

# Past Updates

7/17/2014 -----

## New Mapping Challenge - Oklahoma Panhandle Post Offices

The new mapping challenge is similar to the previous one. Fixing stacked Post Office points in Texas County, Oklahoma through a mapping challenge was so successful that we want volunteers to fix the rest of the Post Offices in the Oklahoma Panhandle counties. Since Texas County is finished, the two remaining Panhandle Counties that need to be edited are Cimarron and Beaver Counties.

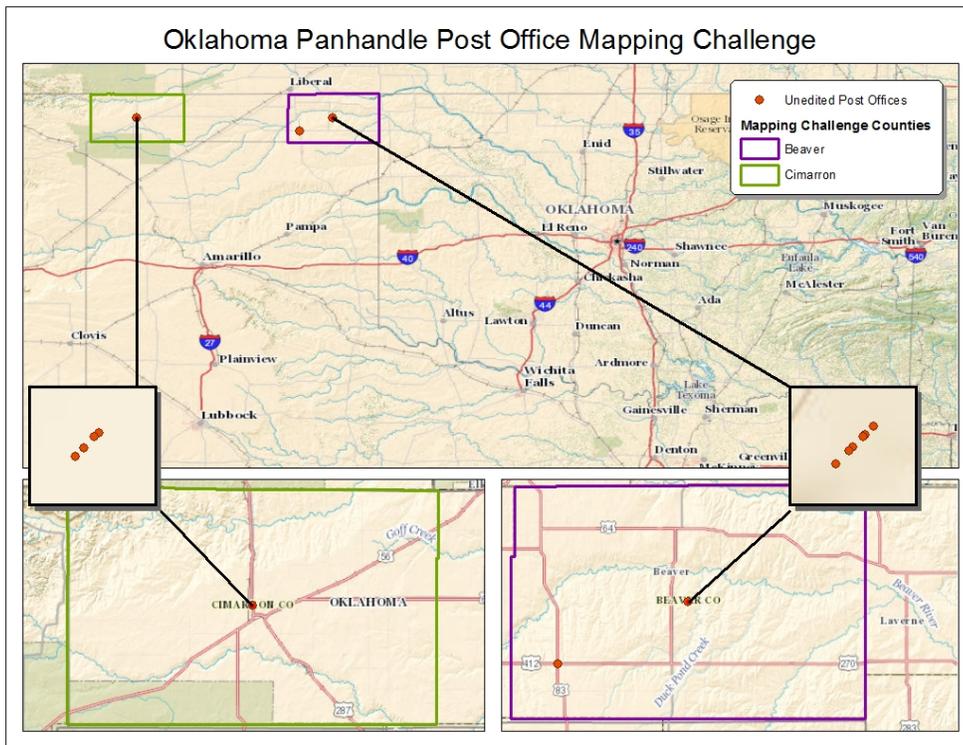
In case you didn't participate in the last stacked Post Office Mapping Challenge, here is some background information:

The unedited (red) points in the editor come from several different data sources. Some of the Post Office points do not have exact geographic coordinates, but rather just information about which county they are in. In this situation, all of the Post Office points are stacked on top of each other in roughly the center of the county.

The goal is to check each of these points, and if they still exist, **move them to the correct location**. Same rules apply: delete the point if the Post Office no longer exists and update attribute information (name, address, city, state, zip) as needed. Also, don't forget to look for any Post Offices missing from the map.

The map below shows the existing Post Offices in Cimarron County and Beaver County, Oklahoma. There is one Post Office in Beaver County that isn't stacked, so don't forget to edit that one too. The names of the existing Post Offices on the map can be seen to the right of the map (**Blue highlighted are in Cimarron County, all others are in Beaver County.**) Make sure you've read the [guidelines on formatting Post Office names](#) before participating in this challenge. As always, the [USPS locator tool](#) should be used to research Post Offices.

**IMPORTANT:** Please move the existing stacked points to the correct location rather than adding a new point in the correct location.



Name
Balko Post Office
Beaver Post Office
Boise City Post Office
Felt Post Office
Forgan Post Office
Gate Post Office
Kenton Post Office
Keyes Post Office
Knowles Post Office
Logan Post Office
Turpin Post Office

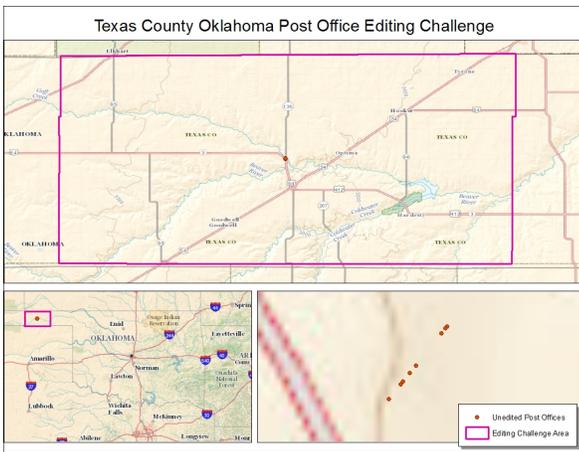
Happy Mapping!

