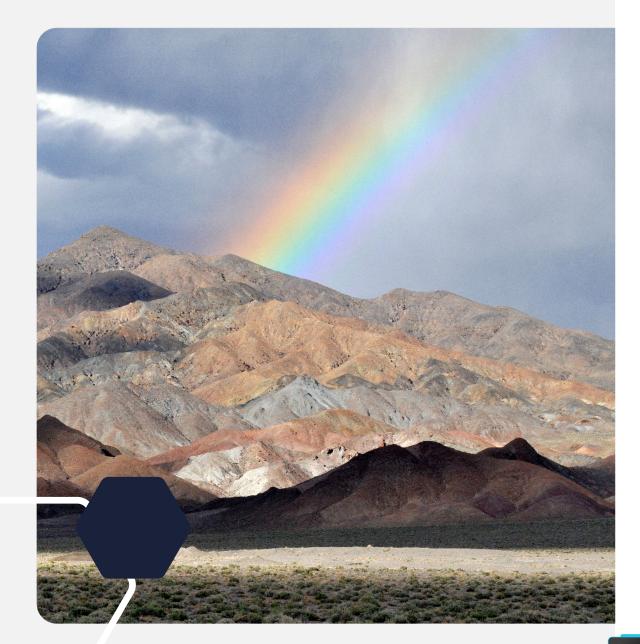
Making it easy to share free geospatial data in Nevada

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## What is Open Data?

- Data that can be freely used and re-used by anyone
- The ESRI Open Data platform makes it easy for users to share data
- Allows users to search these datasets and extract/download as needed
  - Shapefile, KML, or spreadsheet
  - All datasets can be filtered by some attributes
- Provides a location to share web applications, story maps, and other resources





# Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology

Nevada's State Geological Survey

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NBMG Open Data Tour

Creation of map services and datasets have been an important component of the Nevada Bureau of Mines and Geology (NBMG) modernization and adding of new capabilities to maps. Here you can browse all datasets available for download on the NBMG open data page. As we update and change databases, our open data page will always reflect the most up-to-date data at NBMG.

### Data Goals:

- Creation of map and data services are an important part of NBMG modernization.
- Many datasets are freely available
- There is a need to make our data more easily accessible
- Share our data
  - Make it easy to discover and download.
    - For both non-GIS and GIS users.
  - This includes web applications and datasets.

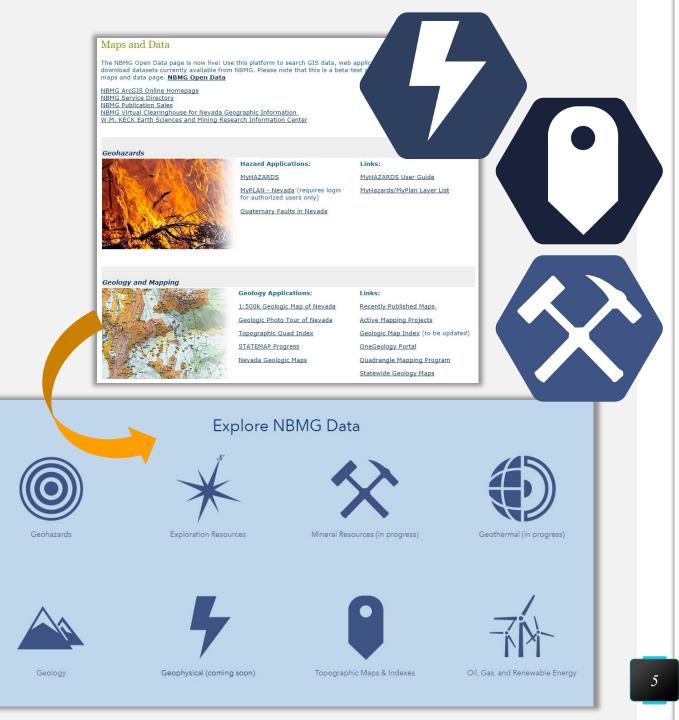




### Why is it useful?

- Makes our free data more discoverable
- Separate from paid GIS files
- Enables the sharing of NBMG data across platforms and agencies/public
- Provides a central location for searching NBMG data and finding other resources
  - Web applications
  - Publications
  - Other digital products





