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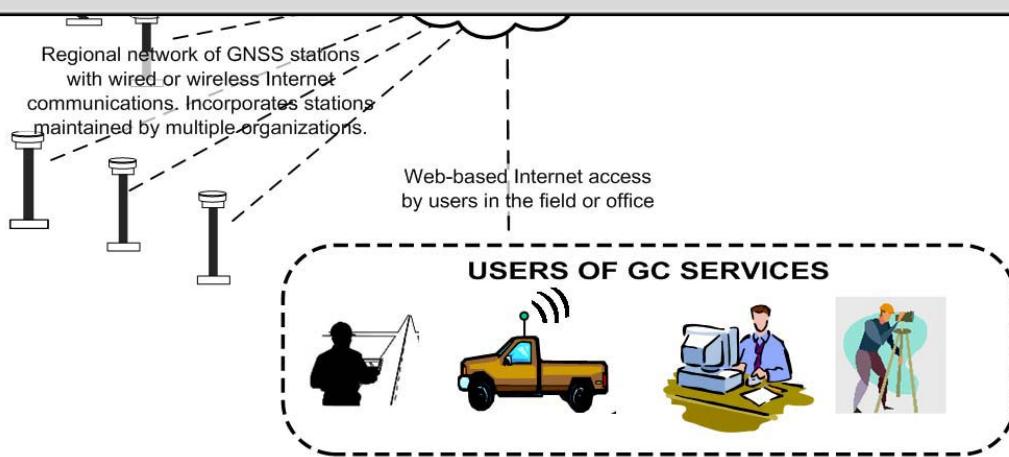
- Business Plan for Geopositioning Cooperative
 - Global Navigation Satellite Real-time Network
 - Enhanced Multi-state Control Point Database



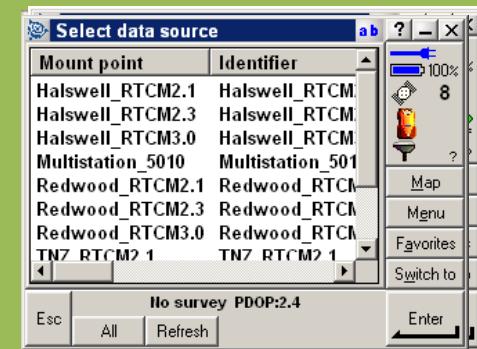
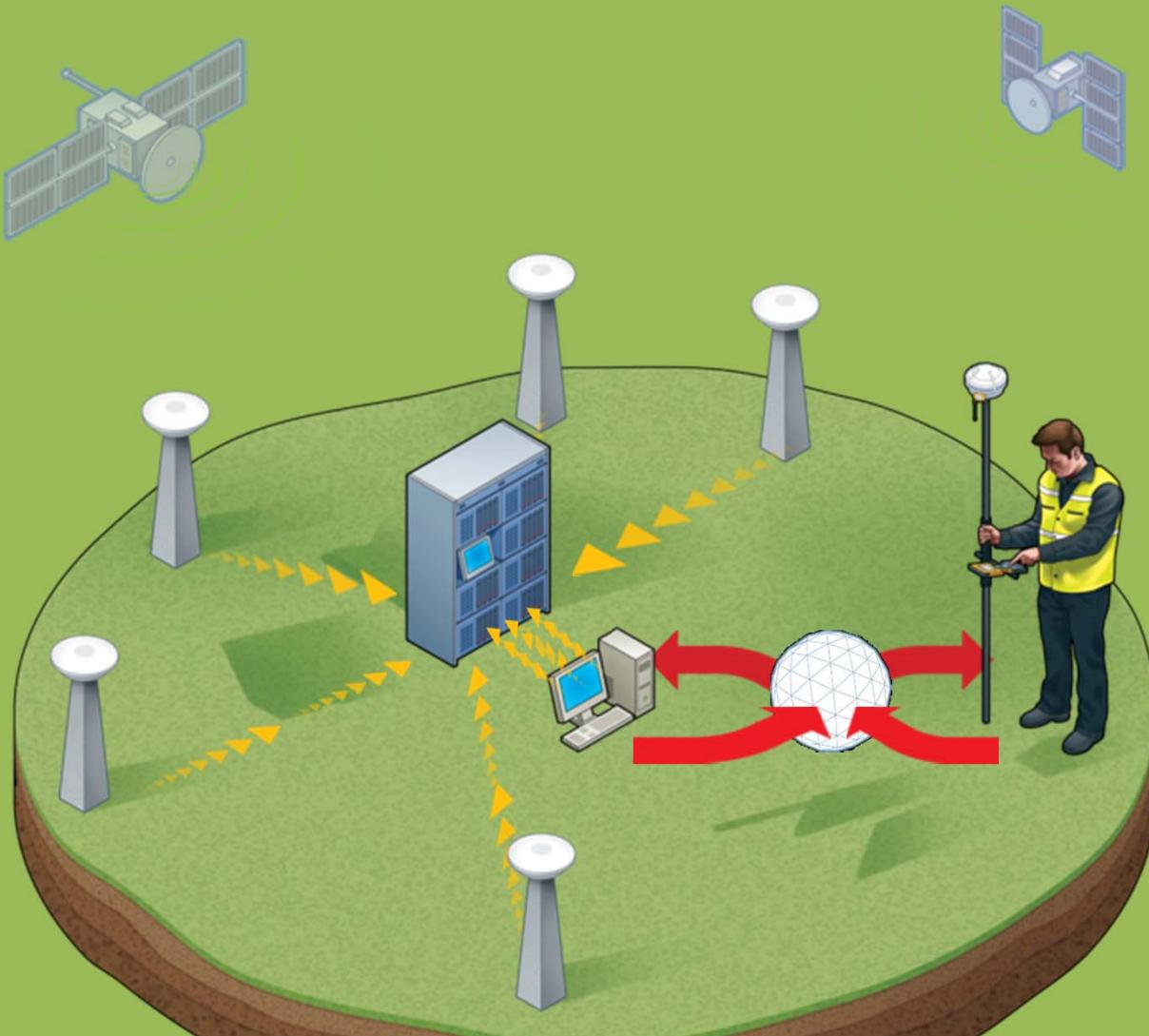
Geopositioning Cooperative Mission