7/3/2014 -----

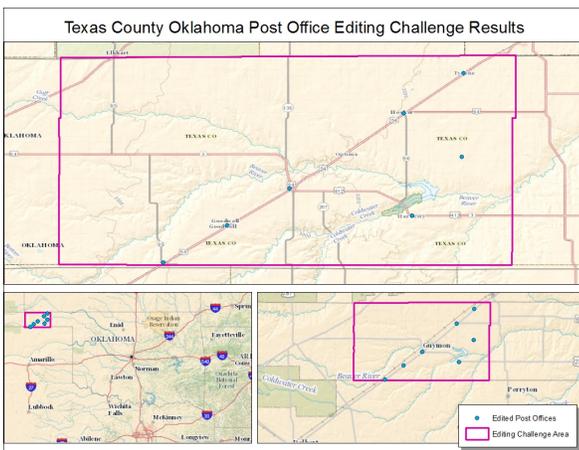
**Texas County Oklahoma Post Office Mapping Challenge Finished!**

This was a small but somewhat complicated mapping challenge. Despite this, **HGeisler** managed to find the correct location for all of the improperly located Post Offices, as well as finding all of the missing ones and deleting all of the ones that no longer exist. Way to go!!! Thank you for participating and doing such a great job cleaning up the Post Office points in this county!

**BEFORE:**



**AFTER:**

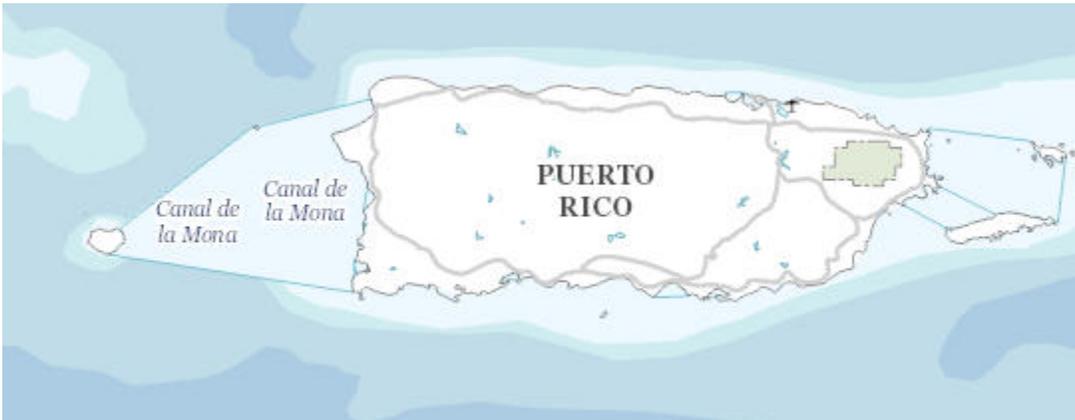


keep your eyes peeled for a new mapping challenge next week.

6/30/2014 -----

### Puerto Rico Available for Editing!

You can now contribute data in Puerto Rico! Check out the USGS news releases, in [English](#) and [Spanish](#). Editing the existing data in Puerto Rico will have some challenges, so make sure to check out the [Tips and Tricks](#) document.



Happy mapping!

6/4/2014 -----

### California Law Enforcement Structures Mapping Challenge Finished and New Mapping Challenge!

This was our biggest mapping challenge yet and our volunteers did a great job! **324** Law Enforcement points were checked through Standard Editing, **159** were peer reviewed, and **88** obsolete points were removed! Wow! Only 21 Law Enforcement points remain unedited in this region.

A huge thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus**, **fconley**, **HGeisler**, **JulieofOregon**, **Kelly Margaret Gorman**, **Map Wrangler**, and **athalman** for doing such a great job with this huge challenge!

