topoBuilder

and OnDemand Topo

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topoBuilder is…

...an application to make your own topographic map

...created **on demand**

...centered **where you want**

...in **multiple formats**

...with the **best available** National Map data

topoBuilder supports…

…responsible **resource management**

…sustainable **energy development**

…natural hazard **risk reduction**

…**recreation** and **tourism**

…**public health** and **security**

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Demo

topobuilder.nationalmap.gov

Open the app, select map type

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topoBuilder Application v: 1.0.0

User Guide

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Map Types
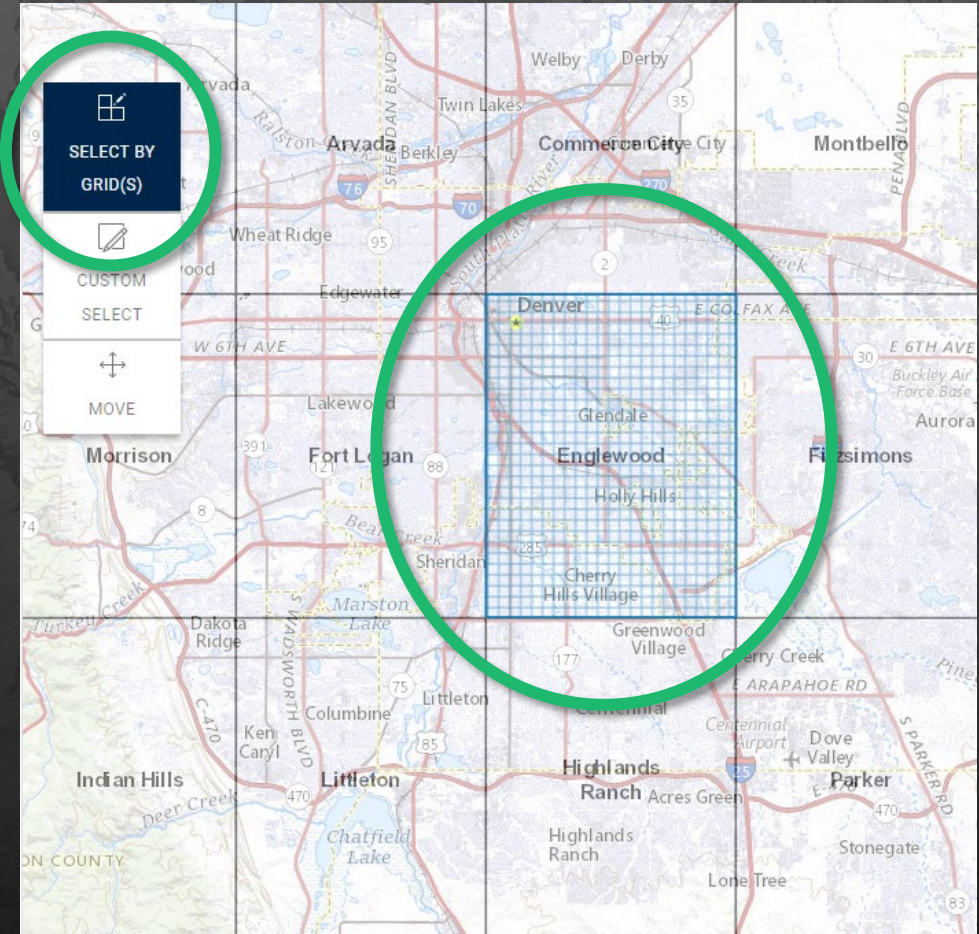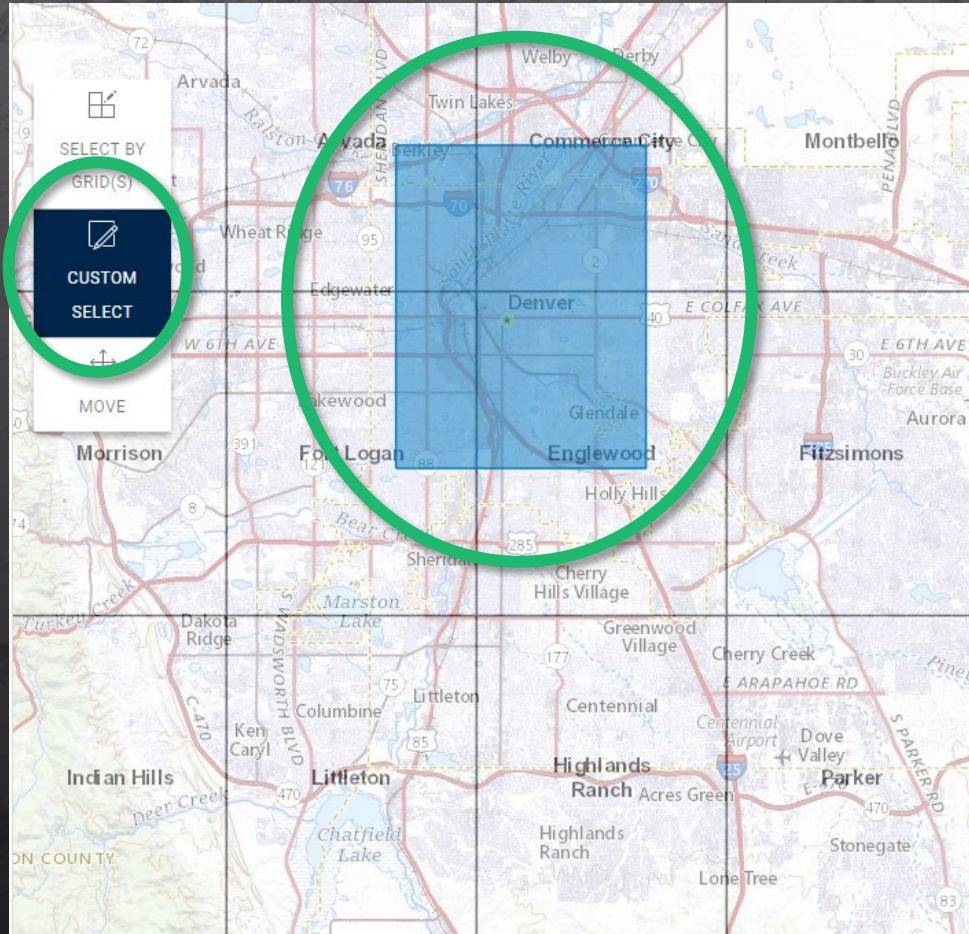Select a map type, then click Next

