## On the Road: Transportation Programs Driving Regional Tribal Mapping Project

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#### Overview

- Introductions
- Tribal Mapping Project Overview
- GIS development and RIFDS
- Practical applications
- Questions



### Rocky Mountain Tribal Mapping Project

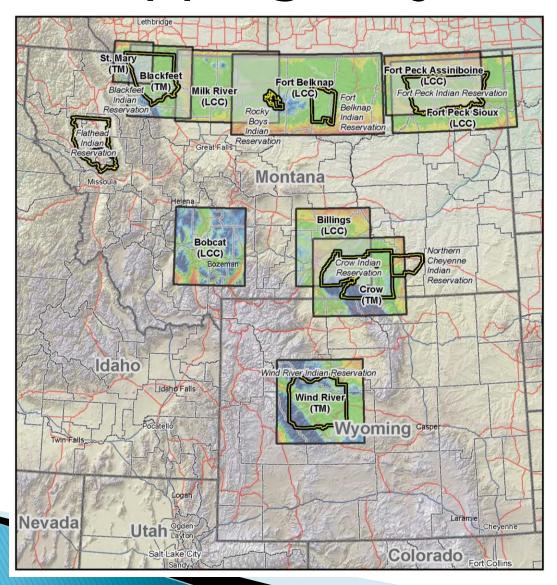












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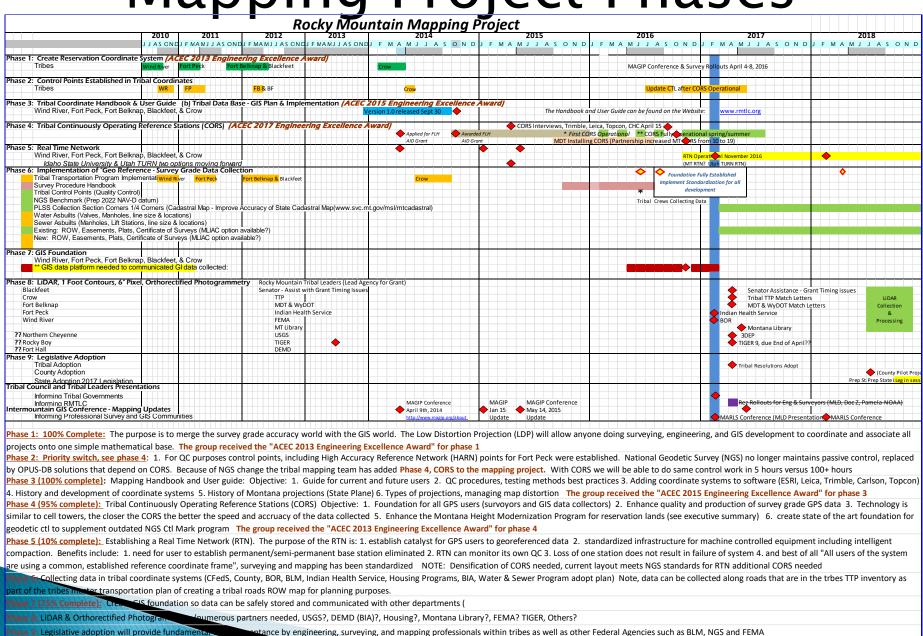
## The Survey Grade Accuracy World Meets GIS and LiDAR

#### (A Planning and Design Tool)

- Survey grade accuracy in GIS system
- Coordinates and associates all surveying, engineering, and GIS projects onto one simple mathematical base
- DOTs, Land Departments, Irrigation, Tribal Housing, DNR, Forestry, Utilities and all others involved with development and mapping will be able to put all data onto one common survey grade base map.



#### Mapping Project Phases

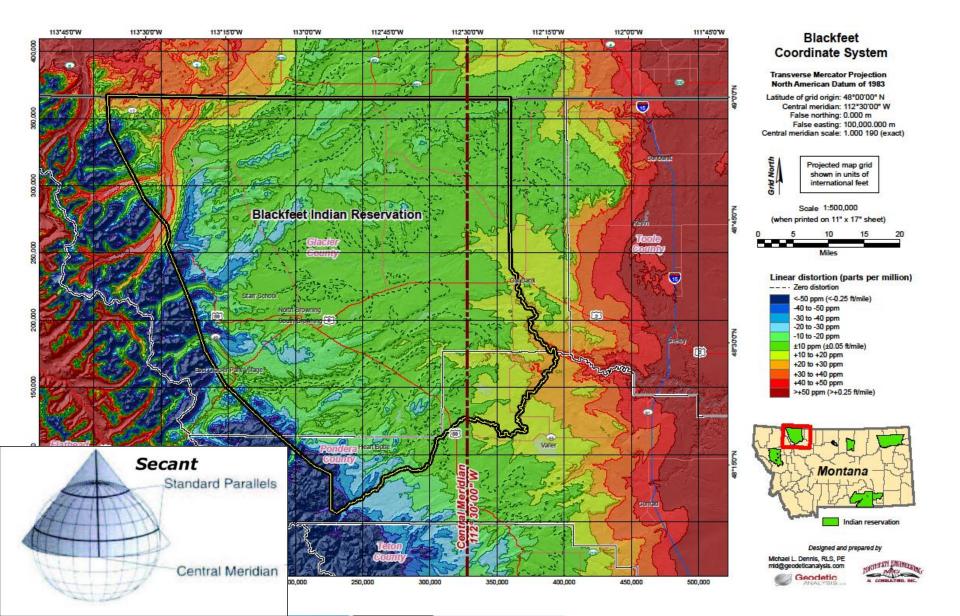


bers have been inspired to become surveyors, engineer technicians, engineers, GIS technicians, GIS coordinators and GIS professionals?

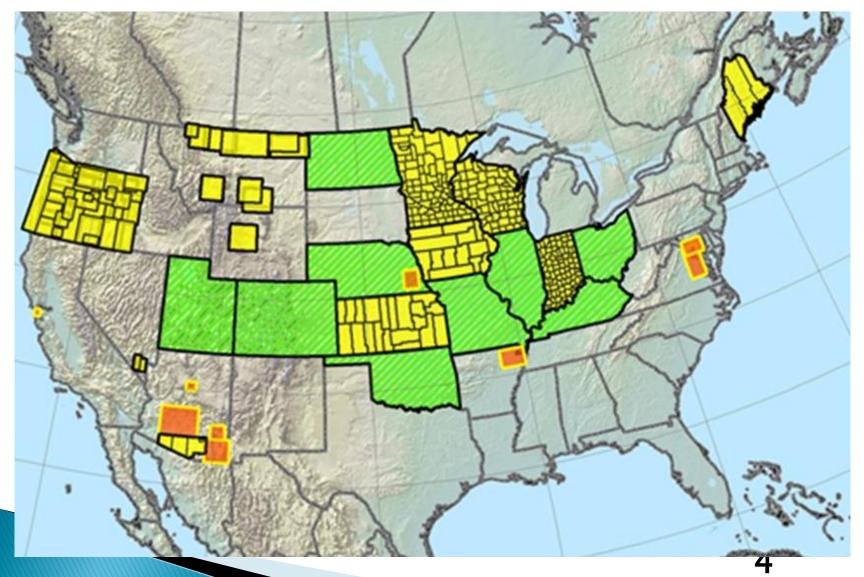
Phase 10: Measure project success. Success is defined by 1. How-

#### Phase 1: Coordinate Systems

Example: Blackfeet Coordinate System



#### **Low Distortion Projections Locations**



## Phase 3

#### Handbook & User Guide

#### Free Downloads

Rocky Mountain Tribal Leaders
Website

www.rmtlc.org

Resources → Mapping & Surveying

or

Montana Association of Registered Land Surveyors

(MARLS) <a href="http://marls.com/">http://marls.com/</a>

Resources → RMTCRS Information

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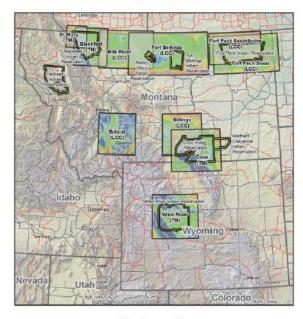




#### Rocky Mountain Tribal Coordinate Reference System

Handbook and User Guide

For the
Blackfeet
Crow
Fort Belknap
Fort Peck
& Wind River Reservations



Version - v1.0 30 September 2014

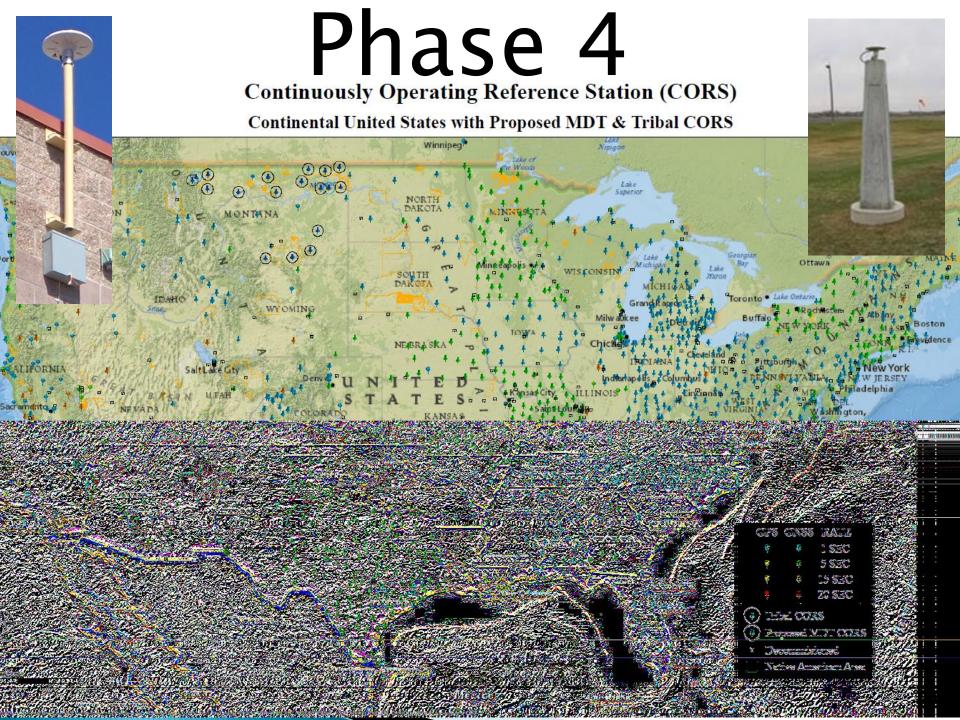
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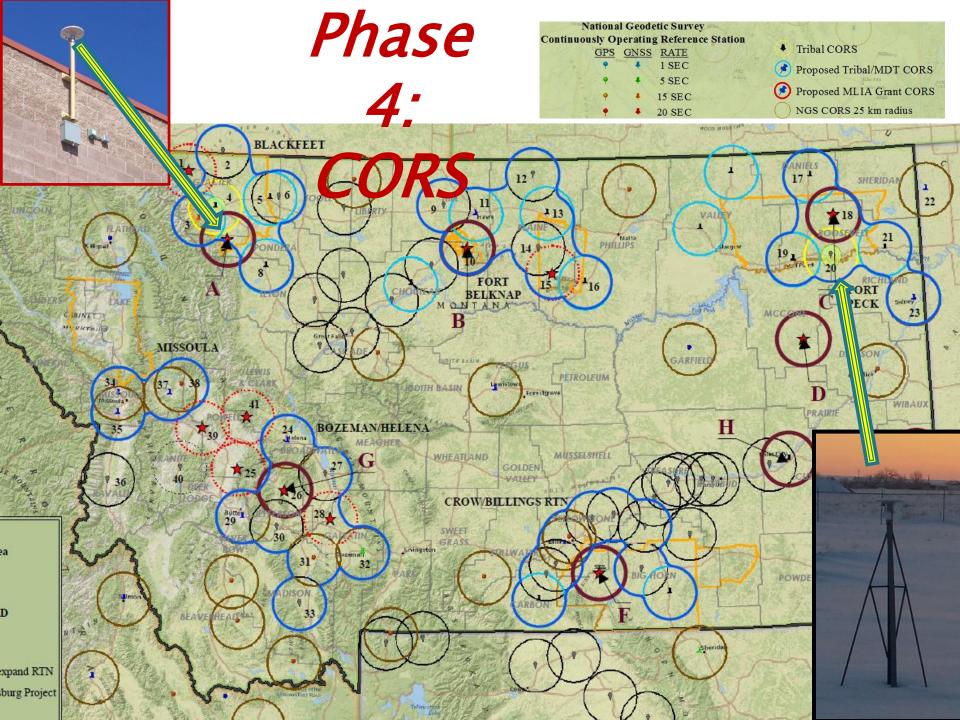