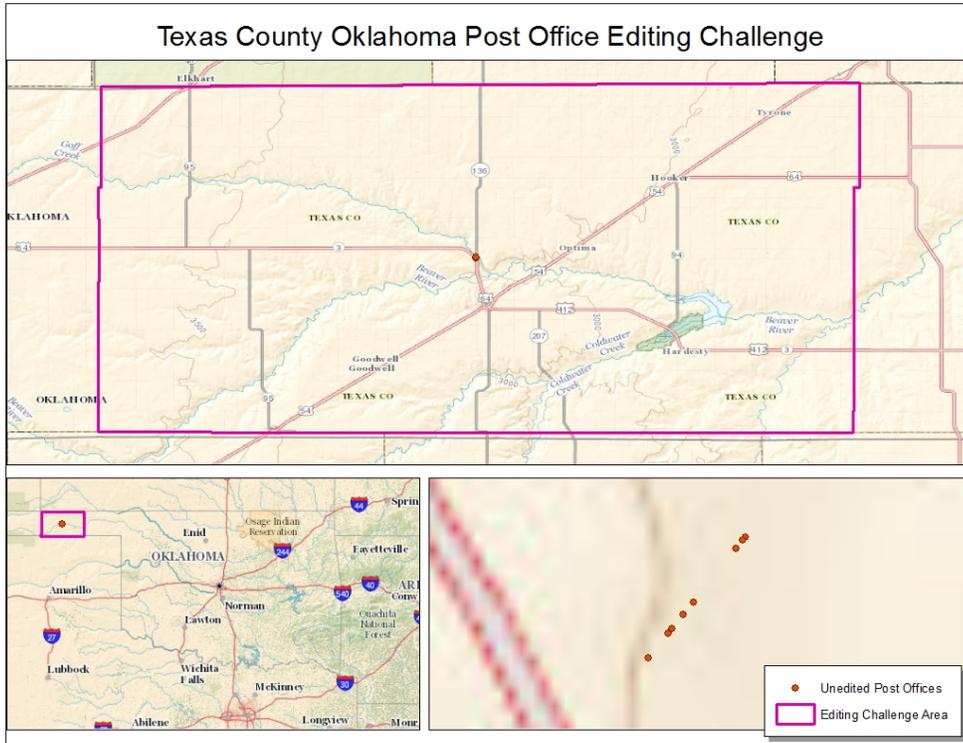


### This new mapping challenge is yet again, a new... challenge!

This is a relatively small challenge, but much different than others. The unedited (red) points in the editor come from several different data sources. Some of the Post Office and Cemetery points do not have exact geographic coordinates, but rather just information about which county they are in. In this situation, all of the Post Office and/or Cemetery points are stacked on top of each other in roughly the center of the county.

The goal is to check each of these points, and if they still exist, move them to the correct location. Same rules apply: delete the point if the Post Office no longer exists and update attribute information (name, address, city, state, zip) as needed. Also, don't forget to look for any Post Offices missing from the map.

The map below shows the existing Post Offices in Texas County, Oklahoma. The map on the bottom right shows a very zoomed in view of the points, which shows that they are a stacked group of misplaced Post Offices. The names of the eight existing Post Offices on the map can be seen to the right of the map. Make sure you've read the [guidelines on formatting Post Office names](#) before participating in this challenge. As always, the [USPS locator tool](#) should be used to research Post Offices.



Name
Hooker Post Office
Baker Post Office
Hardesty Post Office
Texhoma Post Office
Optima Post Office
Appleton Post Office
Guymon Post Office
Goodwell Post Office

Anyone can participate: standard editors, peer reviewers, and advanced editors! Peer reviewers can check the Post Offices once they've been edited by a standard editor.

As always, all volunteers who participate in finishing this area will get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on [The National Map Twitter!](#)

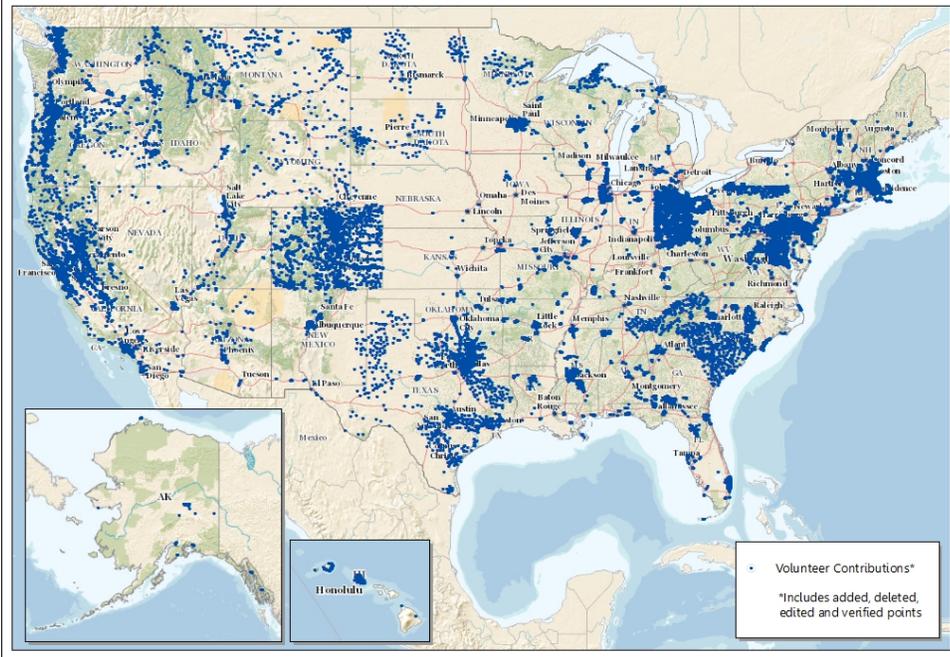
Happy Mapping!