② Maps

☑ 7.5 Minute Topo ⓘ —

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⑦ Help

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Zoom to your area of interest

Choose your map extent

Choose your export options

Choose your contour smoothness

More about contours

- Generated on the fly

- Use highest-resolution, best available 3DEP data

- ⅓ arc-second, ⅑ arc-second, and 1 meter resolution in CONUS

- 2 meter in Alaska

- ⅓ arc-second in U.S. territories

low smoothing
high detail

These highly detailed contours allow the user to identify surface features and landforms. Best suited for geology, geomorphology, and natural hazards.
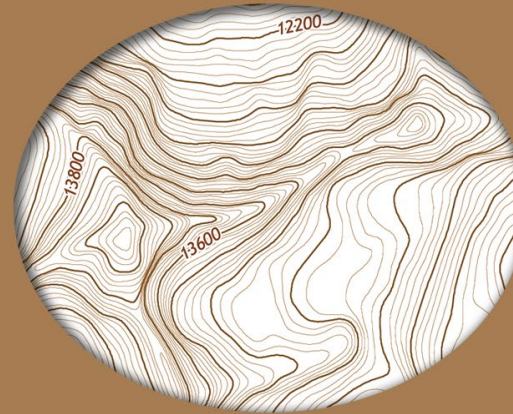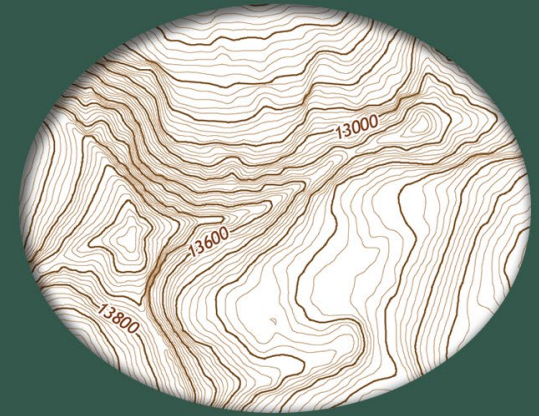
medium smoothing
medium detail

Closest to the US Topo style, the reduced detail permits better map readabilty. Best for recreation, geocaching and orienteering, land management, and emergency management.

high smoothing
low detail

This option shows only general topography. Smaller features may not appear. Best for thematic maps, urban planning, transportation management, and demography.
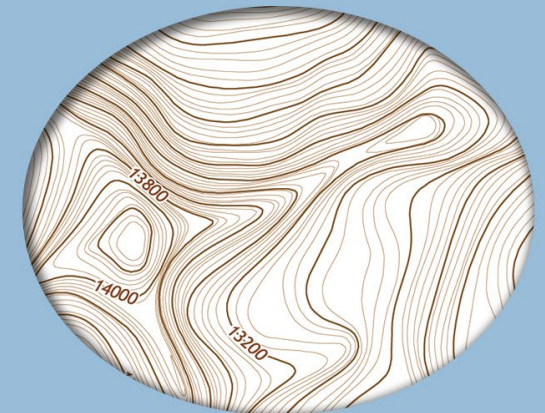
Low smoothing

- Contours portray the landscape in high detail.

- Detailed contours allow easier identification of geographic formations.

- Best for geology, geomorphology, and natural hazards.

Medium smoothing

- Similar to contours on US Topo maps.

- Topographic features have reduced detail for better readability.

- Best for recreation, geocaching and orienteering, physical science research, land management, and emergency response.

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High smoothing

- Contours show a generalized view of the land.

- Smaller geographic features may be missing.

- Best for thematic maps, urban planning, transportation management, and depiction of cultural features.

Add to cart

Review selections in cart

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● 7.5-Minute Topo 1
  ○ Custom Extent
  ○ Medium Contour Smoothing
  ○ Production PDF Format

EDIT MAPS   CHECKOUT

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Edit maps if necessary

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Edits
Make edits to maps

⬤ Display Grid

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Format

PDF   ▼

Contour Smoothing   ⓘ
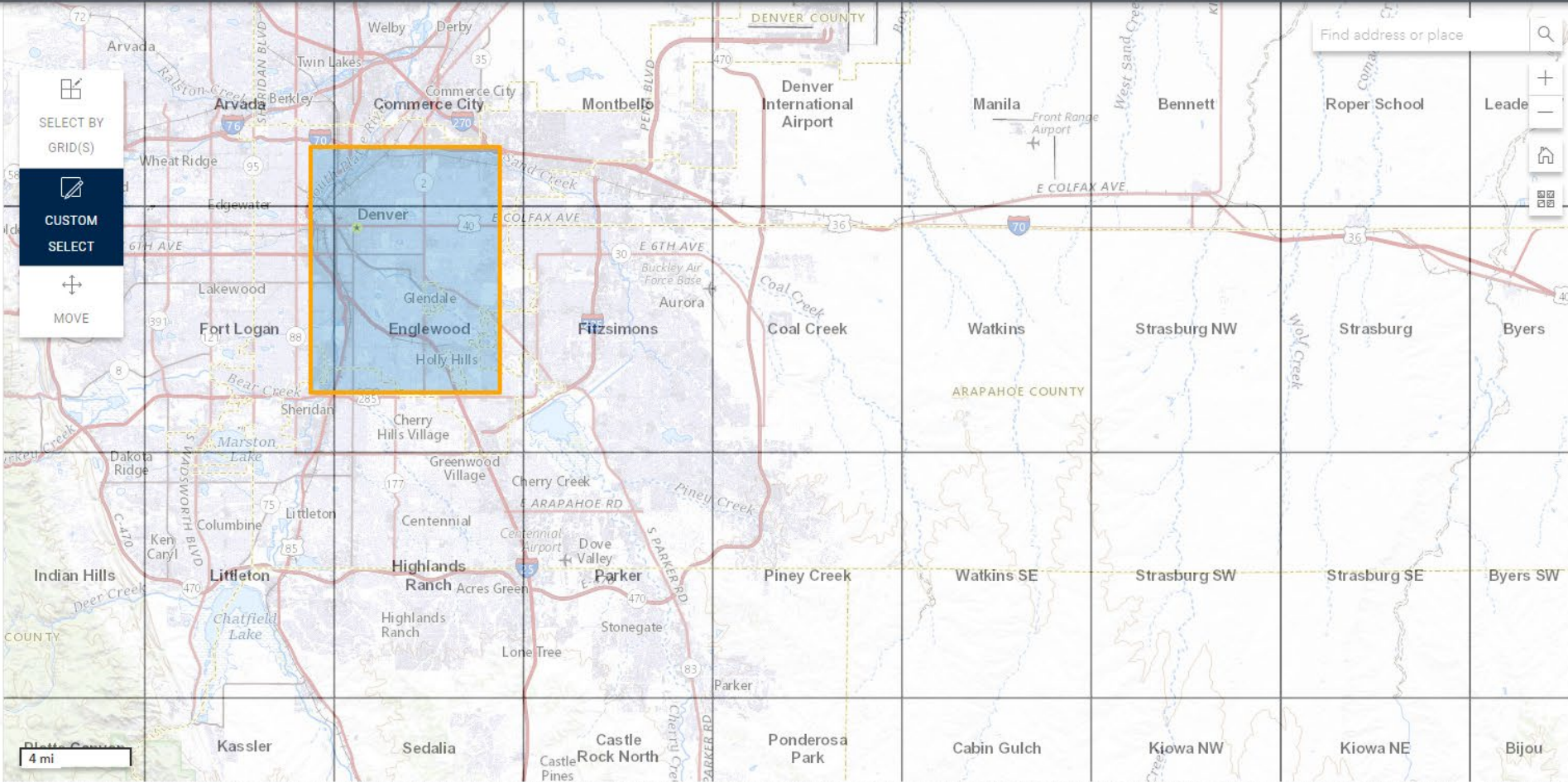
Low   Medium   High