## Fort Peck Poplar, MT CORS



















## Real Time Network (RTN) Phase 5











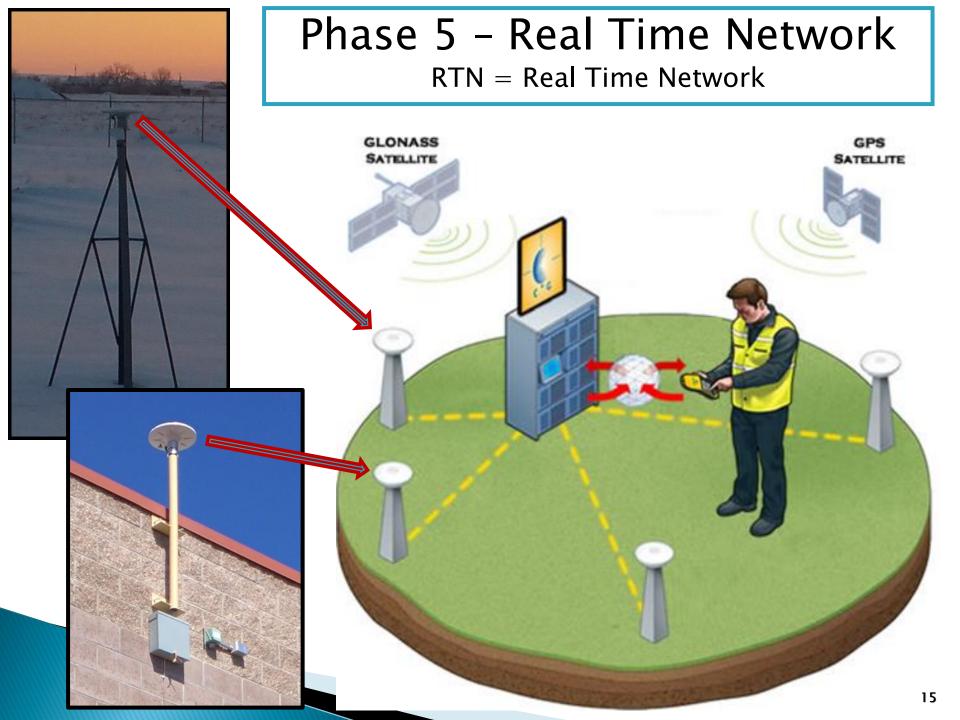


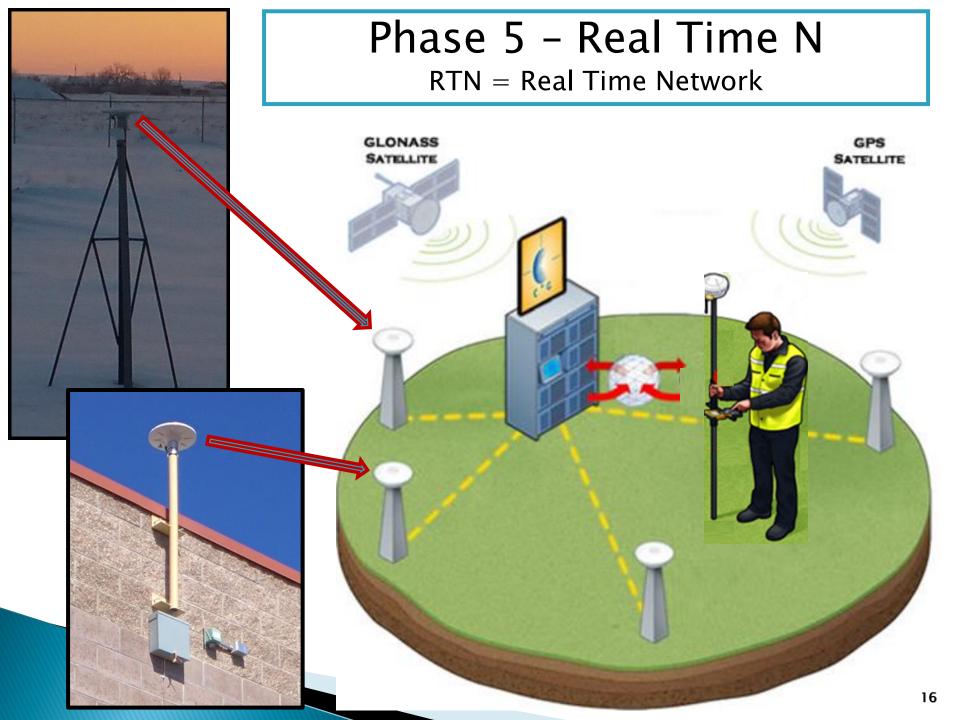






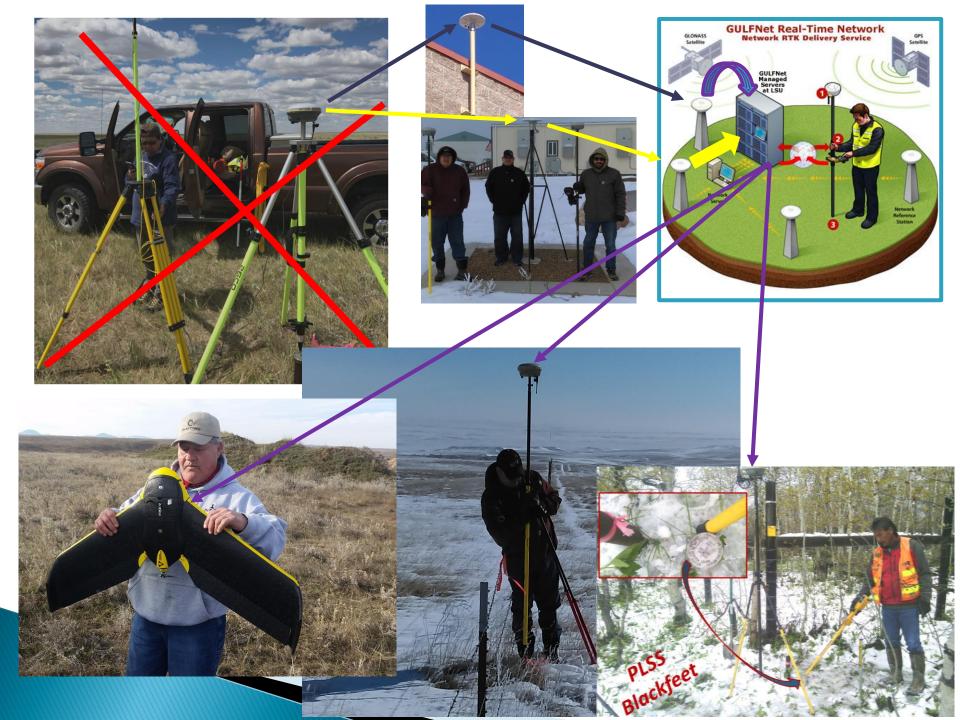




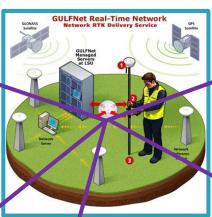


Fort Belknap



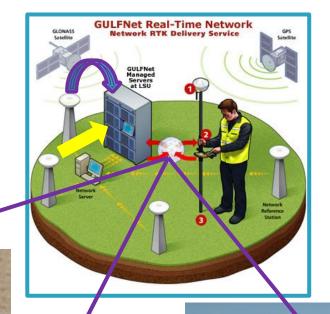




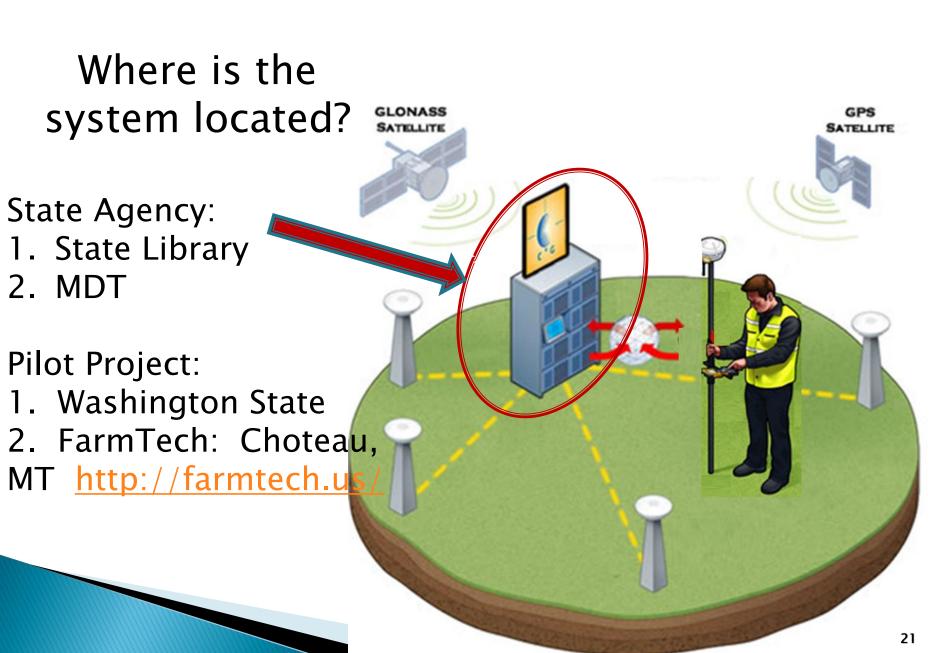








#### **RTN: Current Status**



What program?

1. Leica Spider?

2. Trimble?

3. Topcon?

4. Geo++?

\* needs to be universal



















## Phase 6 Survey Grade GIS Layer



Objective: Create a highly accurate and comprehensive survey grade GIS system based on GPS data.

## Phase 2

# Establish Passive Control Networks

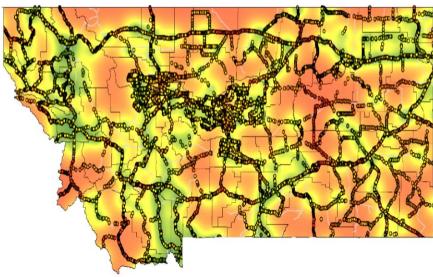
Objective: Establish ground based control points for project control and quality assurance.