5/5/2014 -----

**New Status Map and an Article about TNMCorps**

Here is an updated status map. Our volunteers continue to do a great job updating structures for *The National Map*. Thank you all for your contributions!

The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions  
April 1st 2013 to May 4th 2014



Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map.

Check out this recent [article about TNMCorps](#) published in the Washington State Chapter of URISA's newsletter, "[The Summit](#)."

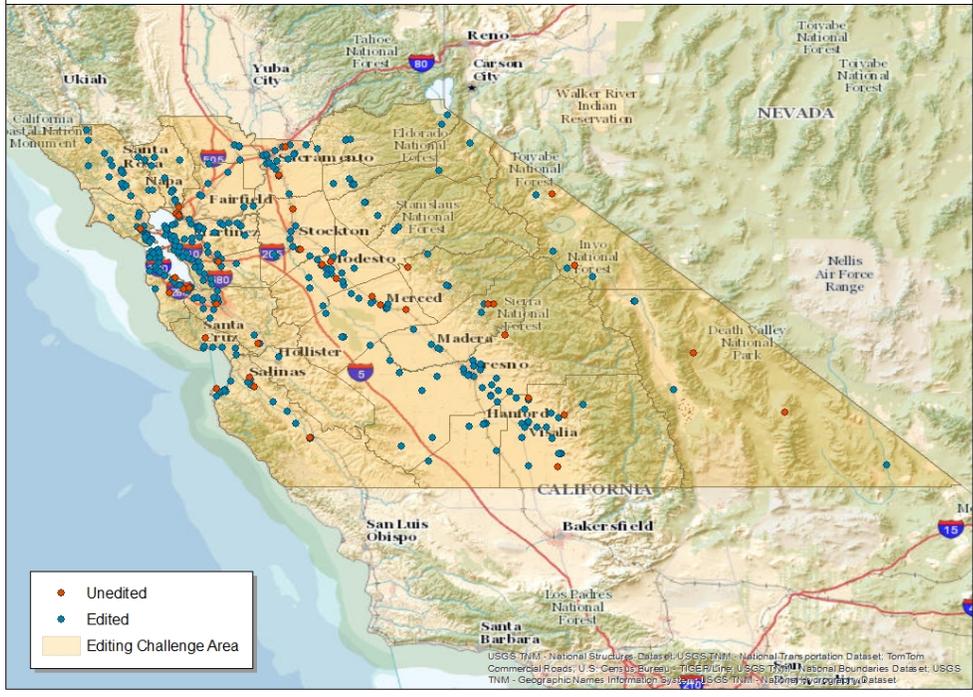
Lastly, stay tuned for an update on the current editing challenge and the announcement of a new challenge in the next several days!

**4/9/2014** -----

**Updates: California Editing Challenge, a Year of Crowd-sourcing Success, and an Updated Status Map**

This has been our biggest mapping challenge yet and our volunteers have made great progress! Help us complete this challenge by editing the remaining red points seen on the map below. Just a reminder, all volunteers who participate in finishing this area will get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on [The National Map Twitter!](#) For more information about this mapping challenge please see the [previous post](#) from 2/20/2014.

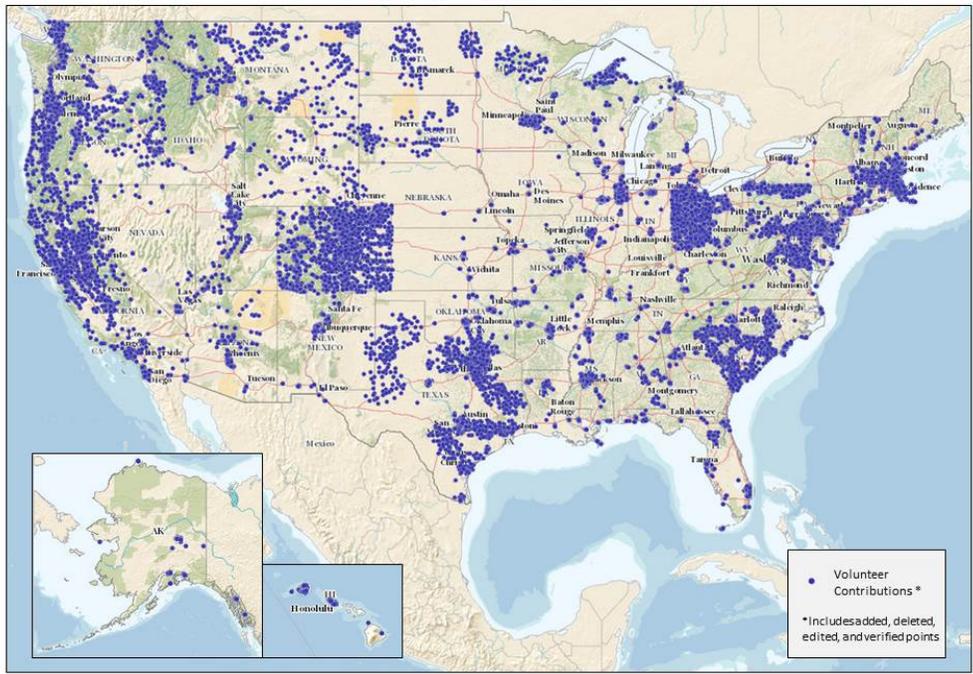
## Central California Law Enforcement Mapping Challenge Update