Establish a sustainable geopositioning cooperative that serves the needs of the broad user communities of Idaho and Montana by providing effective access to high-quality geodetic control information, GNSS Infrastructure, and related services.



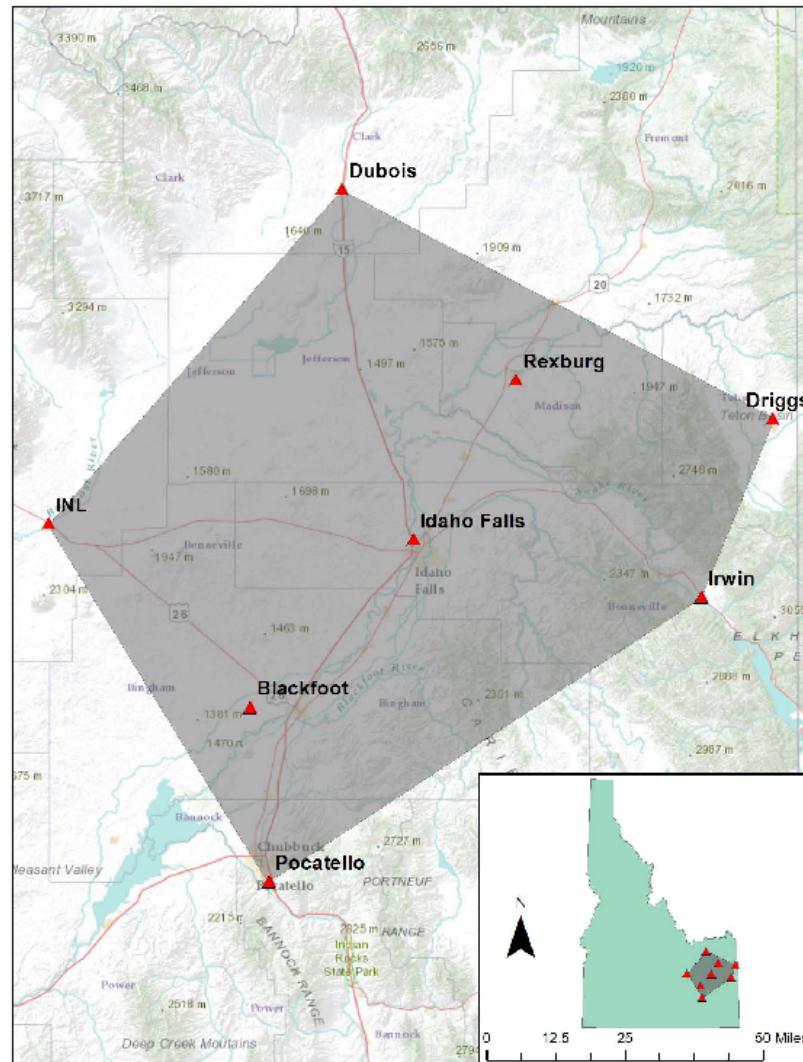
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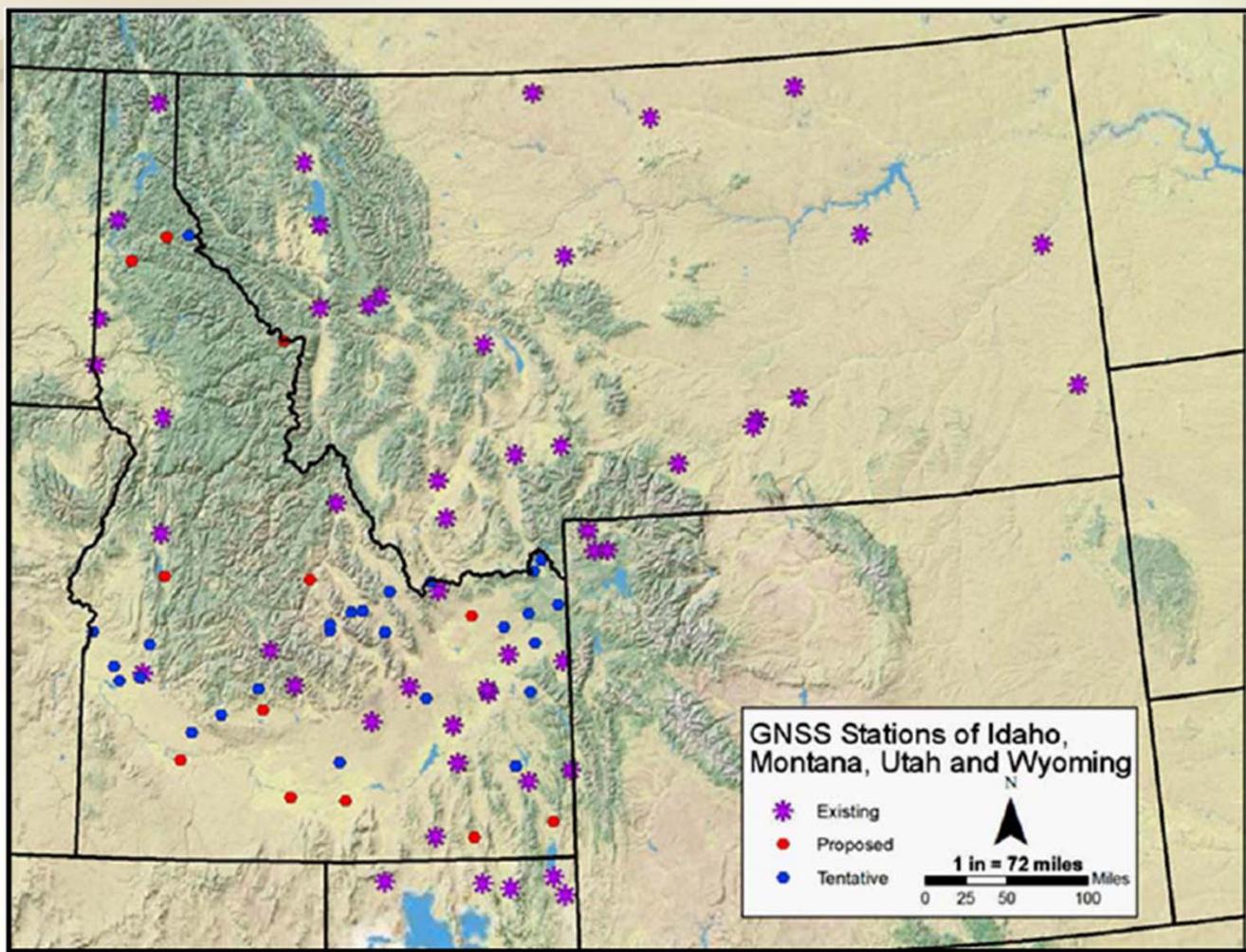
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Current GNSS Service Area





GNSS Real-time network





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Multi-state Control Point Database MCPD



History of the MCPD

A group of surveyors formed the Montana Geodetic Control Working (MTGCWG) in 2000 in order to develop strategies to facilitate the sharing of control point information for the following reasons:

- Less than 1% of geodetic and mapping control is reported to the National Geodetic Survey (blue-booked).
- Public funds are often used to create surveying or mapping and control that is used for only one project.
- GIS and surveyors can reduce project costs and improve project quality.

The primary strategy was to develop an online control point database application named the Montana Control Point Database (MCPD) which premiered in 2010.

In 2011 the Idaho Geodetic Control and the Cadastral Reference Working Group joined with the MTGCWG on a Federal Geographic Data Committee grant. Revised application went on-line in July 2012.

MCPD is currently housed at the Montana State Library, but an ArcGIS 10.1 application is being developed at ISU.