#### Phase 6d = Phase 2: Tribal Control

Use NGS, MDT, Section Corners, and ¼ Corners









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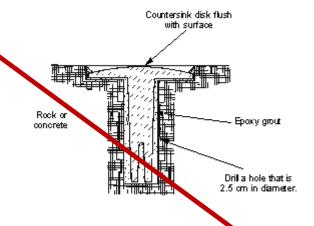


## Phase 2

Control Networks Passive Control

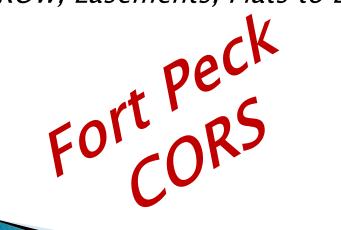






# Phase 6 Data Collection

- a) Survey Procedure Handbook Done
- b) Roads Ownership, Condition, Type
- c) Tribal Control Points
- d) NGS Benchmarks (Prep 2022 NAV-D datum)
- e) PLSS Collection Section, ¼ Corners
- f) Utility Asbuilts
- g) ROW, Easements, Plats to Data Base



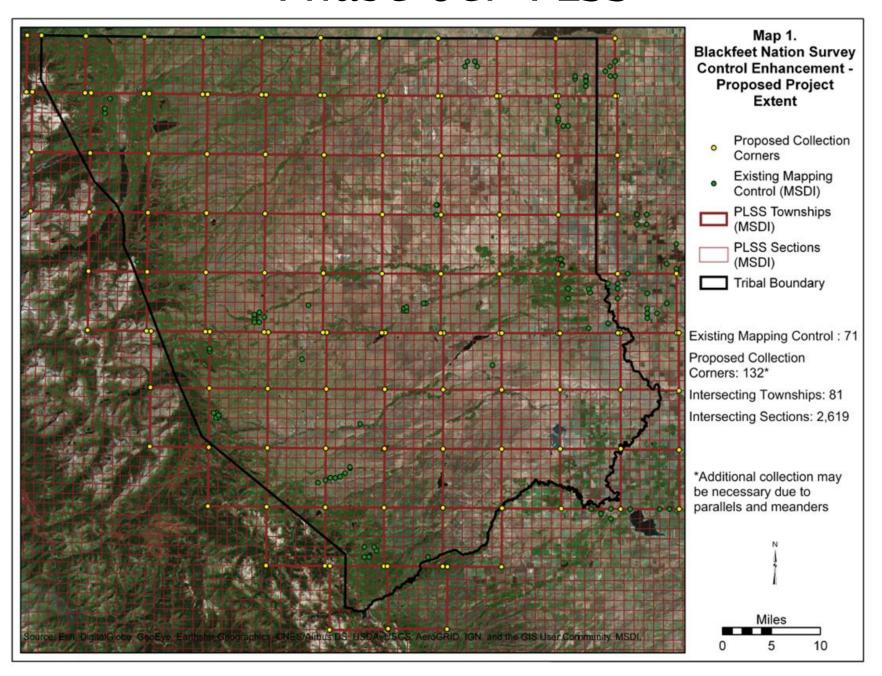


#### Phase 6e: PLSS

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#### Phase 6e: PLSS



#### Phase 6 - Data Collection

#### 1. Survey Procedure Handbook

- 2. Roads Ownership, Condition, Type
- 3. Tribal Control Points
- 4. NGS Benchmarks (Prep 2022 NAV-D datum)
- 5. PLSS Collection Section, ¼ Corners
- 6. Water Asbuilts
- 7. ROW, Easements, Plats to Data Base



## Phase 6 Data Collection

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#### 2.Roads – Ownership, Condition, Type (RIFDS)

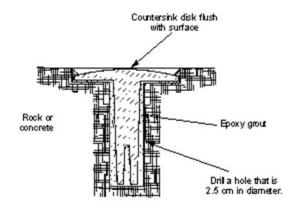
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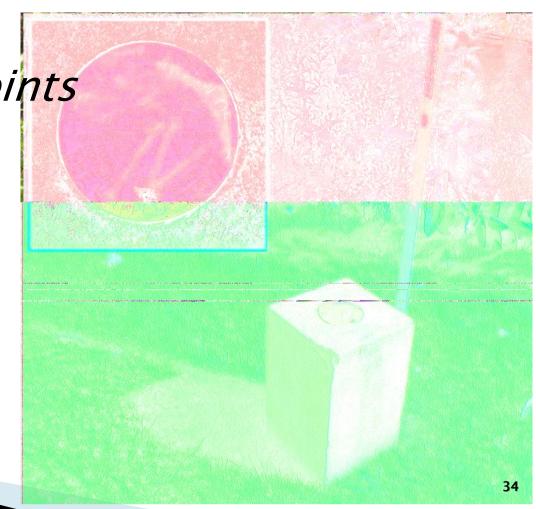
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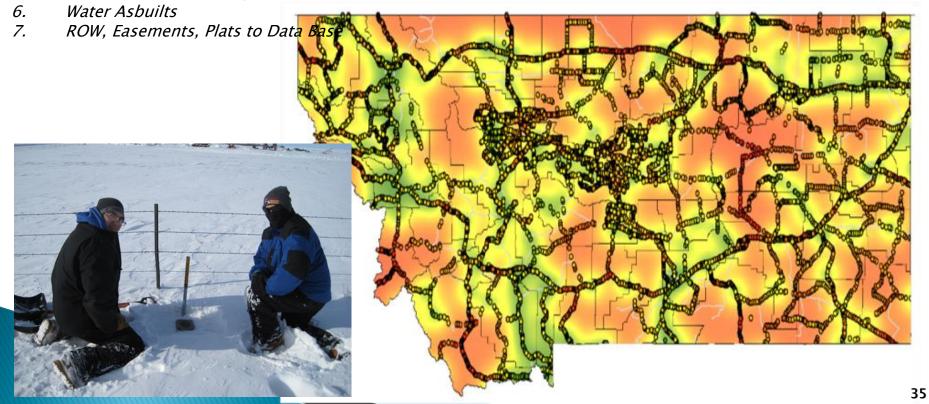


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#### 4. NGS Benchmarks (Prep 2022 NAV-D datum)

PLSS Collection Section, 1/4 Corners



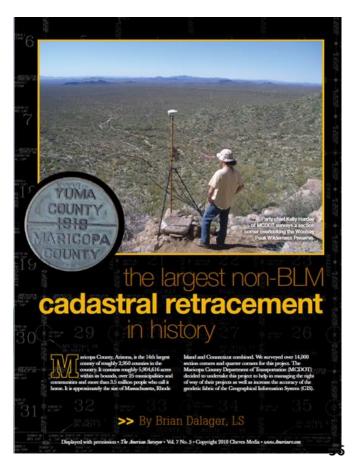
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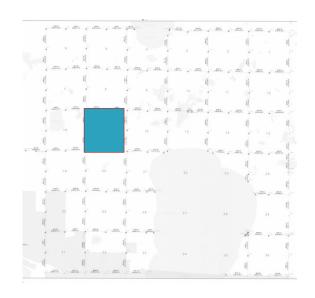
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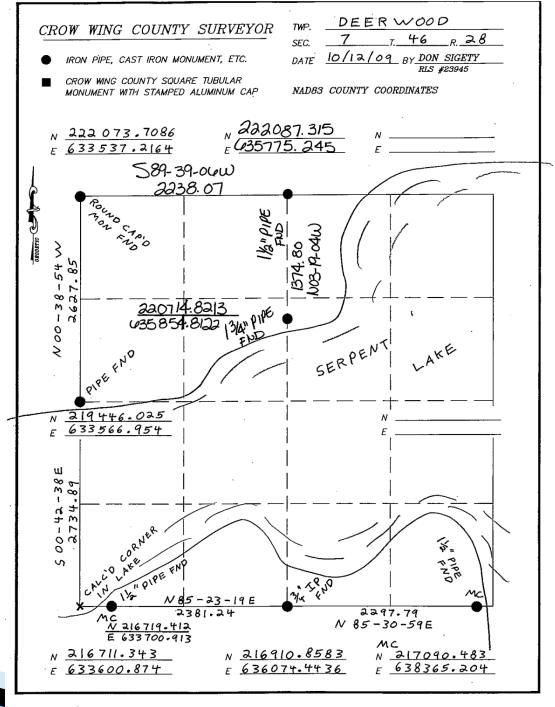
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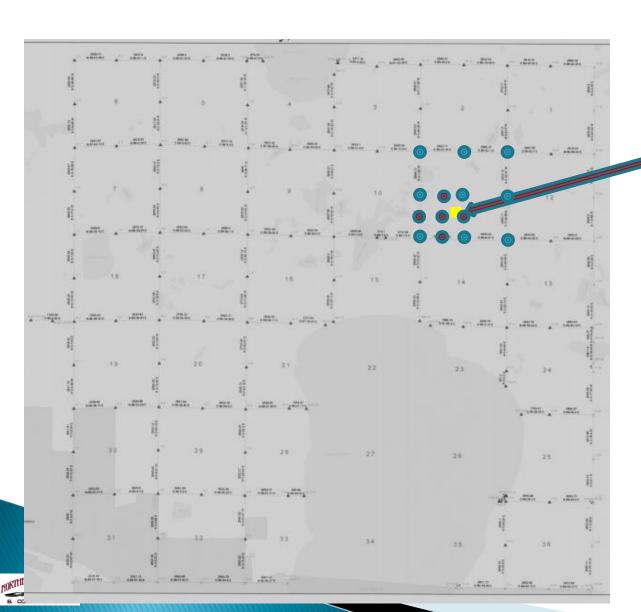
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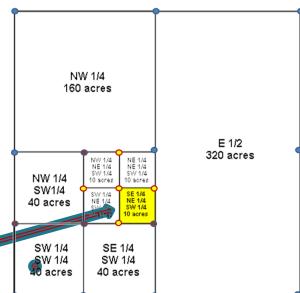