Did you see the USGS News Release announcing a year since *TNM* Corps began expanding to a nation-wide project? Check it out [here](#)! Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped make this project a success!

The map below is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 4/8/2014. Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map.

### The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to April 8<sup>th</sup> 2014

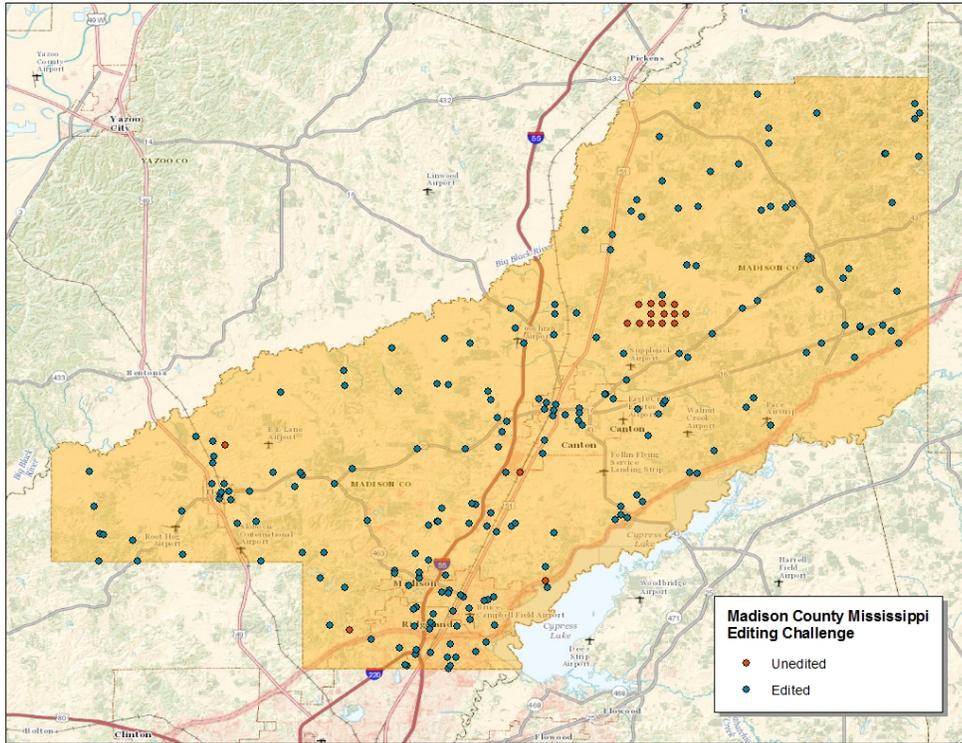


2/20/2014 -----

### New Editing Challenge and Project Update

First of all, thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus**, **Don17402**, **fconley**, **Map Wrangler**, and **mulehead jackson** for doing so much great work editing Madison County, Mississippi! Also a special shout out to **Don17402** for participating in his 5th editing challenge!

Although there are still a few unedited points, these volunteers have greatly improved the data in this county. If you are a cemetery enthusiast or a history buff you might want to take a crack at those remaining points, most of which are very old (hard to verify) cemeteries. Think of it as an historical investigation that benefits *The National Map*!