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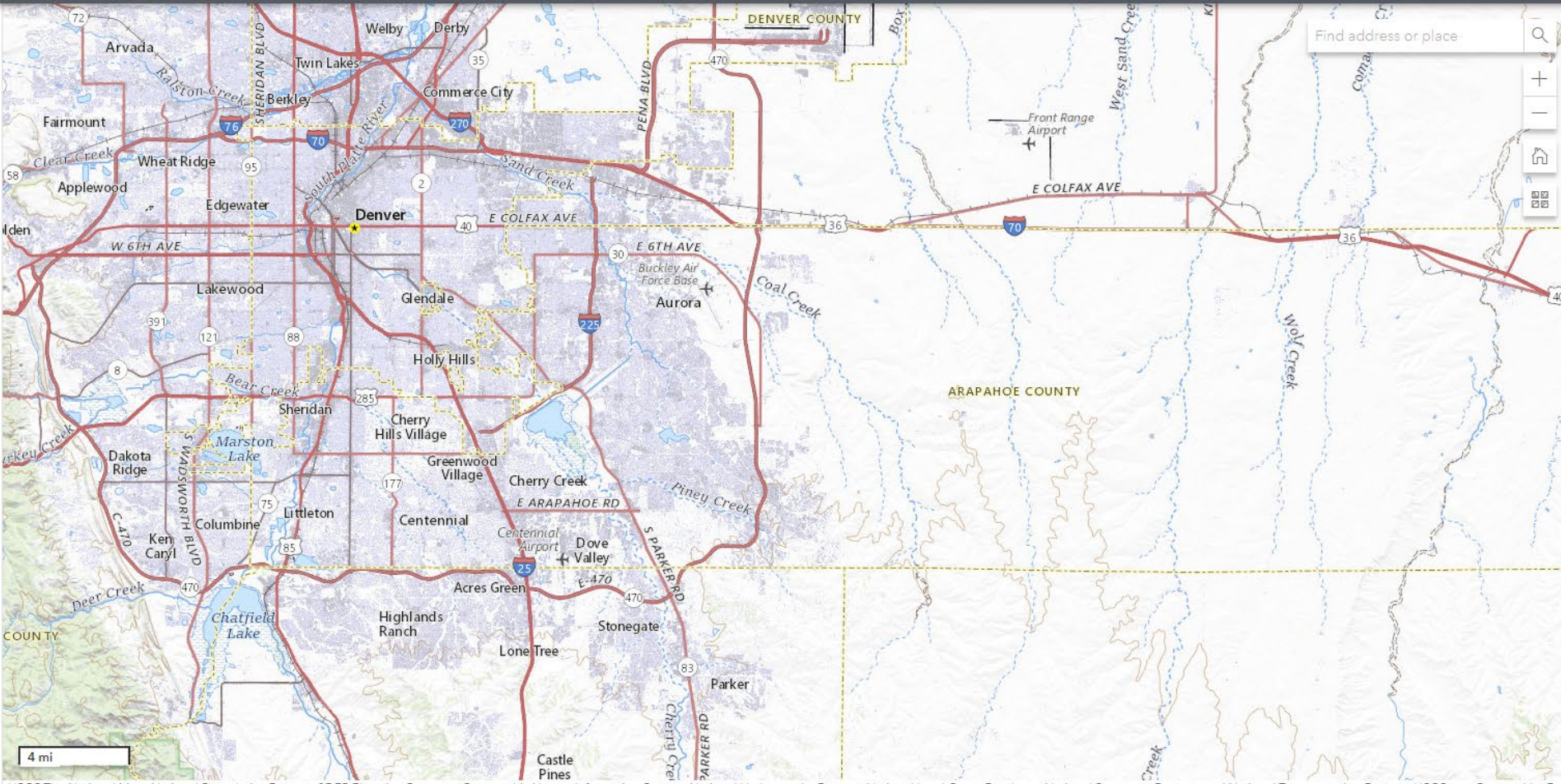topoBuilder Application v: 1.0.0   User Guide