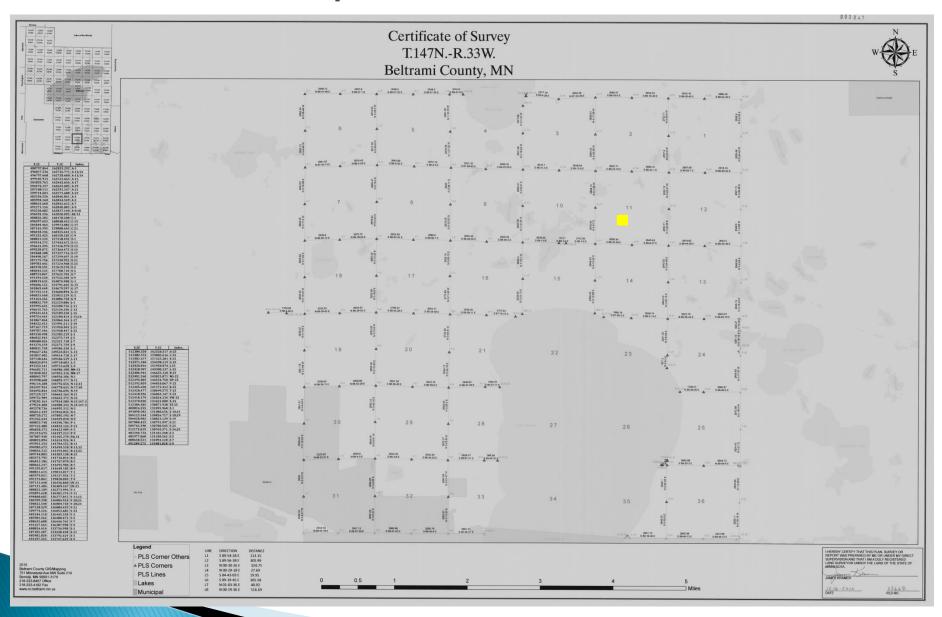


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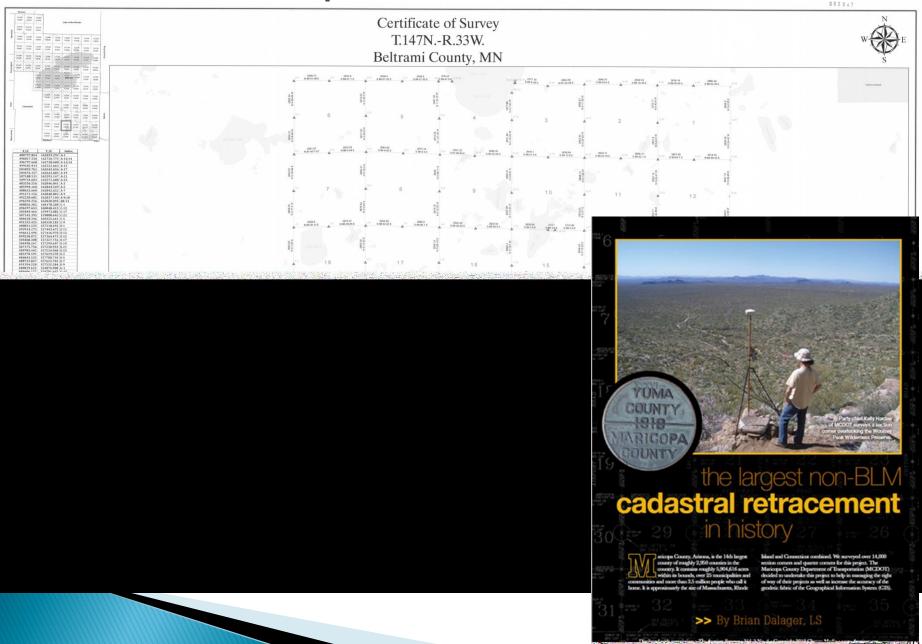




## **Entire Townships**



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#### Bureau of Indians Land Surveyor (BILS) BLM – Thomas Laakso



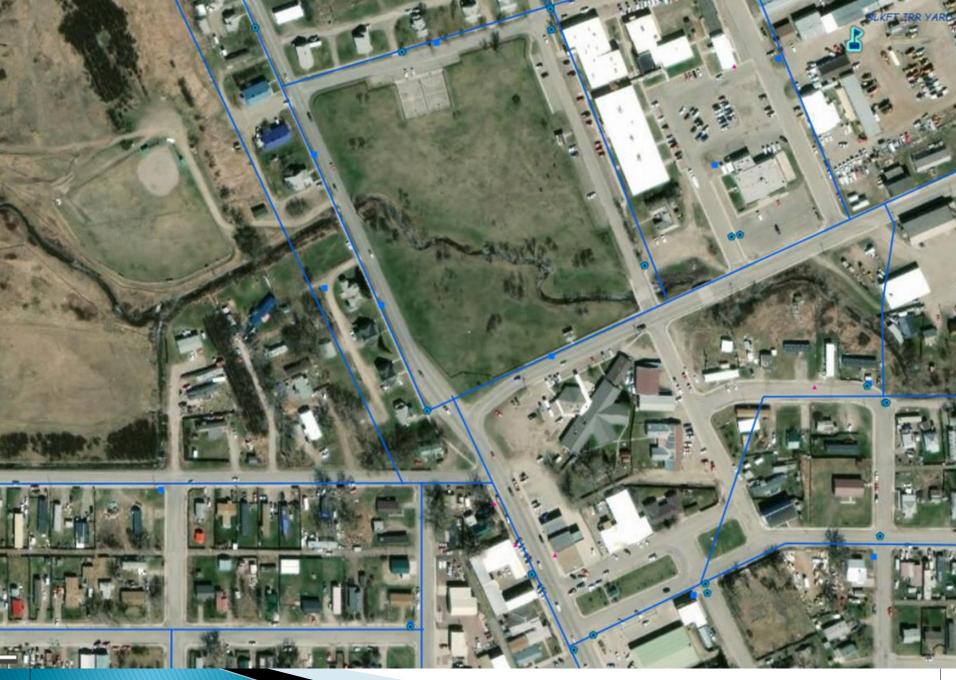
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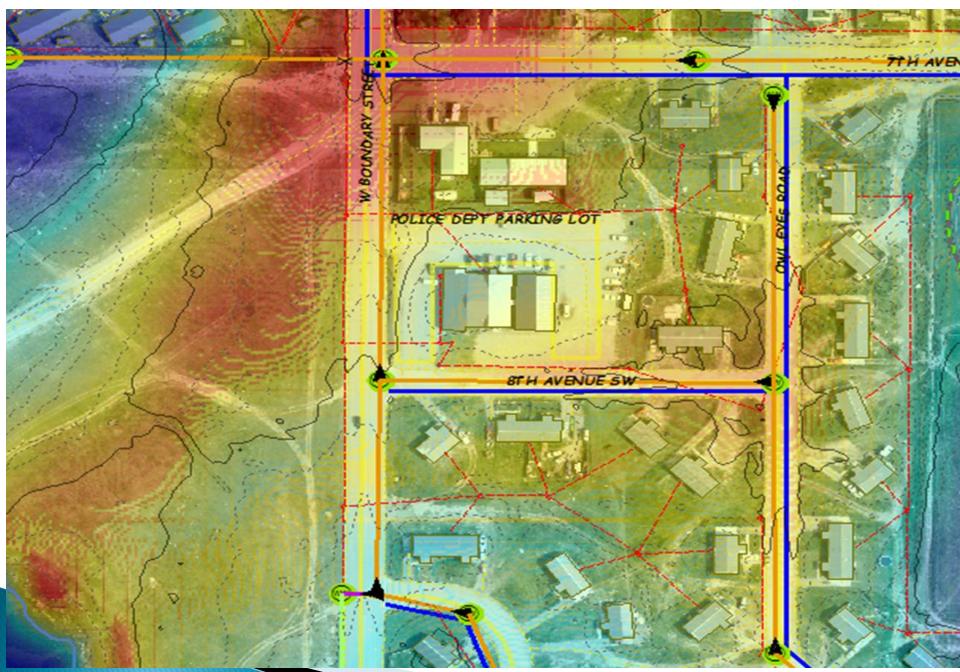
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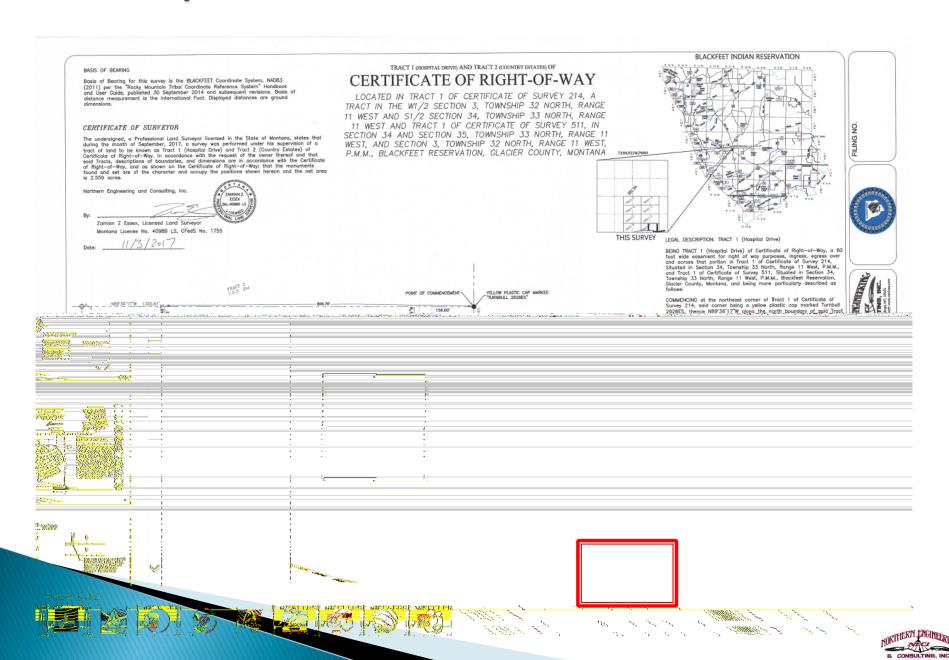


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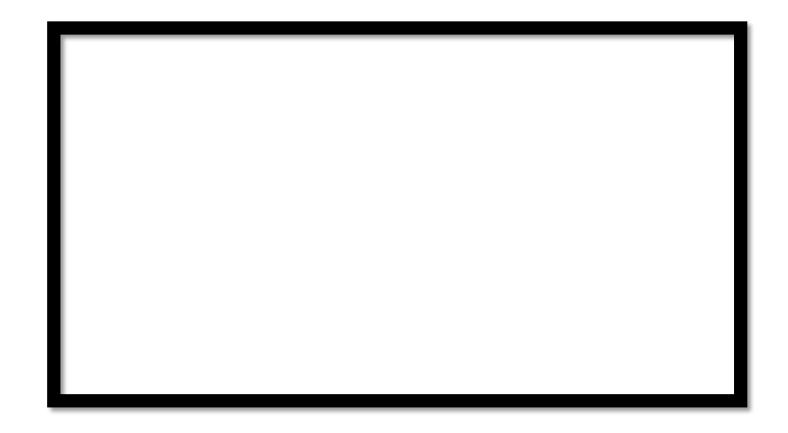
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## **ROW Map**