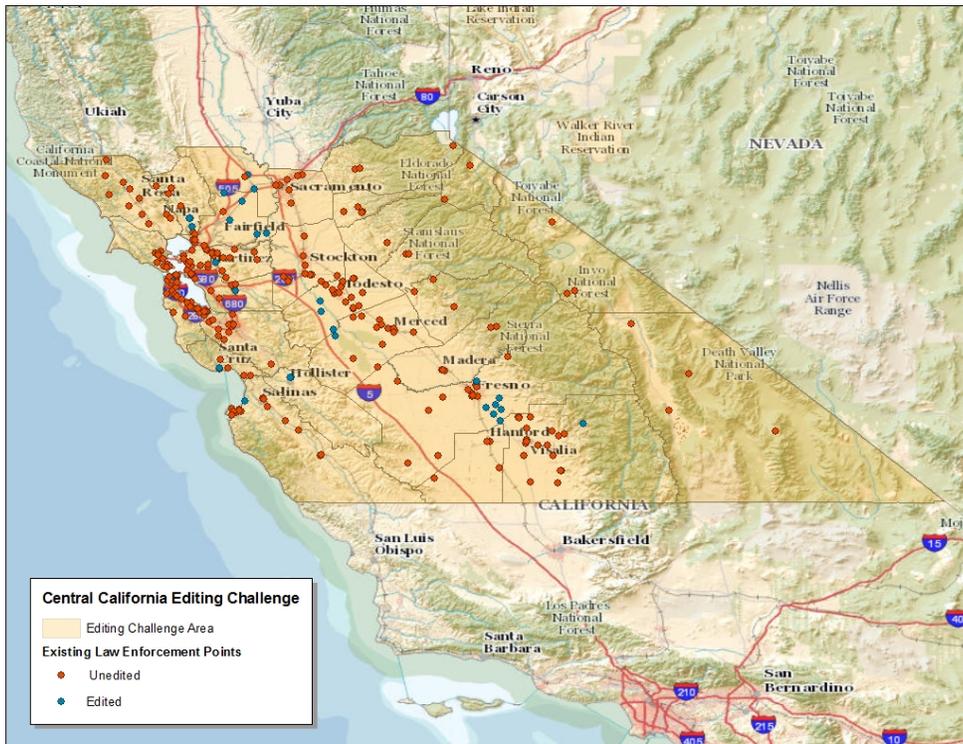
Our new **editing challenge** is a little bit different than the previous ones. For this challenge we would like you to help us edit all of the **Law Enforcement features**



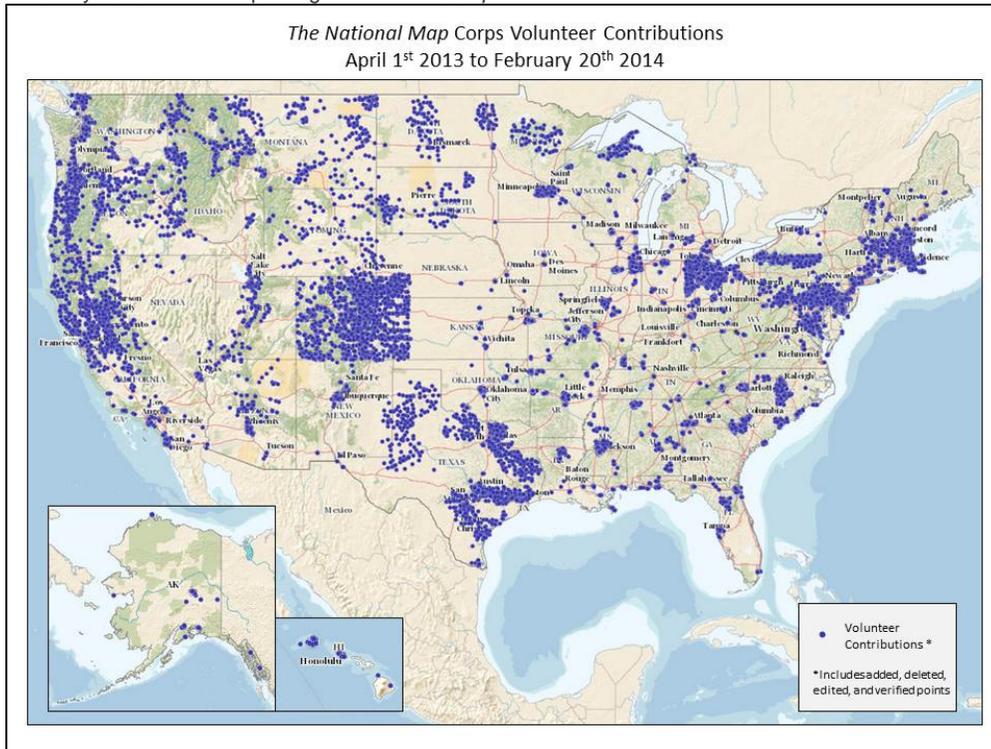
in **29 counties in central California**. A few Law Enforcement facilities in this area have been edited but most remain unedited. Law Enforcement is defined as a building that houses police stations or sheriff's offices. Please look at our **definitions table** for specific examples of what this does and does not include.

The 29 counties are: Alameda, Alpine, Amador, Calaveras, Contra Costa, El Dorado, Fresno, Inyo, Kings, Madera, Marin, Mariposa, Merced, Mono, Monterey, Napa, Sacramento, San Benito, San Francisco, San Joaquin, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, Solano, Sonoma, Stanislaus, Tulare, Tuolumne, and Yolo. Help us improve *The National Map* by editing and verifying existing points, adding missing points, and removing obsolete points.