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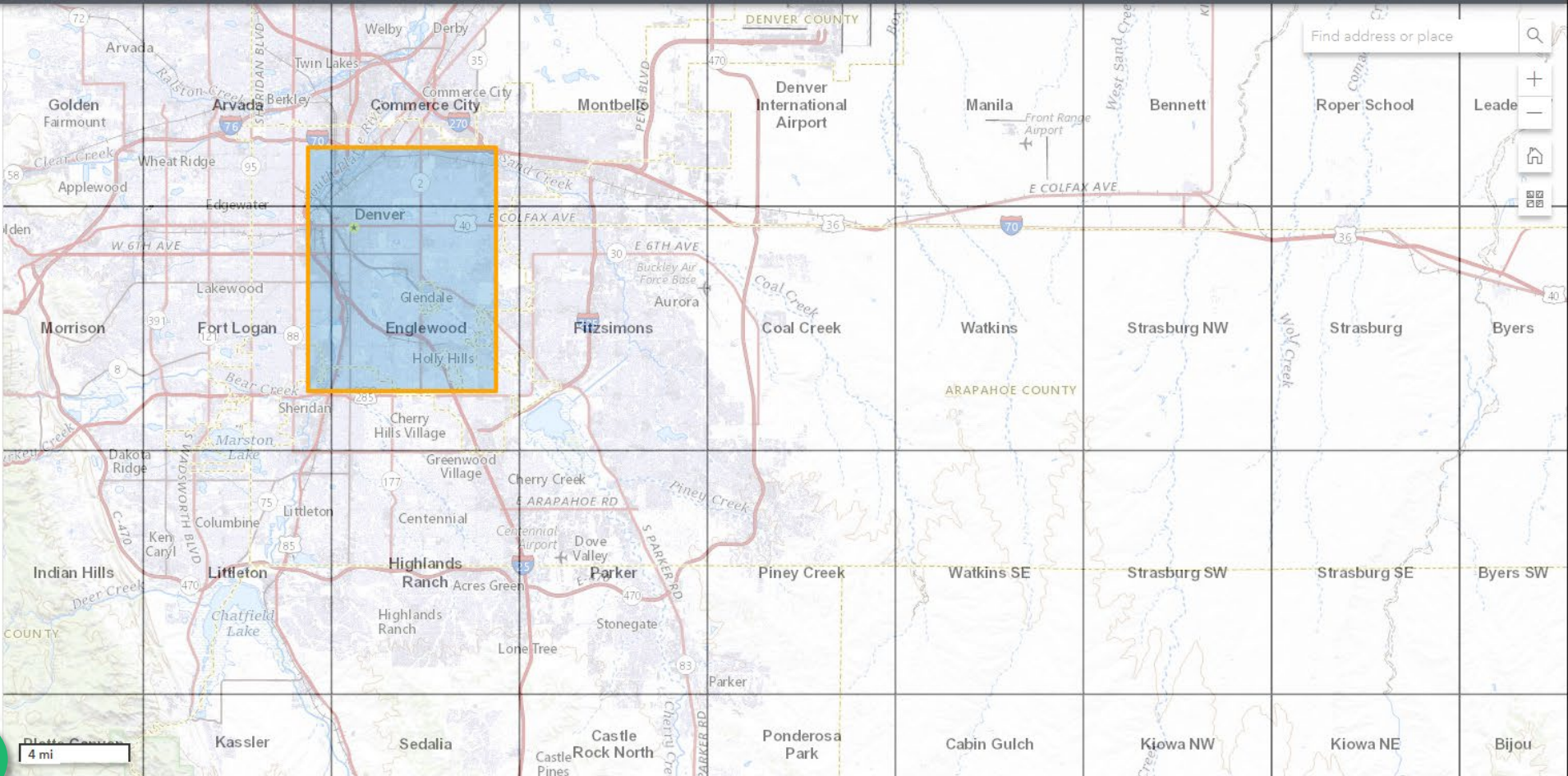 ○ Medium Contour Smoothing
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Checkout ✕

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What next?

- You will receive an email that your request was submitted.

- When the map is ready to download, you will receive a second email with a direct download link.

If your request fails...

Hello

There was an error that prevented your order from being completed. The following maps failed to export:

StarMountain

- •Grid Selected Area Map
- • Contour Smoothness: Medium
- •24K Topographic Map Type
- • 1:24000 Scale
- •TIFF Format

The Error is:
The Map Export Process Failed. Error Message: The row supplied is not the row expected [dynamap.dynamap.MapExportMetadata_production]

Please contact us at tnm_help@usgs.gov with questions.

Thank you,
U.S. Geological Survey
National Geospatial Program

- ▪ Your email will have the subject line "Map Export Failed"

- ▪ Please re-request your map or contact tnm_help@usgs.gov with questions

Need help?