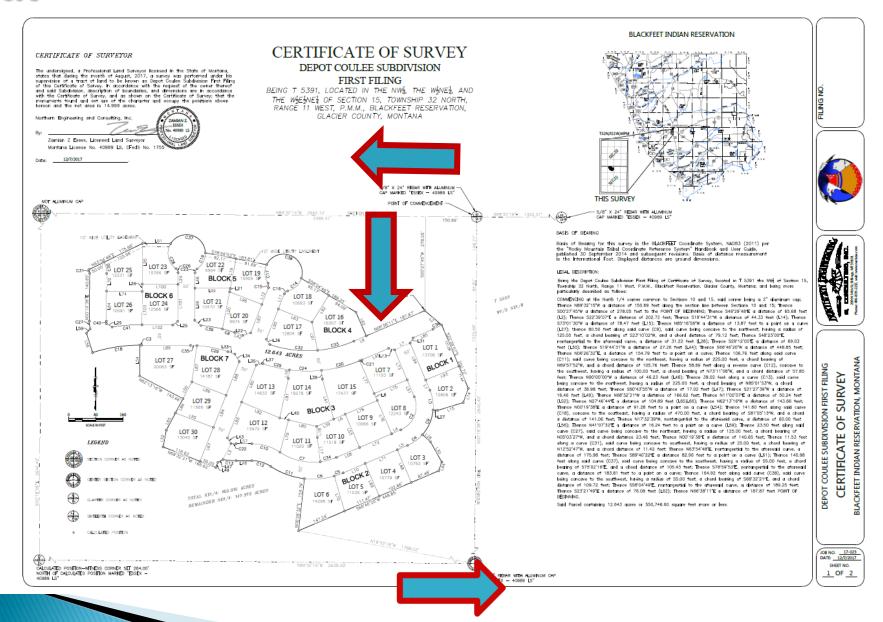


## **ROW Map**



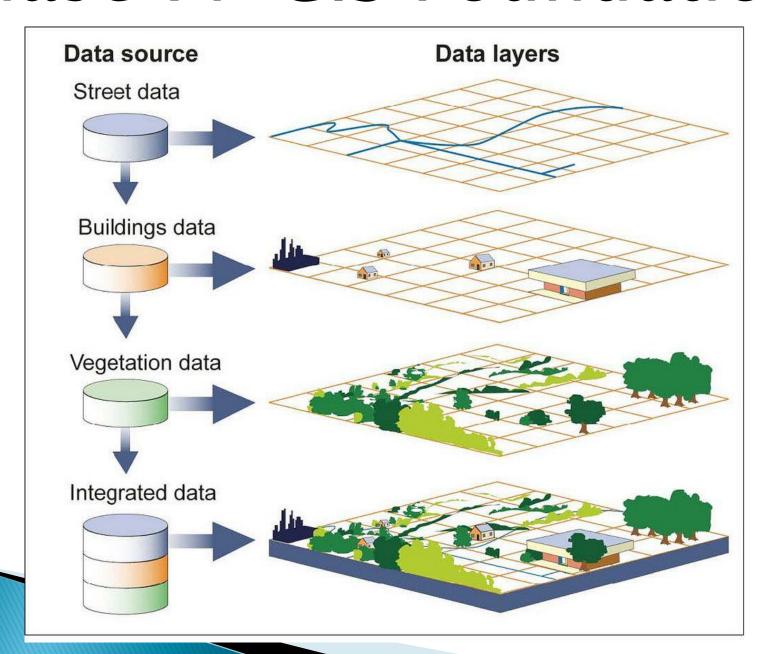


#### Plat

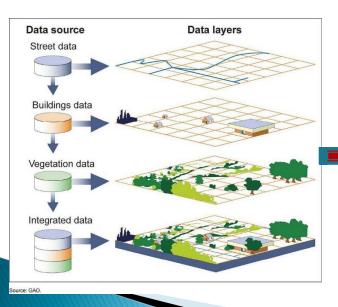


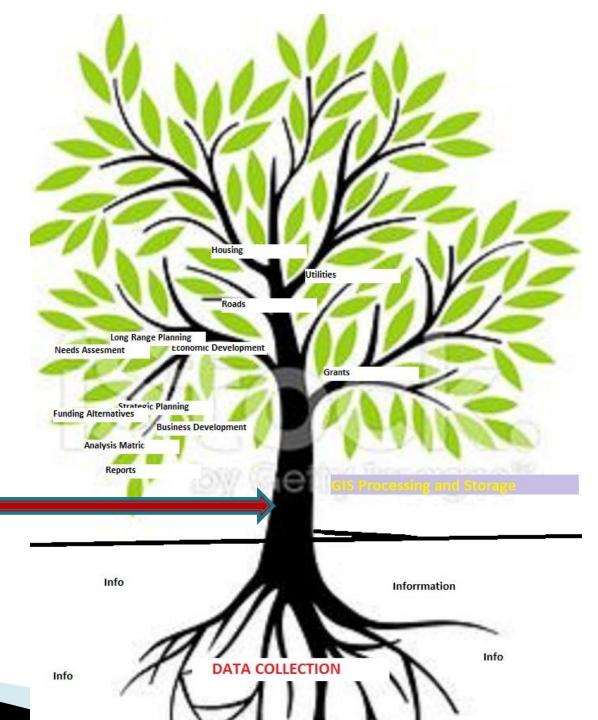


## Phase 7: GIS Foundation



## GIS





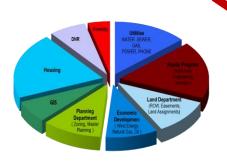
## DATA COLLECTION Everyone Benefits

<u>In 5, 10, 15, 20</u> <u>years...</u>



# In 5, 10, 15, 20 years... the survey and engineering data produced/collected will be easily retrievable!

- ROW's
- Easements
- Land Surveys
- Land Corners
- Utility Asbuilts
  - Water & Sewer Lines
  - Gas Lines
  - Power Lines
- Irrigations Structures
- Topographic Surveys



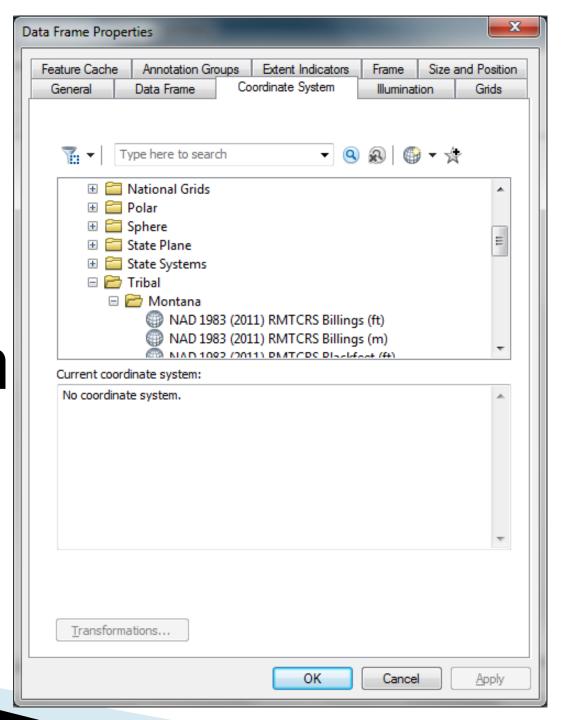


#### Who collects the data?

- 1) Engineers
- 2) Surveyors

## Phase 7

## GIS Foundation

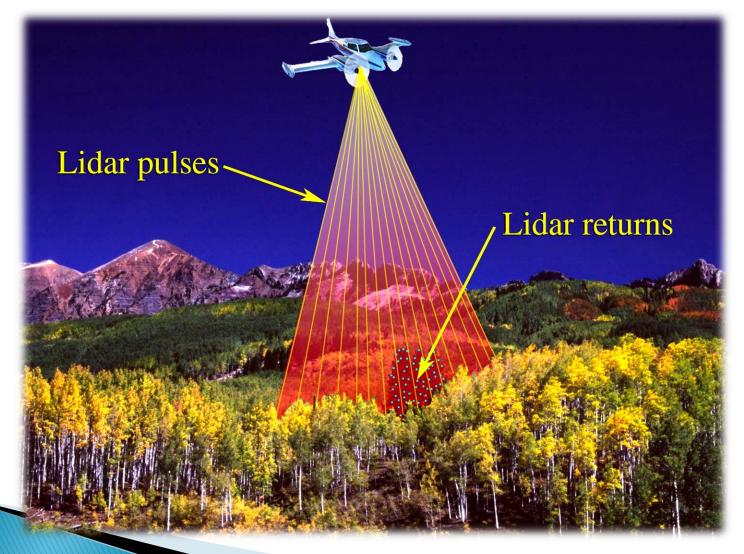


## Phase 8

# LiDAR & Orthorectified – Photogrametry

Objective: Obtain highly accurate topographic mapping and orthorectified aerial photography for use in planning and design projects.

## Pulses vs. Returns (Point Clouds)









## Browning, Montana: Blackfeet 1 foot contours 32 points/square meter

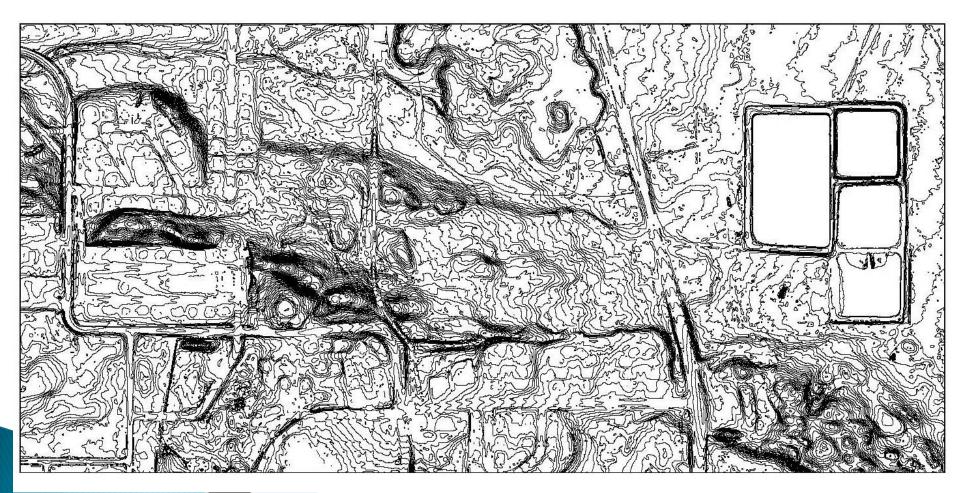
#### 5. Accuracy Assessments

In order to verify the quality of the final ground surface, data from the ground survey conducted in the area was compared to the LiDAR ground surface. Northern Engineering and Consulting, Inc. provided 12 static gps control points and 390 real-time kinematic (RTK) gps measurements. The check points were distributed among multiple flight swaths. To assess the absolute accuracy, the coordinates of the RTK ground points were compared to the closest laser ground points. The table below lists the results summarized by land cover type.

RTK	RTK Survey	Root Mean	Minimum dZ	Maximum	Average Dz
Surface	Sample Size	Square		dΖ	
Type		Error			
Hard	121	0.189 ft.	-0.452 ft.	+0.412 ft.	+0.005 ft.
Surface					
Short Grass	94	0.187 ft.	-0.415 ft.	+0.451 ft.	+0.005 ft.
M. France	102	0.271.6	0.205.6	10.50C B	10.140.6
Medium	102	0.271 ft.	-0.385 ft.	+0.596 ft.	+0.140 ft.
Grass					
Tall Grass	73	0.120 ft.	-0.142 ft.	+0.296 ft.	+0.057 ft.
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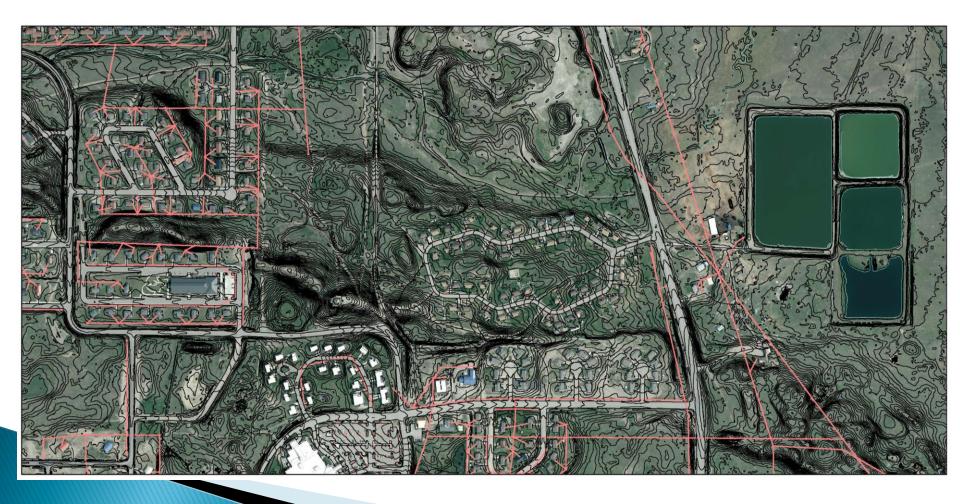