Purpose of the MCPD

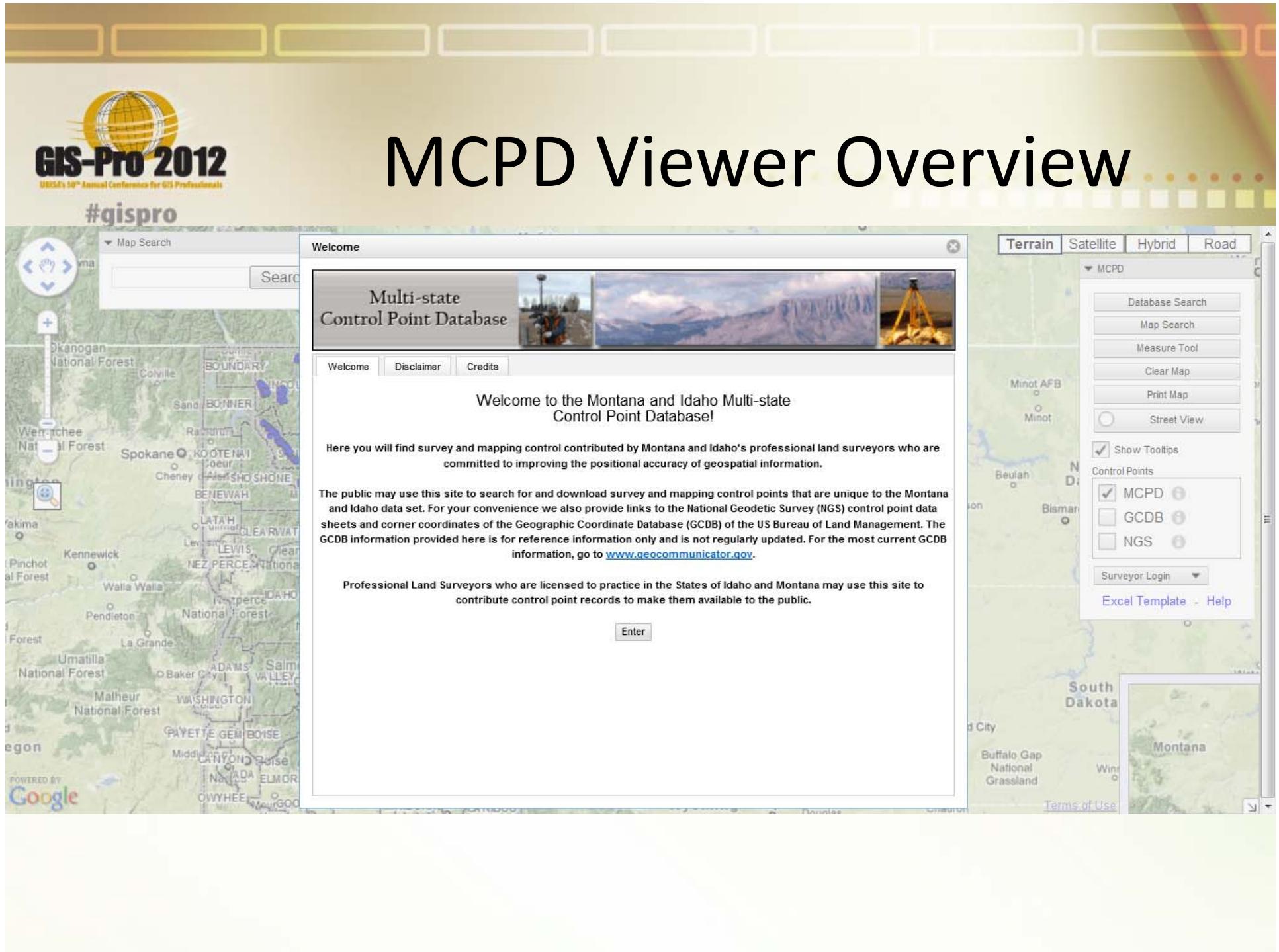
Find and publish survey and mapping control contributed by Montana and Idaho's professional land surveyors.

For Surveyors, the MCPD provides:

- a standardized, consistent format for data collection and storage.
- an opportunity for off-site data back up.
- one stop access to control point data thus reducing or eliminating research costs.

For GIS mappers, the MCPD provides:

- access to high quality control point information for improving geospatial data.





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MCPD Viewer Overview

A screenshot of the MCPD Viewer application interface. The main window shows a map of the Western United States with various locations labeled, including Lethbridge, Hat, Minot AFB, Minot, and several national forests. On the left, there is a search bar and a zoom control. On the right, there are tabs for Terrain, Satellite, Hybrid, and Road, along with a sidebar titled "MCPD" containing links for Database Search, Map Search, Measure Tool, Clear Map, Print Map, and Street View. A "Welcome" dialog box is overlaid on the map, featuring the title "Multi-state Control Point Database" and three small images of surveying equipment (a tripod, a laser device, and a total station). Below the title are buttons for Welcome, Disclaimer, and Credits. A small note at the bottom of the dialog box states: "The data offered here are presented by the host of this site, and by the data contributors for your use without warranty of any kind."