### Challenges

- Organization and Clean-up
  - Shapefile/service organization
  - Categorization
  - Which datasets should be included?
- Metadata
  - Adding tags, keywords, and descriptions to each dataset
    - In our services and ArcGIS online
  - Makes it easy to credit datasets
- Copyright, Creative Commons, and Disclaimers



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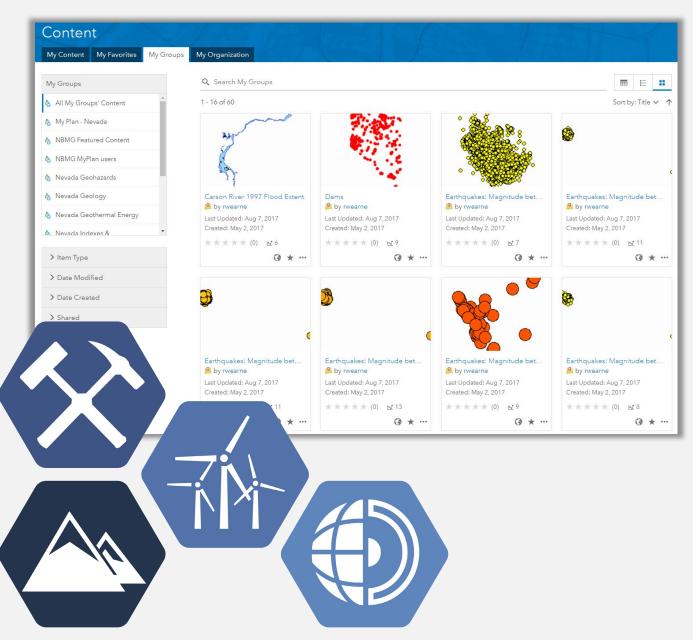


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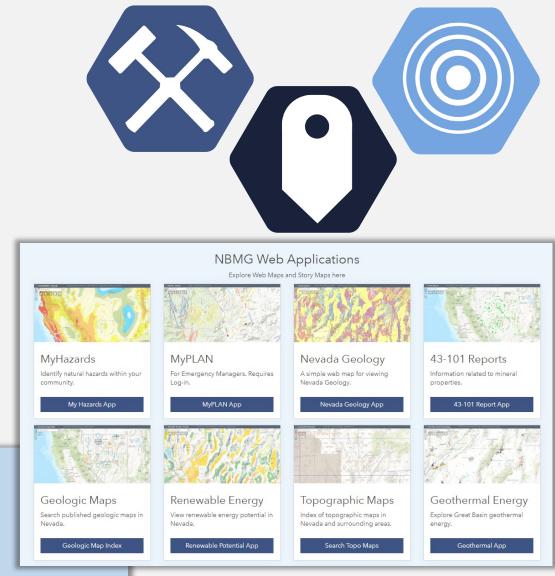
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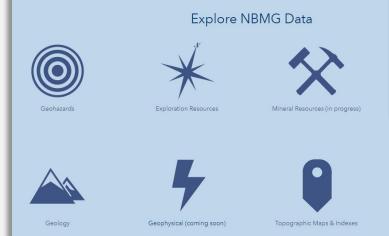
- Publish Data
  - Datasets published to ArcGIS Server
  - Added to ArcGIS Online from REST services directory.
- Create groups
  - Created groups in ArcGIS online to feed open data pages.
    - Groups identified as "open data groups"
  - Each dataset was assigned to a group
    - Currently we have 7 groups with a total of 92 datasets.