## Contour Maps - 1 Foot





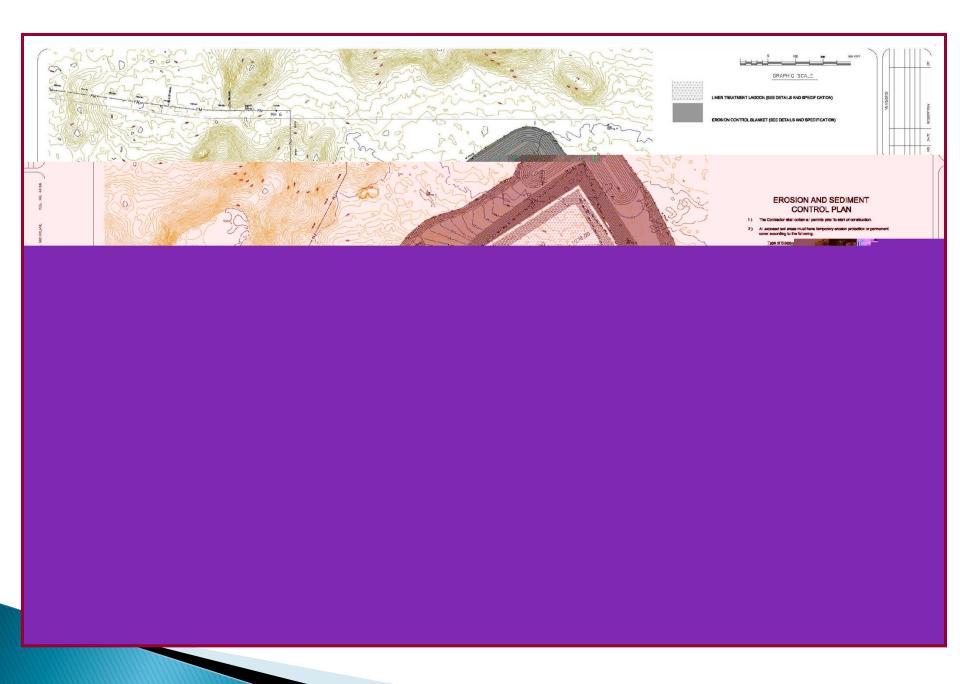
## **Aerial Photos**



Site

conditions:

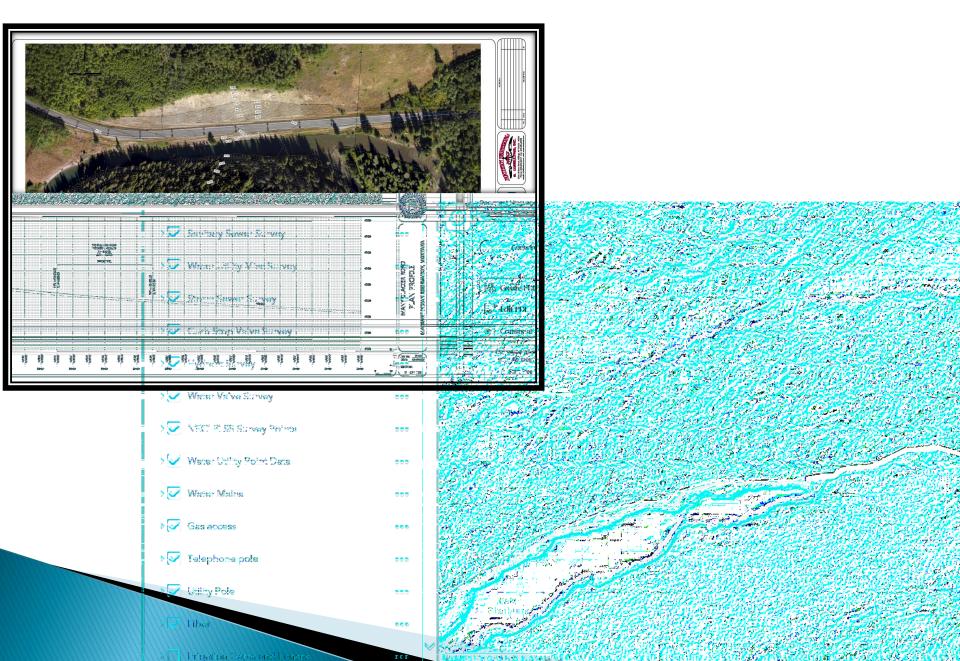




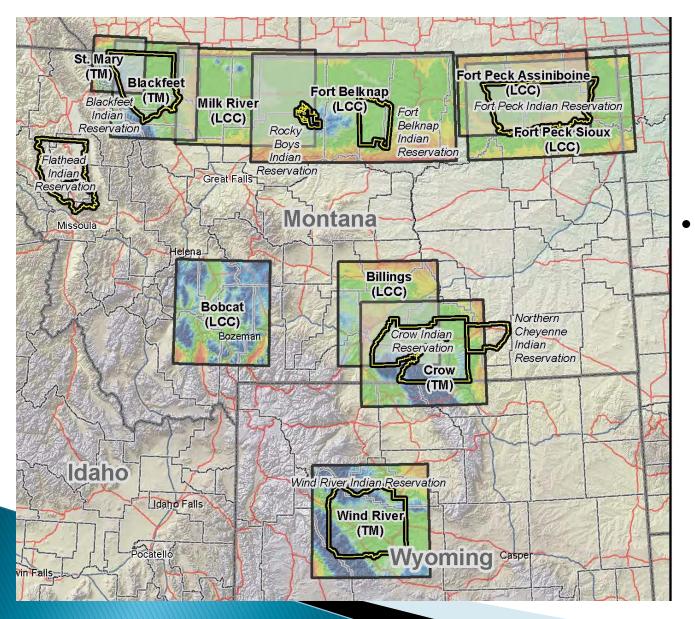
## LiDAR & Ortho-rectified Photos

- With LiDAR you can design more efficiently:
  - plans can be taken to 30% without field surveys
  - permission to survey eliminated in some cases
  - hydraulic studies can be done without addition field surveys
  - water pipe sizing and water tower elevations can be designed using elevation data from LiDAR

## Many Glacier Road

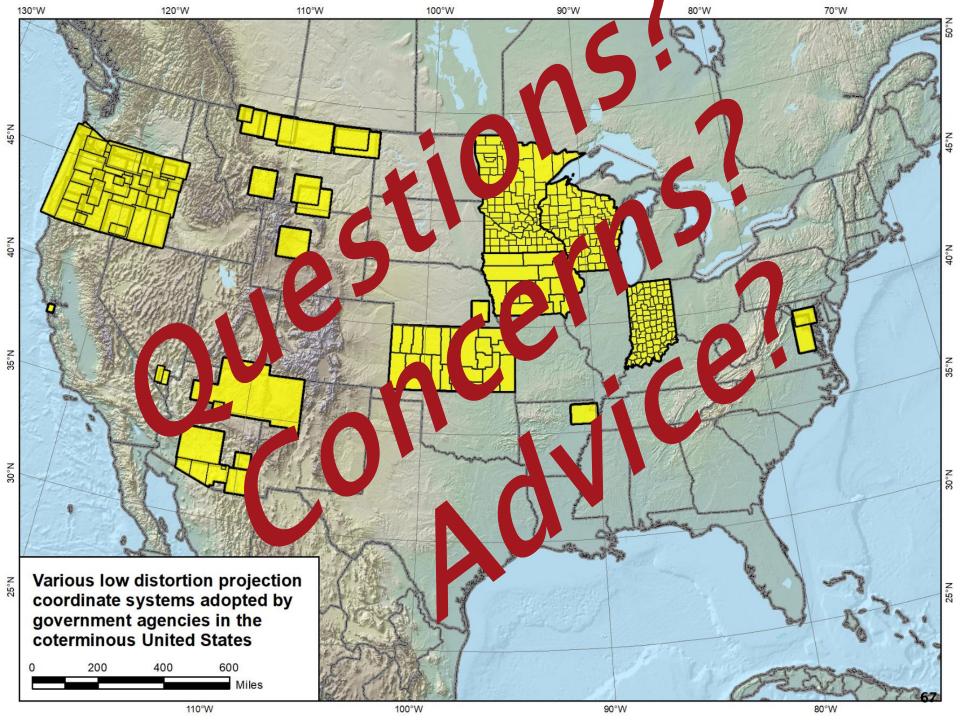


## Phase 9: Legislative Action



Legislative Action

> Tribal Adoption County Adoption State Adoption



## GIS

#### What is it and what can it do?

 A geographic information system (GIS) is a framework for gathering, managing, and analyzing data. ESRI

Explore, manage, visualize and analyze

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## Needs

- A comprehensive Geographic Information System to manage and share spatially related data amongst Tribal departments and interests to improve the management, maintenance, and utilization of Tribal assets
- To create a process and strategy to accomplish this
- To create a training mechanism to enable tribes to implement the process and strategy

## **Approach**

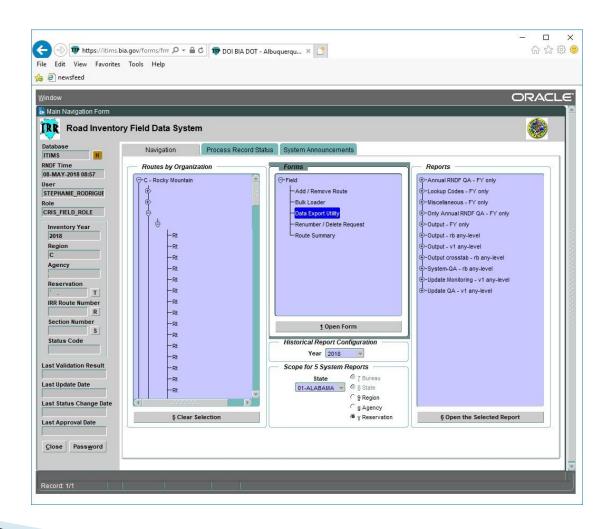
- So why start with the Road Information Field Data System?
  - The current system provided by the BIA does not provide an easily accessible visual representation of the inventory
  - Being able to easily identify routes for maintenance projects, such as snow removal, is a priority for Tribal Transportation Departments
  - Accuracy of data catalogued in RIFDS impacts funding through the Tribal Transportation Program (TTP)

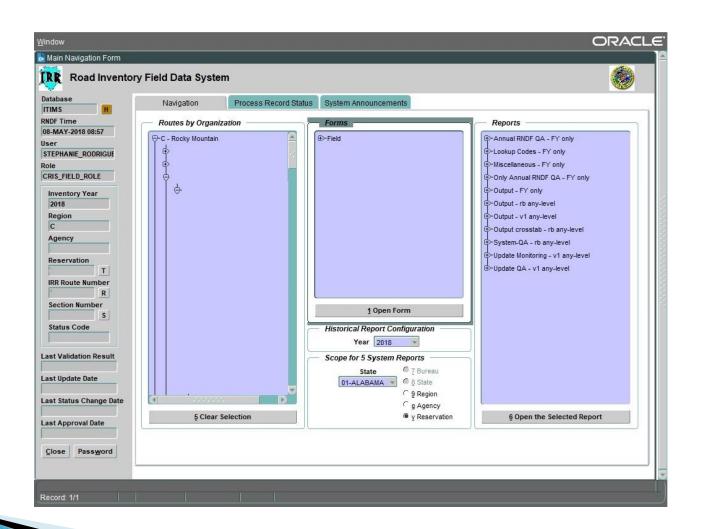
#### Where to begin?