1. The coordinates available in this database are stored as provided by the surveyor. The administrators of this database do not modify, re-project, adjust, transform, reformat, update, or change in any way the coordinate values provided herein.
2. There could be multiple records for what is, purported to be, the same point, i.e. a surveyor or surveyors might provide competing coordinates for a section corner. The administrators and hosts of this database **do not adjudicate** conflicting or competing coordinates for any point in this database. It is up to you the user, to decide which coordinate to use, if any. **Caveat Emptor!**
3. This application may from time to time create **mapping** coordinates for each point that may be different from those contained in the database record. These **mapping** coordinates are for the sole purpose of generating a graphical display. These **mapping** coordinates should not be used for any purposes or relied upon in any way. This application presents, and you should use **only** the surveyor supplied coordinates, extracted from the database, for viewing and downloading (see 1. above).

MCPD Viewer Overview

The MCPD Viewer is a web-based application for viewing and managing geospatial data. It features a central Map Window displaying a terrain-based map of the Western United States, including states like Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Montana, Wyoming, and parts of California, Nevada, and Utah. The map shows county boundaries and numerous blue dots representing survey control points. A legend in the bottom right corner identifies these points as MCPD, GCDB, or NGS.

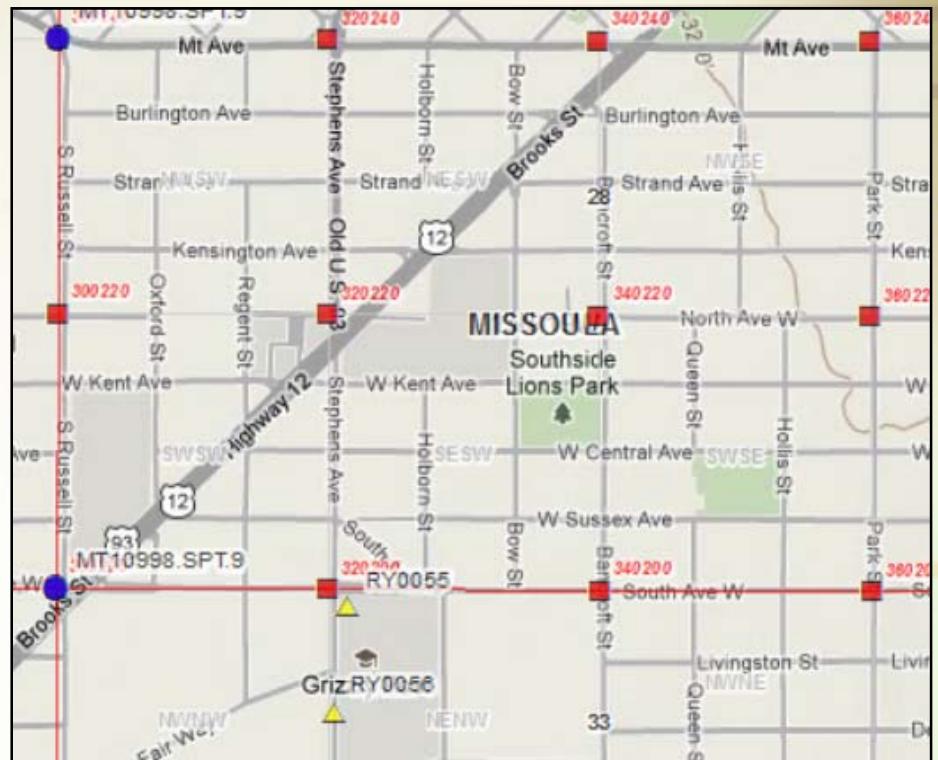
The interface includes several interactive elements:

- Pan & Zoom Controls**: Located in the top left, these controls allow users to pan across the map and zoom in and out.
- Map Search**: A search bar with a "Search" button is located in the top left corner.
- Map Window**: The main area where the map is displayed, showing the spatial distribution of survey points.
- Tools**: A toolbar at the top right contains buttons for "Terrain", "Satellite", "Hybrid", and "Road".
- Background Map Control**: A panel on the right side contains buttons for "Database Search", "Map Search", "Measure Tool", "Clear Map", "Print Map", and "Street View". It also includes a "Surveyor Login" dropdown and links for "Excel Template" and "Help".
- Control Point Visibility (on/off)**: A checkbox in the Background Map Control panel allows users to toggle the visibility of survey control points.
- Data Submission**: A link in the Background Map Control panel provides access to data submission functionality.