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What's the difference?
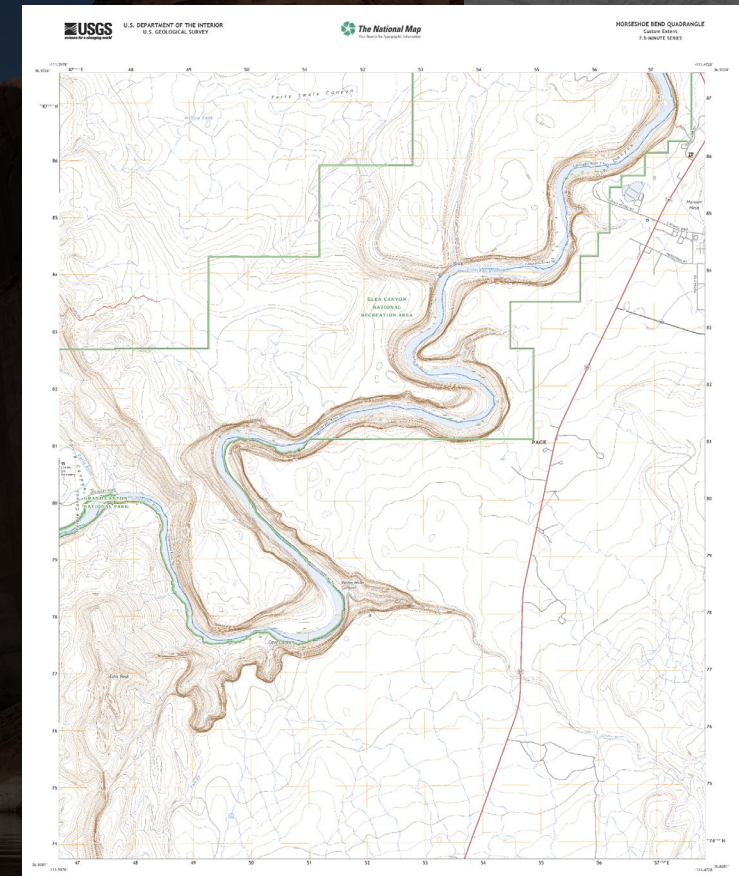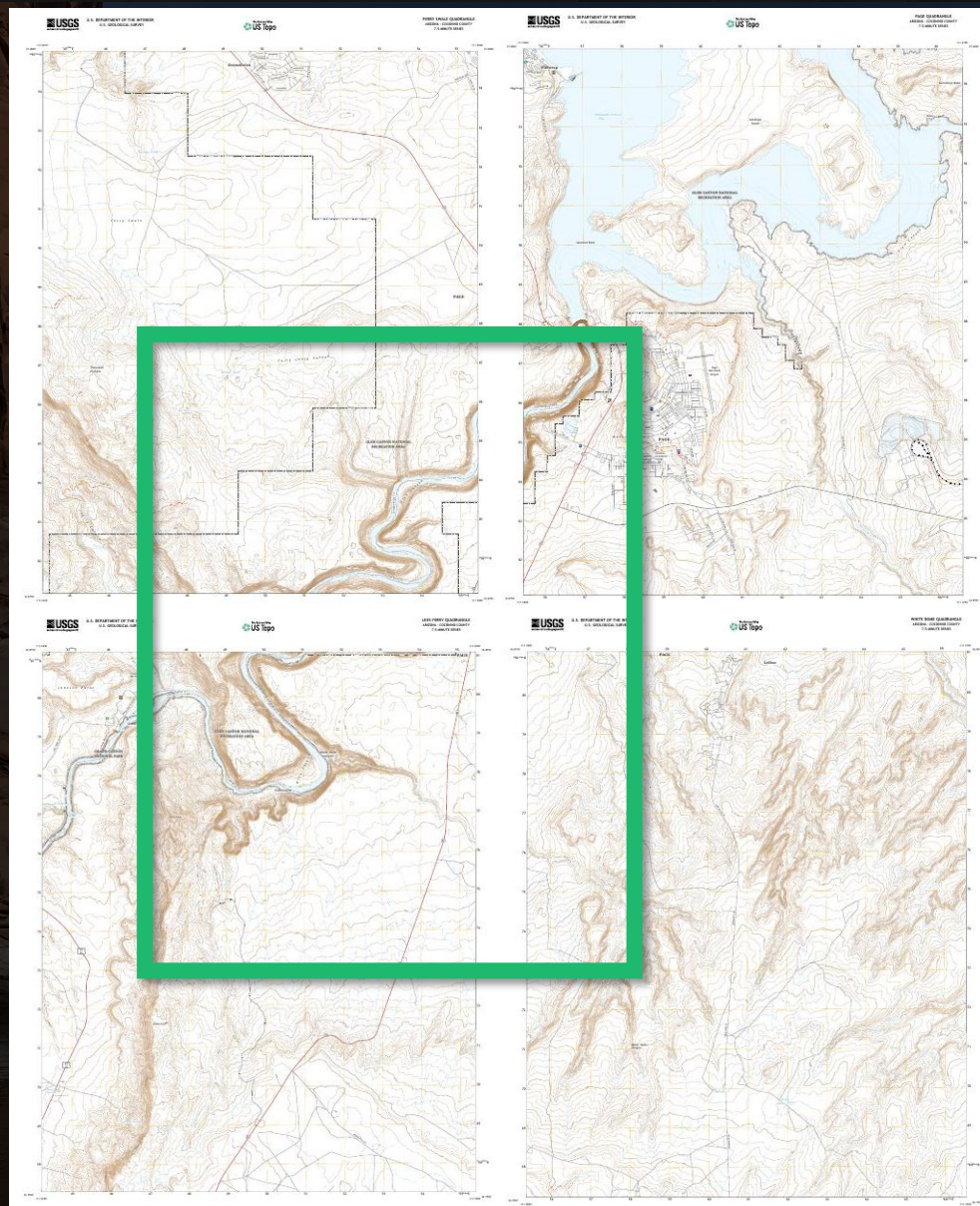
US Topo

- Staged

- Standard USGS quads

- Predesigned contours

- Updated on a 3-year schedule

- Free and immediate download (pay to print)

OnDemand Topo

- On demand

- Custom extent

- Contours generated on the fly

- Uses best available data

- Currently available for a limited time

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US Topo

- 1:24,000 in CONUS & Hawaii

- 1:25,000 in Alaska

- 1:20,000 Puerto Rico & U.S. Virgin Islands

- Produced only at these three scales

OnDemand Topo

- 1:24,000 in CONUS and Hawaii

- 1:25,000 in Alaska

- 1:20,000 in Puerto Rico, U.S. Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, and Northern Mariana Islands

- Multi-scale (in future releases)