### Building the Open Data site

- Create pages for data categories
  - Geohazards, exploration resources, mineral resources, geothermal, geology, and oil, gas, and renewable energy
- More pages will be developed as we acquire more data.
  - Ex Remote Sensing, Geochemical, and Geophysical







Oil, Gas, and Renewable Energy

### Building the Open Data site

- ESRI Open Data CMS
- Easy to use content management system
- Uses HTML and CSS
- Best results were obtained by using HTML to create "custom" pages within the CMS

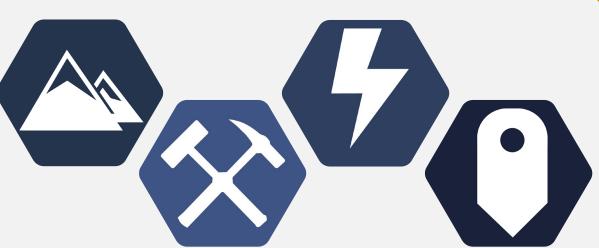
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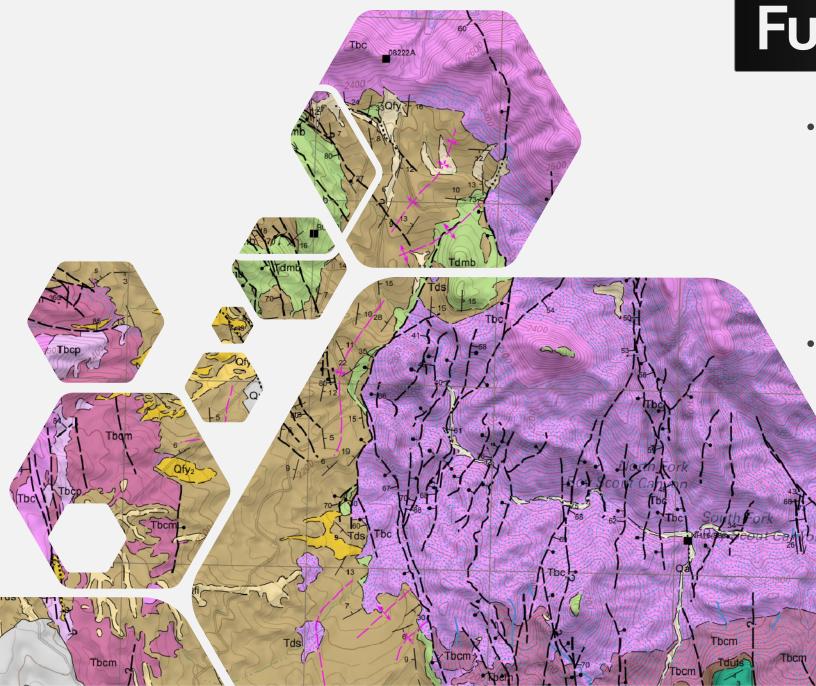


## Results

- More robust and organized location for searching NBMG geospatial data
  - Better public interface
  - Makes NBMG more relevant as a state survey
  - Easy for us to maintain and update
  - Free datasets are easier to find and download
  - Web applications are more organized and easier to locate.



#### NBMG Web Applications Web apps provide simple access to information and tools for understanding information available from the Bureau. We recommend exploring the web applications listed below for more in-depth information on geohazards, mining and renewable resources in Nevada, and geologic maps 00000 2017 Lidar **MyHazards** Nevada Geology Mineral Explorer A simple web map for viewing Explore the new QL1 and QL2 Identify natural hazards within your Identify and discover mineral Lidar data! community. Nevada Geology. resources Reno-Carson Lidar My Hazards App Nevada Geology App NV Mineral Explorer Explore More Apps Minerals and Energy Geothermal Applications: Links: Geothermal Energy National Geothermal Data System Geothermal HUB Service Directory Other Energy Applications: Oil and Gas Resources Renewable Resources Links: Mining Applications: Mining District Text Search Mining District Database Files Reno Mineral Resources Mining District user guide Horton Card Index File of Nevada 43-101 Reports Mines, Minerals, Mine Owners and Operators, and Related References



# **Future Goals**

- NBMG has historically acted as a clearinghouse for GIS data in Nevada
  - There is a need to continue to provide this service
  - Connect users to other open data sites
- Continue to expand the Open Data site

Make more geospatial data available!

#### SODA SPRING VALLEY

GARFIELD HILLS

#### SARFIELD FLAT

WHISKY FLAT

# Thank You!

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