At the bottom of the page, there is a "Terms of Use" link and a "POWERED BY Google" logo.

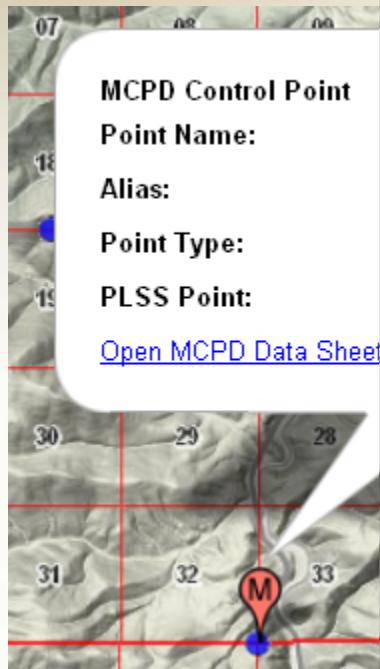
The MCPD application serves 3 different control point datasets:

- Idaho and Montana Control Points (MCPD)
- BLM's Geographic Coordinate Database (GCDB)
- A link to the National Geodetic Survey's control points (NGS).





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Map click info

CONTROL POINT DATASHEET

Multi-state Control Point Database - Date extracted on: 3/27/2012

CONTROL POINT INFORMATION

Point Name:	6460	General Location	
Point Alias:	NA	Meridian:	NA
Is this a PLSS Corner:	NA	Township:	NA
GCDB Point ID:	MT20T0240n0040W400700	Range:	NA
Monument Type:	NA	Section:	NA
Monument Description:			

HORIZONTAL COORDINATE INFORMATION

Northing:	405427.297 m	Easting:	404657.577 m
Horizontal Accuracy:	0.03 m	Horizontal Method:	Geodetic GPS
Horizontal Coordinate System:	Montana State Plane Meters	Horizontal Datum:	NAD83 (CORS96)

VERTICAL COORDINATE INFORMATION

Elevation:	1160.33 m		
Vertical Datum:	NAVD88	Vertical Accuracy:	0.1 m
Vertical Method:	GPS and Geoid Model		

PROJECT INFORMATION

Project Name:	GCDB Enhancement -Highline		
Project ID:	DJA-5247	Project Date:	3/16/2007
Comments:			

SURVEYOR CONTACT INFORMATION

Surveyor:	Kurt A. Luebke	License:	MT13237
Phone:	406-721-4320	Business:	DJ&A, P.C.
Business Address:	3203 Russell St.	Address 2:	NA
City:	Missoula	State:	MT
Zip Code:	59801	Email:	kurtl@djanda.com



MCPD ID: MT13237.CPT.2112



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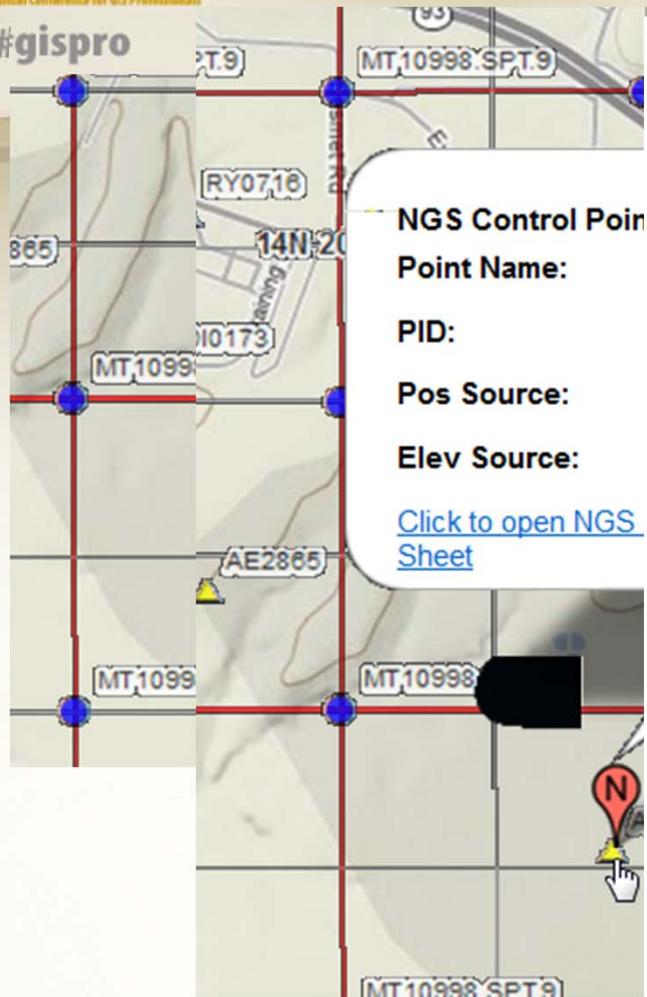




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The NGS Data Sheet

See file [dsdata.txt](#) for more information about the datasheet.