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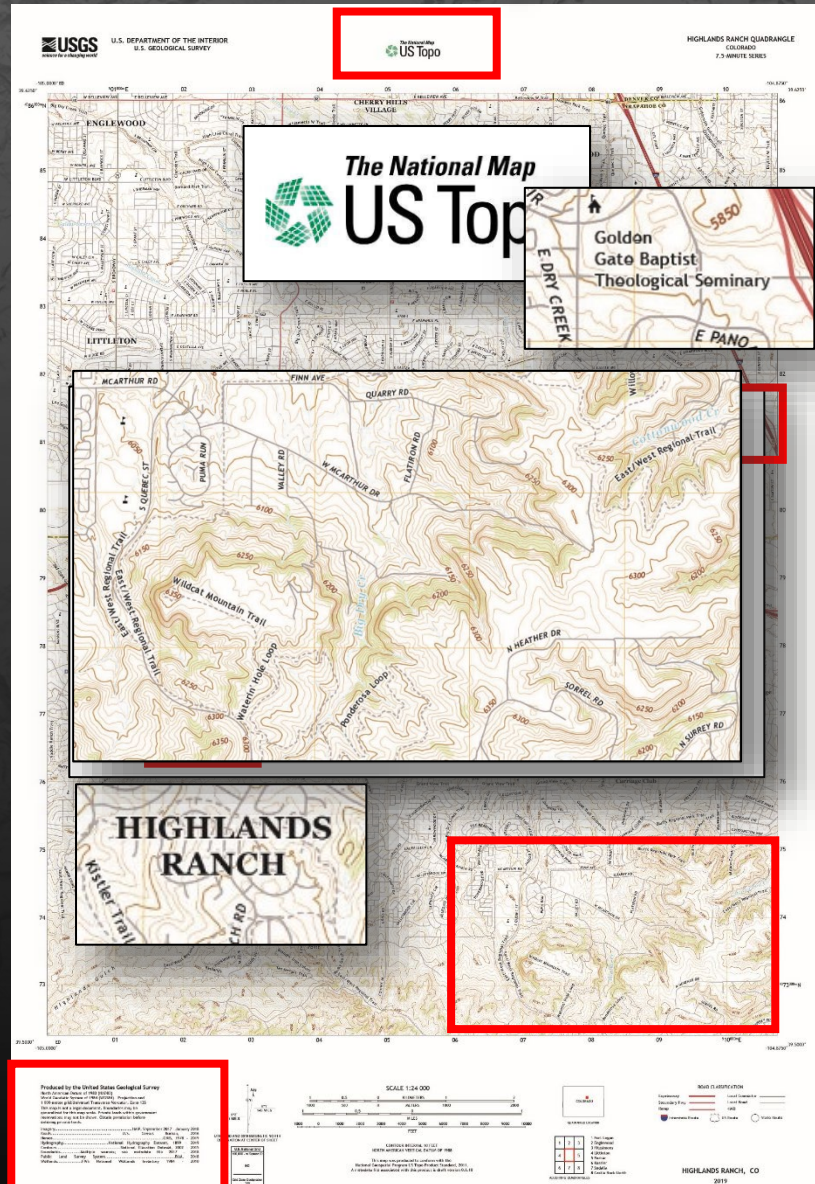
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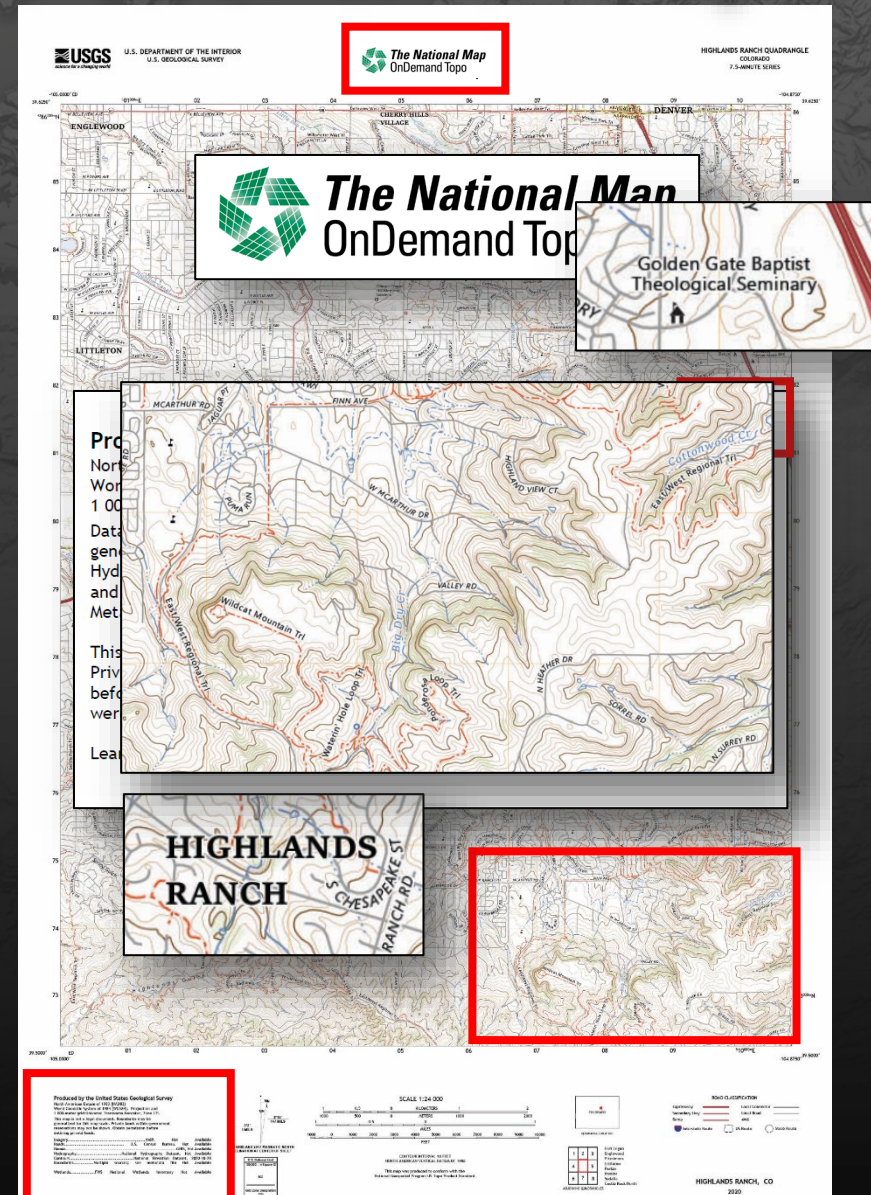
Early 2022