- Identify the current processes in place for cataloging Routes in RIFDS and how to access this information:
  - RIFDS training
  - Other colleagues and Tribal members with previous training and experience to identify challenges and places for improvement
  - Cooperation and communication with BIA TTP representatives
  - Cooperation and communication with end users who need RIFDS information to complete their daily tasks

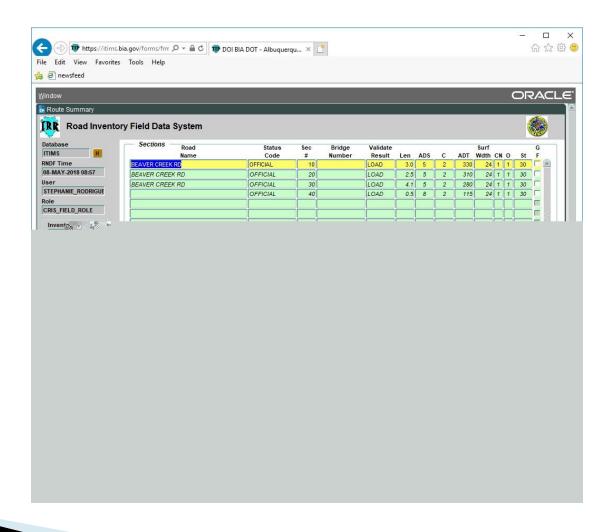
### Challenges Identified in Current Process:

- Visualization and identification of Routes difficult
  - Most efficient current strategy for many is to consult strip maps, narratives, and the legacy knowledge of those previously involved in submitting Routes
    - Access to RIFDS is limited and gaining access is a complicated and lengthy process, a lapse in authorization can seriously impact a Tribes ability to see and update their data
    - When former Tribal, BIA, and consultant depart, their extensive personal knowledge goes with them
  - Challenges in visualizing and tracking Routes without a spatial context leads to duplicates, overlaps, ghost trails, proposed projects since abandoned, and unintentional omissions from the system.



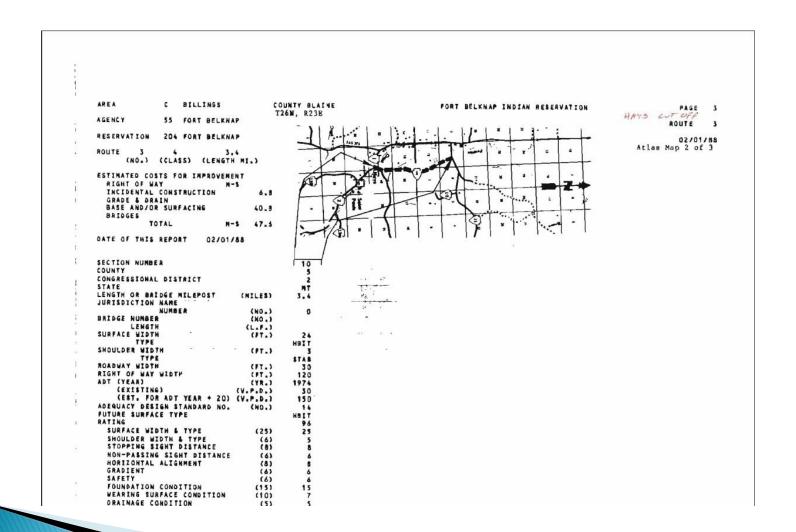




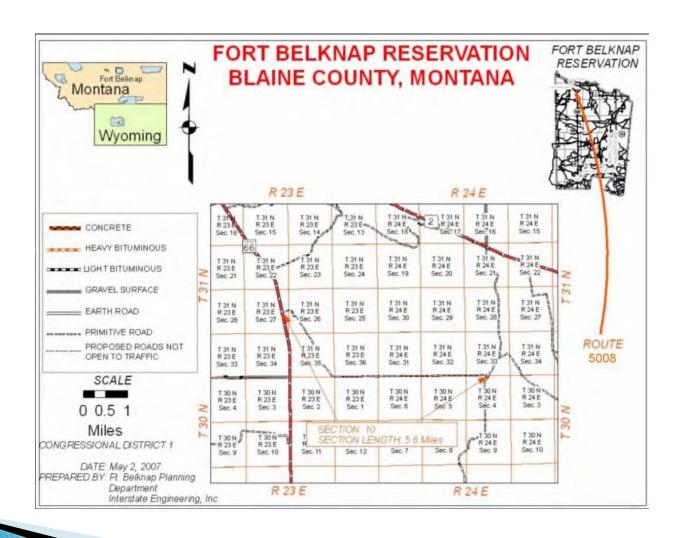




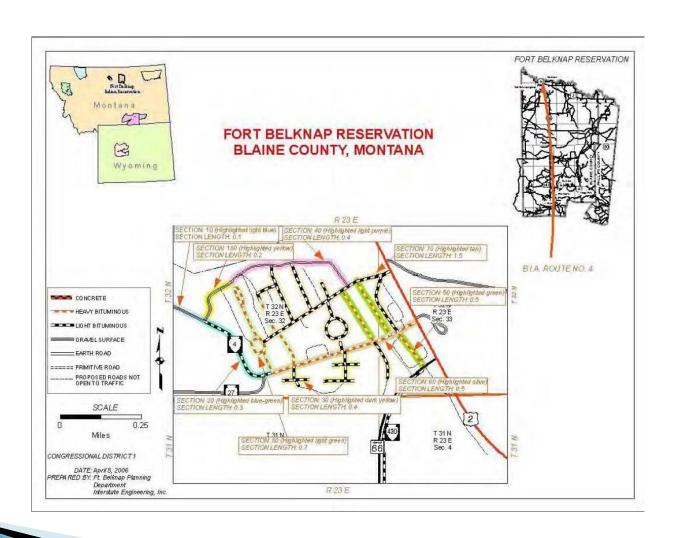
#### Strip Maps



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## So How Do We Improve the Process?

Streamline the data evaluation process by creating a value-added system to improve the efficiency of data collection, attachment creation, and data input, all while creating a Geographic Information System to visualize and improve utility for end users of the information.

# For each tribe, the first step is to evaluate what data is currently available:

- What is currently in a Tribal GIS?
  - Surveyed roads?
  - GPS'd roads?
  - Digitized roads?
- What is available through RIFDS?
  - Accuracy of strip maps?
  - Accuracy and presence of coordinates for section nodes?
- What is available publicly?
  - Quality and completeness of State data?
  - Quality and completeness of Census data?
  - Quality and completeness of USGS data?

Once Data Needs were Established, the rest were developed.

A full circle approach to streamline both RIFDS entry and GIS incorporation

## Vision

**INPUT RIFDS** 

Bulk uploads & other required attachments

**OUTPUT GIS** 

Data Driven pages to <a href="Stripmaps">Stripmaps</a>

Sync to ArcGIS Online`

FIELD
Data
Dictionaries

PROCESSING Database

OUTPUT

Database fed forms feed Inventory Data Sheets, Narratives, Attribute Tables & Bulk Input Tables

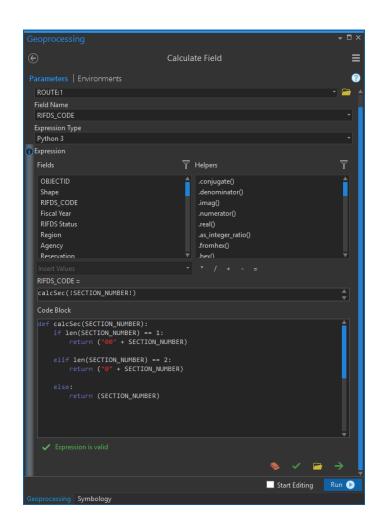
**INPUT GIS** 

Attribute Data to attach to GIS

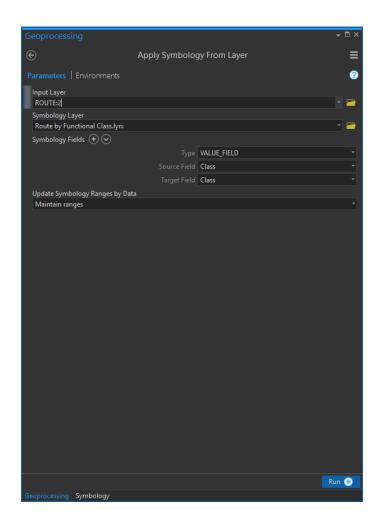
## Streamlining

- In addition to the tools described above customized additional interfaces were created to improve the ease of sharing and training, including:
  - Pre-programmed queries & formulas
  - Layer symbologies
  - Labeling preferences

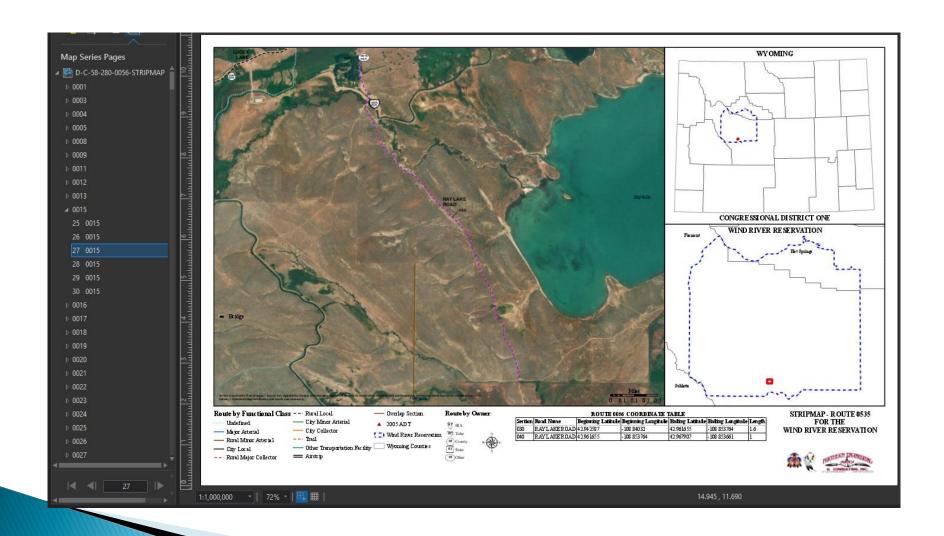
#### Calculate Field



## Layer Symbology



## Strip map from map series



## **Training**

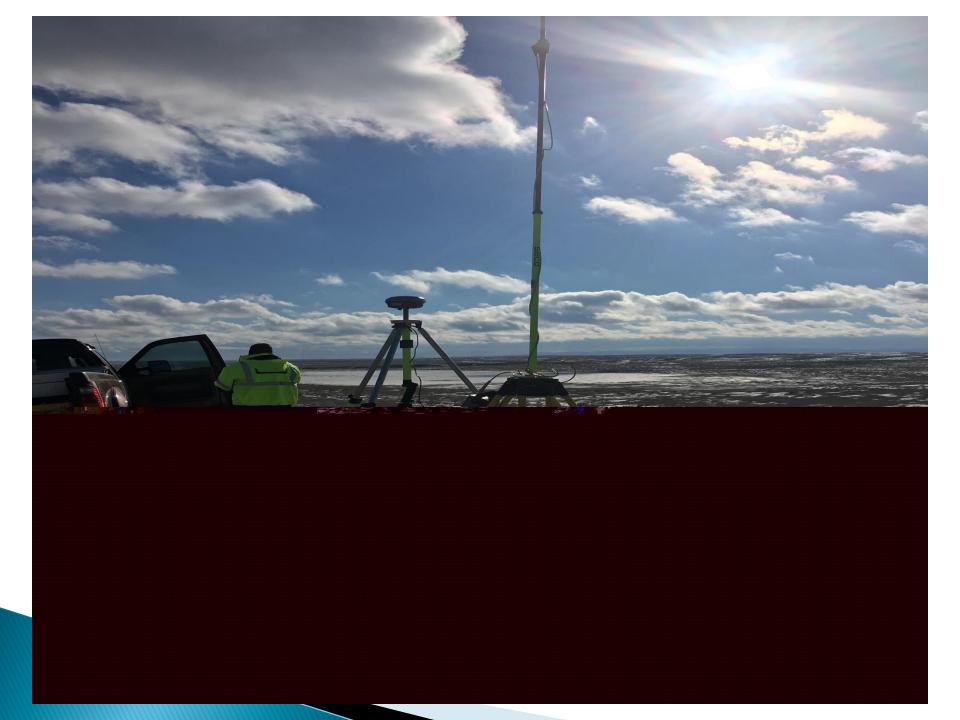
- With the creation of templates and approach, a training system was possible to bring in Tribal members to begin implementation of the system and science
- Fort Belknap was the first too participate in this process with my colleague Dawn Chandler joining me for on the job training in Billings
- As a result of this, the Fort Belknap roads are online