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DATABASE = NSIDB , PROGRAM = datasheet95, VERSION = 7.87.6
1   National Geodetic Survey, Retrieval Date = MARCH 27, 2012
NU0071 ****
NU0071 DESIGNATION - C 164
NU0071 PID - NU0071
NU0071 STATE/COUNTY- ID/BANNOCK
NU0071 USGS QUAD - POCATELLO NORTH (1971)
NU0071
NU0071           *CURRENT SURVEY CONTROL
NU0071
NU0071* NAD 83(1986)- 42 55 14. (N) 112 27 35. (W) SCALED
NU0071* NAVD 88 - 1363.141 (meters) 4472.24 (feet) ADJUSTED
NU0071
NU0071 GEOID HEIGHT- -12.74 (meters) GEOID09
NU0071 DYNAMIC HT - 1362.363 (meters) 4469.69 (feet) COMP
NU0071 MODELED GRAV- 980,002.3 (mgal) NAVD 88
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NU0071 VERT ORDER - FIRST CLASS I
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NU0071.an estimated accuracy of +/- 6 seconds.
NU0071.
NU0071.The orthometric height was determined by differential leveling and
NU0071.adjusted in June 1991.
NU0071
NU0071.WARNING-Repeat measurements at this control monument indicate possible
NU0071.vertical movement.
NU0071
NU0071.The geoid height was determined by GEOID09.
NU0071
NU0071.The dynamic height is computed by dividing the NAVD 88
NU0071.geopotential number by the normal gravity value computed on the
NU0071.Geodetic Reference System of 1980 (GRS 80) ellipsoid at 45
NU0071.degrees latitude (g = 980.6199 gals.).
NU0071
NU0071.The modeled gravity was interpolated from observed gravity values.
NU0071
NU0071;          North      East     Units Estimated Accuracy
NU0071;SPC ID E - 139,320.    176,070.    MT (+/- 180 meters Scaled)
NU0071
NU0071           SUPERSEDED SURVEY CONTROL
NU0071
NU0071 NGVD 29 (08/20/92) 1362.087 (m) 4468.78 (f) ADJUSTED 1 1
NU0071
NU0071.Superseeded values are not recommended for survey control.
NU0071.NGS no longer adjusts projects to the NAD 27 or NGVD 29 datums.
NU0071.See file dsdata.txt to determine how the superseded data were derived.
NU0071
NU0071_U.S. NATIONAL GRID SPATIAL ADDRESS: 12TUN808530(NAD 83)
NU0071
NU0071_MARKER: DB = BENCH MARK DISK
NU0071_SETTING: 7 = SET IN TOP OF CONCRETE MONUMENT
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MULTIPLE POINT DATABASE SEARCH



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MCPD Viewer Overview

The MCPD Viewer is a web-based application for viewing geospatial data. The main interface features a map of the Western United States with county boundaries and names. A legend on the right side identifies various data layers:

- MCPD**: Includes Database Search, Map Search, Measure Tool, Clear Map, Print Map, Street View, and Show Tooltips (which is checked).
- Control Points**: Includes MCPD (checked), GCDB, and NGS.
- Surveyor Login**: Includes Excel Template and Help.

A blue box highlights the "Tools" button in the legend, and an orange arrow points from this box to the "Show Tooltips" checkbox. The map also shows several national forests and major cities.



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Control
dataset to
query

Location
Query

Who and
when criteria

Accuracy
criteria

Point Type

Export file
format

Perform the
Query

Database Search

Select control point data Select state

MCPD GCDB Montana Idaho

Select spatial criteria - Buffer:

County: [] City: []

Township: [] Range: []

Select attribute criteria

Surveyor: []

Agency/Firm: []

Survey Date: From: [] To: []

Horiz. Accuracy: = []

Horiz. Method: []

Vert. Accuracy: = []

Vert. Method: []

Point type: []

Select download file type

KML ASCII Calculate & include lat/long coordinates using:

Decimal Degrees Degrees Minutes Seconds

Search Clear Form Close

State to
query

All options that you
select on this form
operate as AND
queries to the
database.

Add
geographic
coordinates



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The Map Search tool interactively selects points on the MCPD map by

- drawing a polygon around your area of interest
- buffering around a point you select.