- Limited public pilot

- User centered extent

- Contour smoothing options

- 1:24,000 with additional scales for Alaska and U.S. territories

- GeoTIFF or Geospatial PDF output
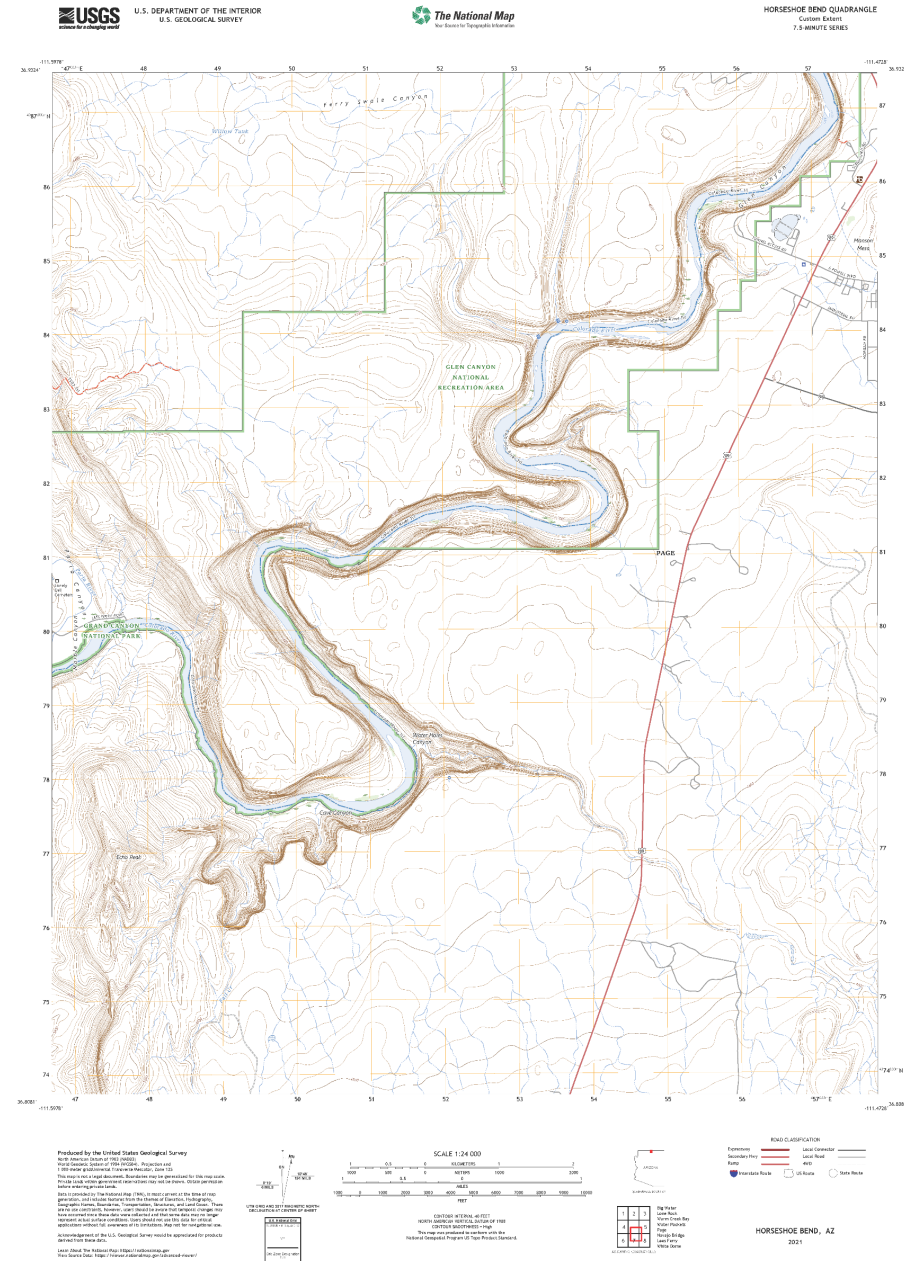
Fall 2022

- Map Tracking ID
- User-selected layers
- 1:100,000-scale

Future releases

- User-added content

- Custom area of interest
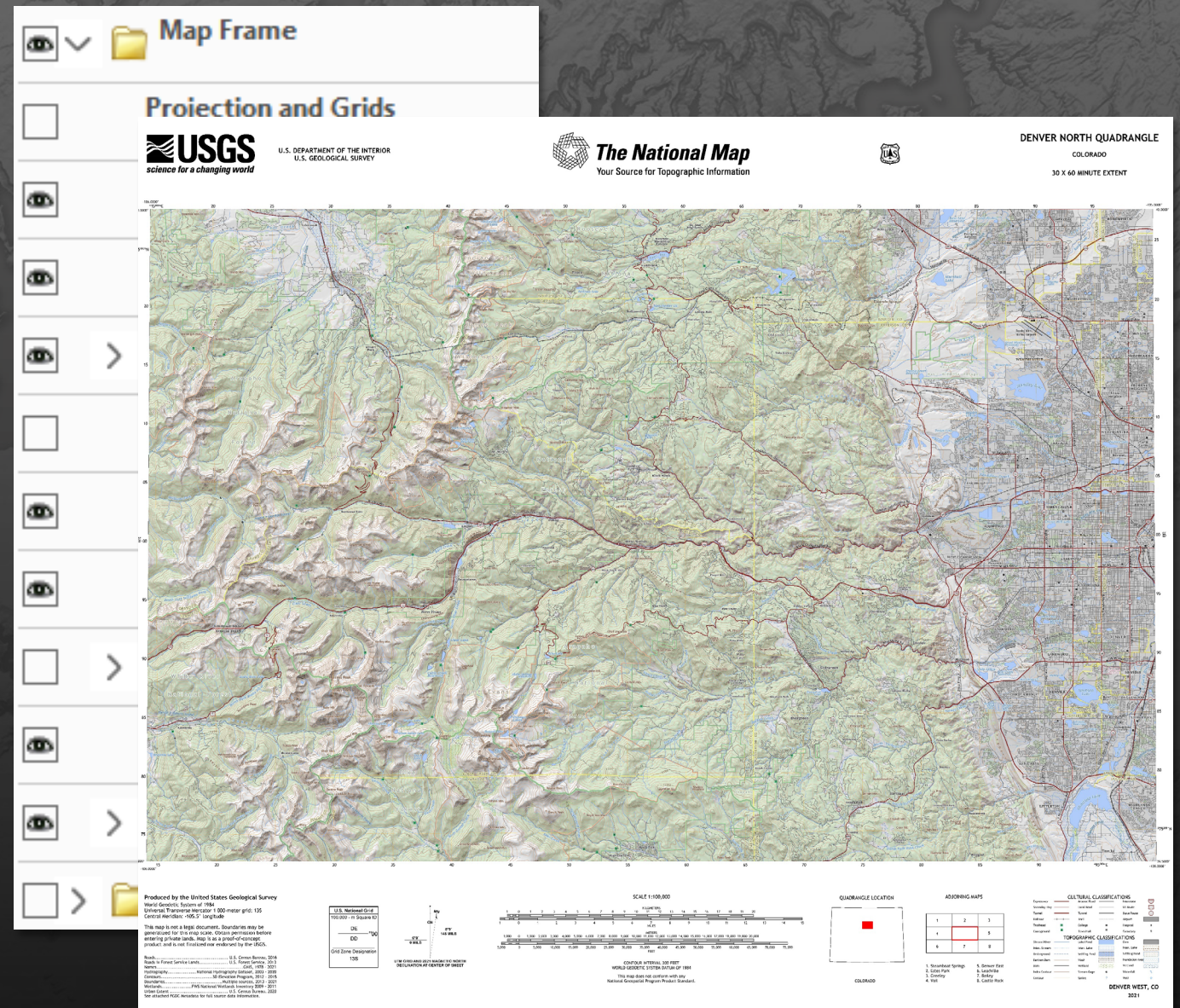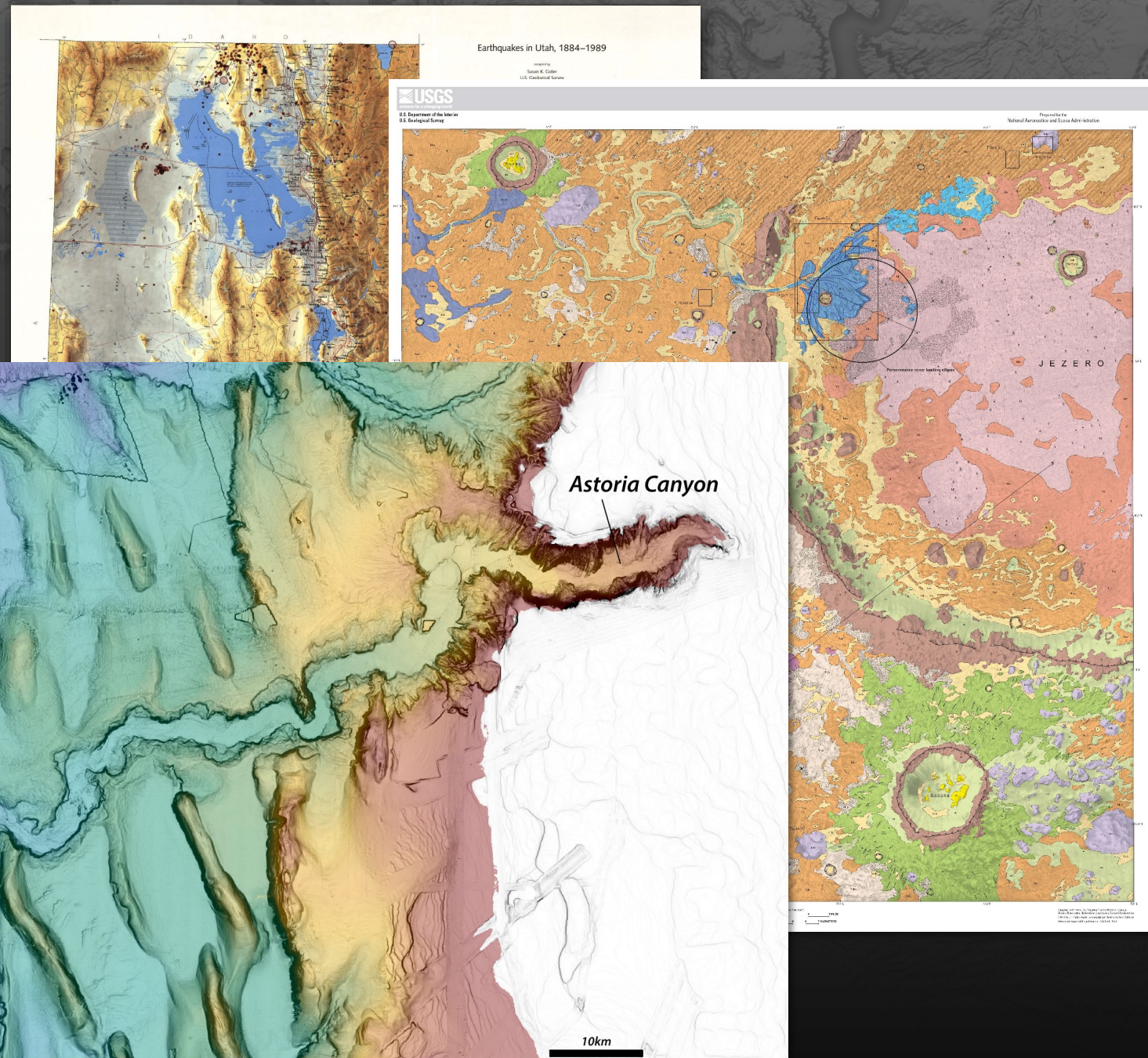
- GIS data download