If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on ***The National Map* Twitter!**



The map below is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 2/20/2014. Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map. Thank you to our volunteers for all of your hard work improving *The National Map*!

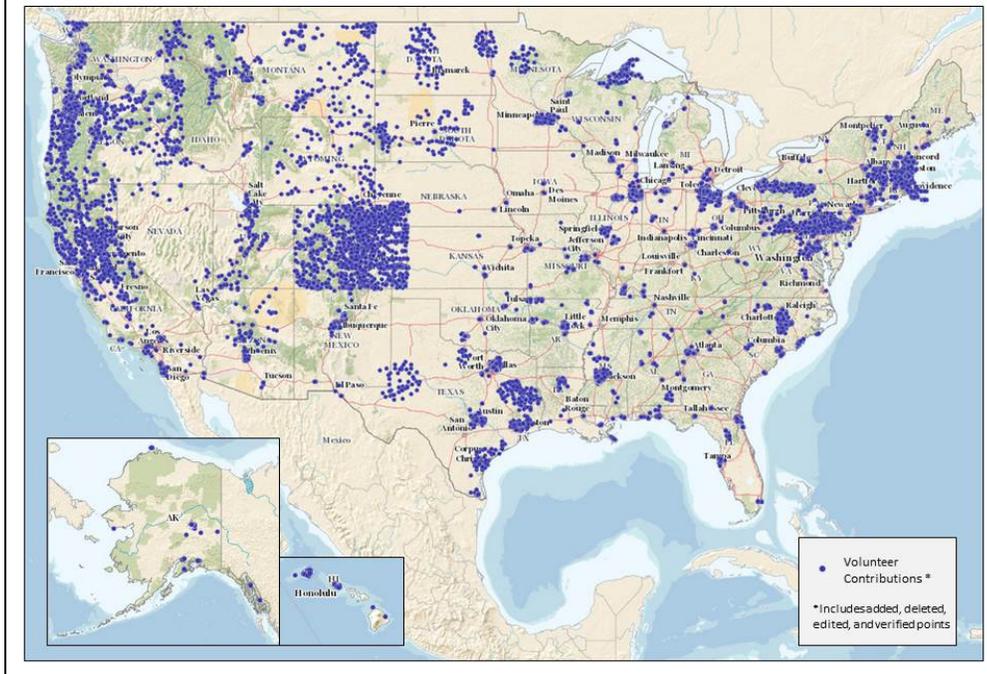


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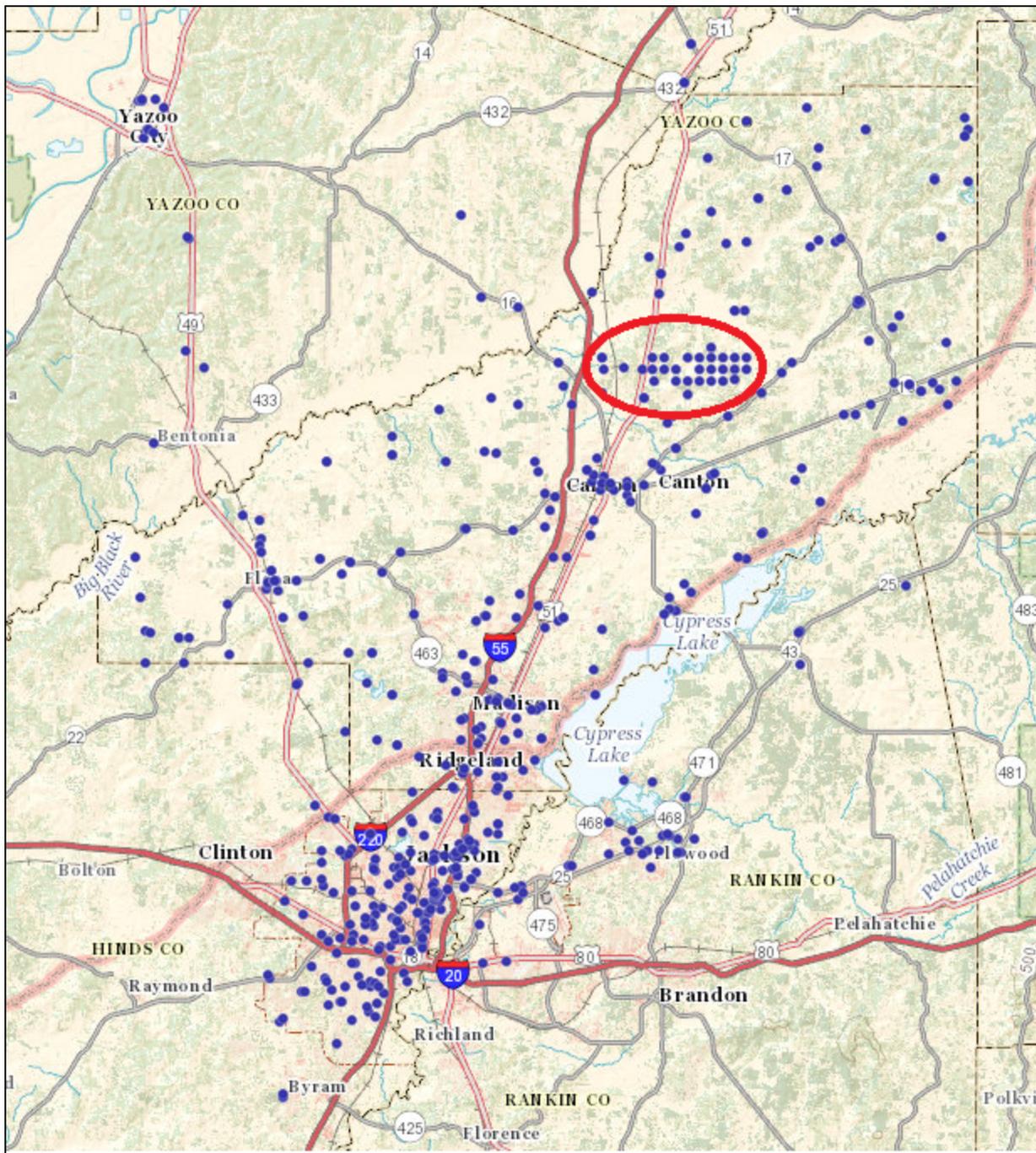
**Project Update and Latest Status Map**