MCPD Select Tool

Map Search

Select control point data:

MCPD GCDB

Create search area by:

drawing a polygon on the map, OR

buffering a point by radius of: Miles

Select download file type:

ASCII KML Calculate & include lat/long coordinates

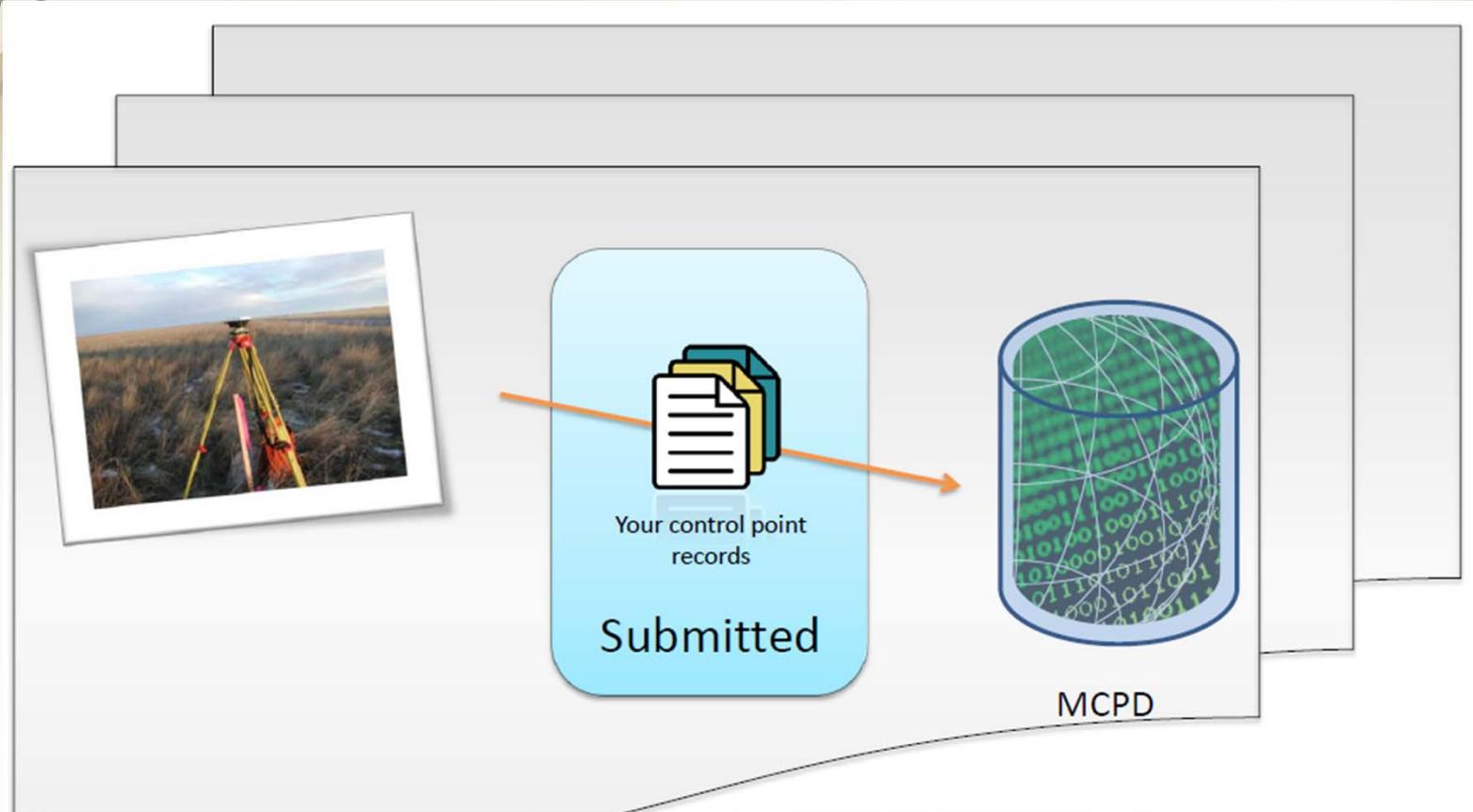
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 Degrees Minutes Seconds

▼ MCPD



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How to submit data





How to Submit Data

	A	B	C
1	Point Name		
2	Sample Point	Bra	
3		1	
4		2	
5		3	
6		4	
7		5	
8		6	
9		7	
10		8	

Submit

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Participating organizations

- *Professional land surveyors of Montana*
- *The Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors*
- *Montana Department of Transportation*
- *Montana Department of Administration – Base Map Service Center*
- *National Geodetic Survey*
- *United States Forest Service*
- *United States Bureau of Land Management*
- *Missoula County, Montana*
- *Lewis & Clark County, Montana*
- *Professional land surveyors of Idaho*
- *Idaho Society of Professional Land Surveyors*
- *The Idaho Map – TIM*
- *Information Technology Resource Management Council of Idaho*
- *Idaho Department of Transportation*
- *Federal Geographic Data Committee*
- *United States Geological Survey*



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The business plan

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