- Print

- Additional scales

- Additional map types

Astoria Canyon
10km

Essential facts

- topoBuilder uses the best available data from The National Map to create OnDemand Topo maps

- Choose file format, area of interest, and level of contour smoothness

- Additional customizations, scales, map types are planned

- US Topo staged maps continue to be produced and are available as <u>free and immediate downloads</u>
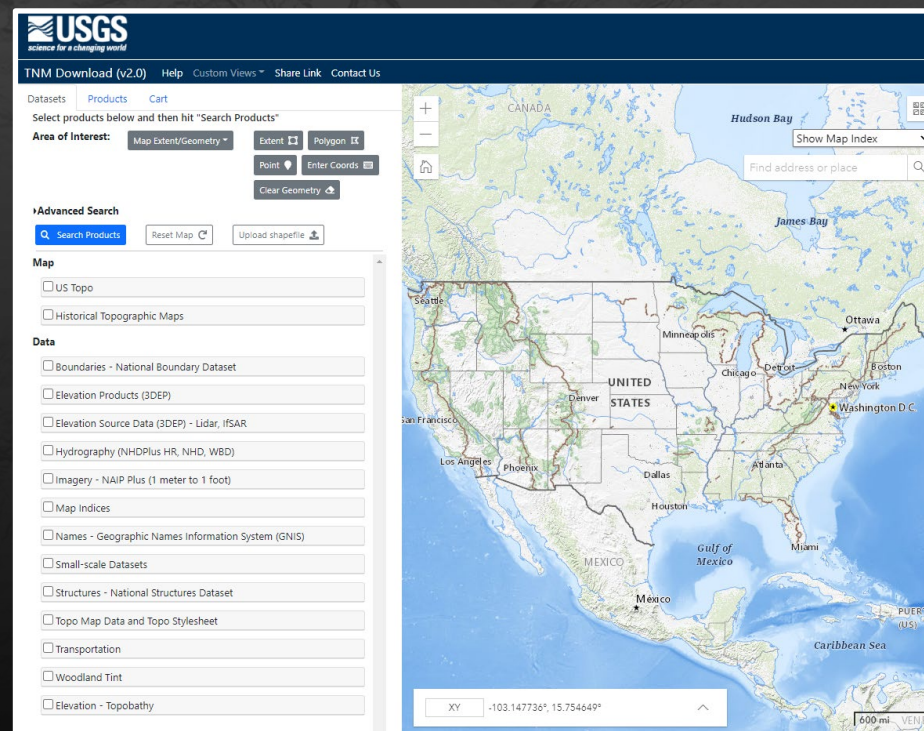
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