## Outcomes

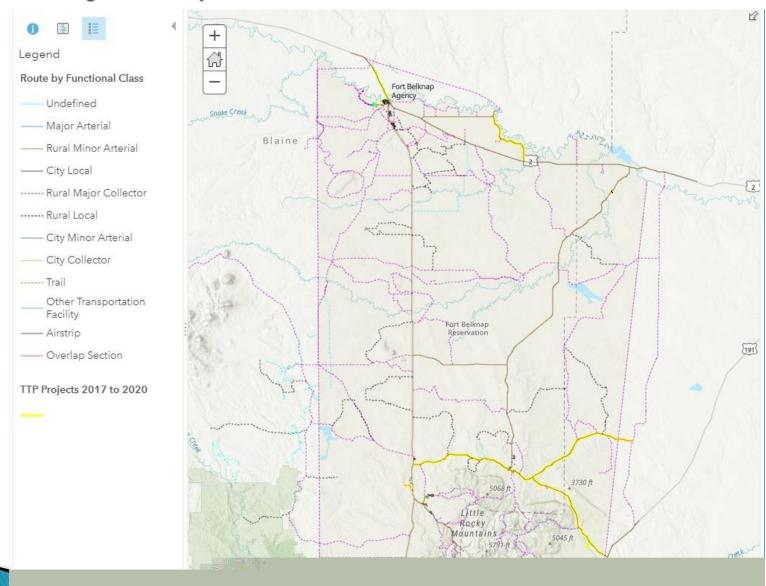
- Blackfeet, Fort Belknap, Fort Peck, and Wind River Tribes are in various stages of development of GIS for their TTP programs
- The final products will be hosted online
- Online hosting and sharing through ArcGIS Online:
  - Enables integration of other sources of data (federal, state, other Tribal) to create a more complete picture of Tribal assets for Leaders and decision makers.
- Enable Tribal & Departmental control of data accessibility and security settings

## **Next Steps**

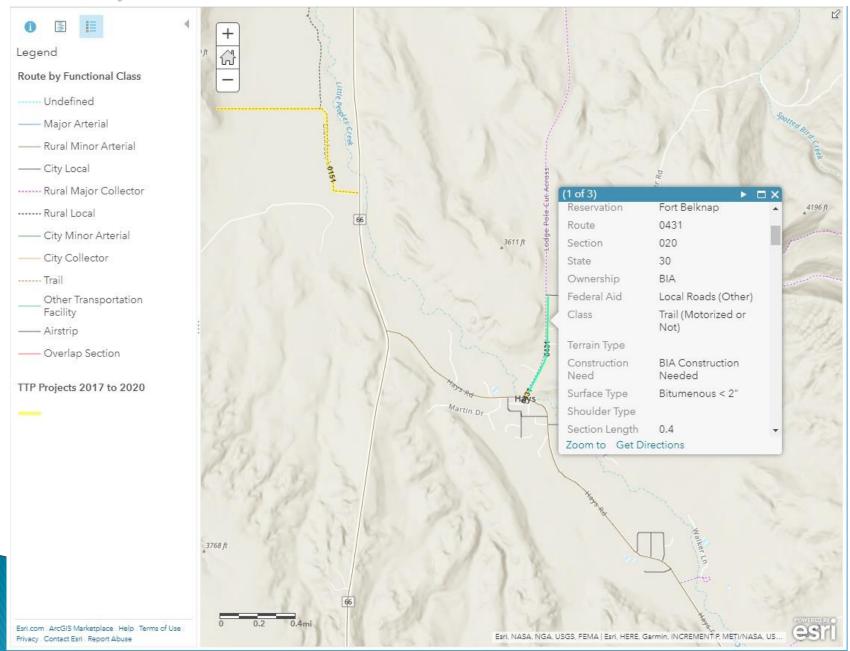
- Error tracking & repair
  - Utilization of new information to update existing registered Routes, including but not limited too:
    - Elimination of improper or duplicate Routes
    - Update of appropriate lengths
    - Update of nodes
    - Input of unintentionally omitted Routes
- Continued training
  - Training for launching and managing ArcGIS Online
  - Continued collaborative development as future challenges are addressed

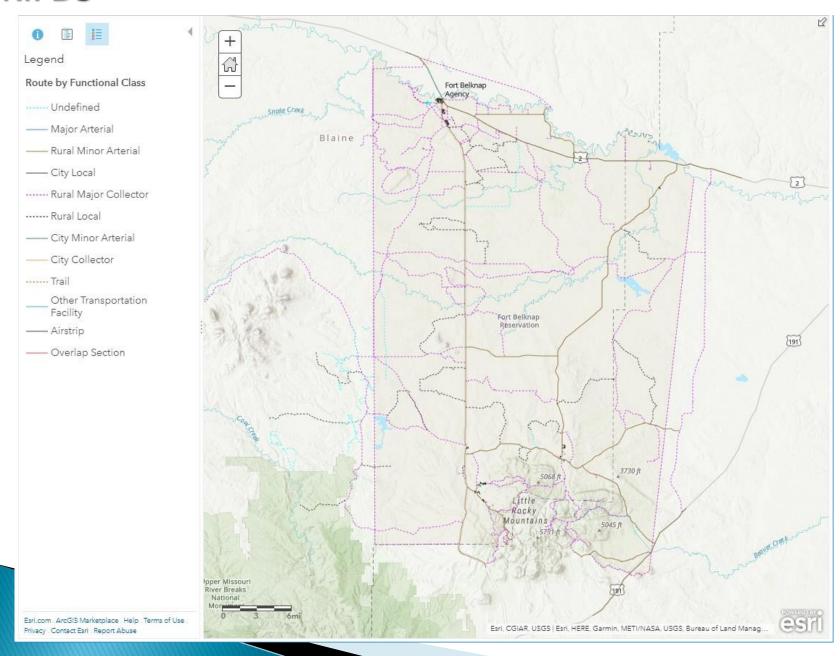


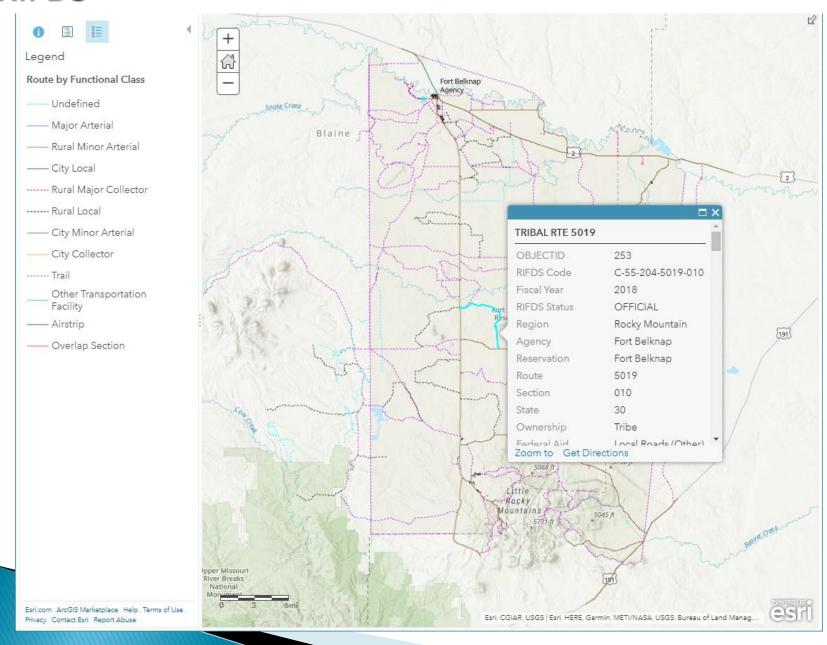
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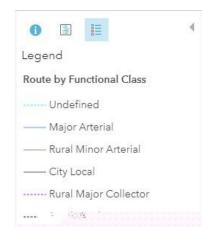


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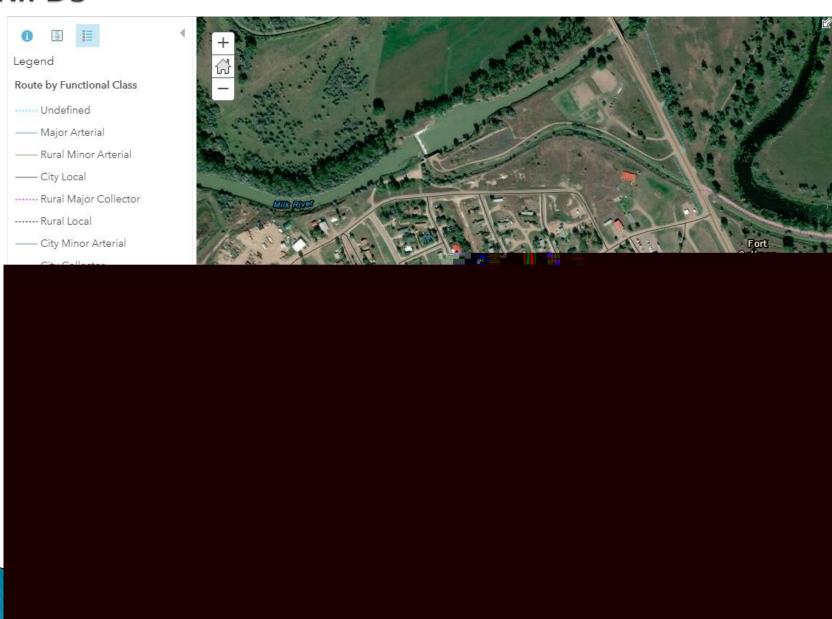




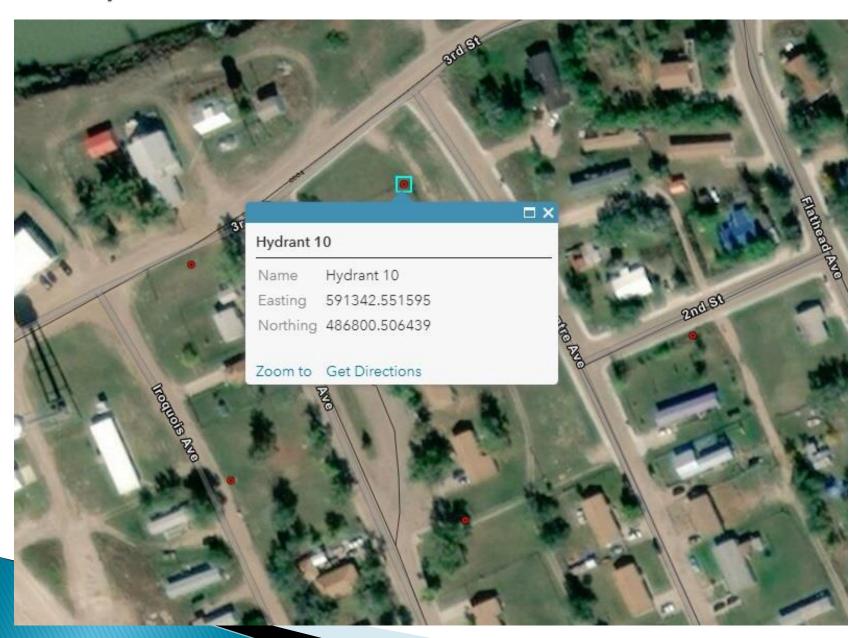








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