This map is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 1/15/2014. Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map.

*The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions*  
April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to January 15<sup>th</sup> 2014



Thanks to everyone who has participated so far in the Madison County, MS **editing challenge!** There has been a terrific effort to check and update the data in this county. There are still a handful of cemeteries that need to be checked. They can be found in the area circled in red in the image below. These points are very difficult because the original data lacked exact coordinates so they were placed in the middle of the county rather than the correct location of each cemetery. If you are an advanced editor or enjoy researching and editing cemeteries take a look at these points and see if you can help us finish Madison County by fixing them! If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on [The National Map Twitter!](#)



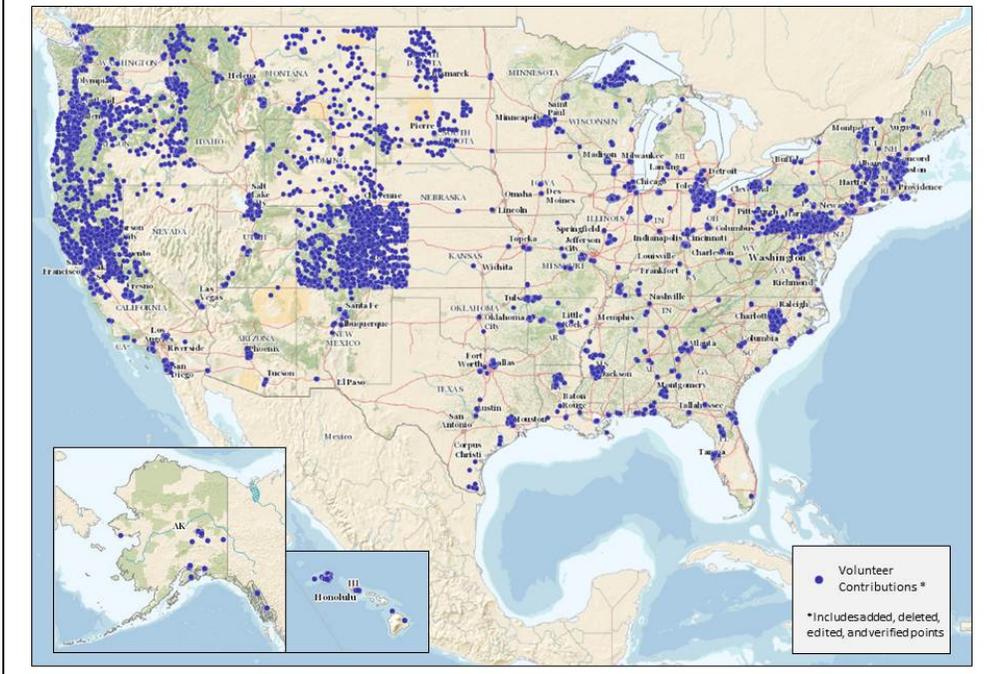
In case you missed it, check out the [USGS news release](#) announcing the significant achievement of 25,000 volunteer contributions. Thank you to our volunteers! We couldn't do it without you!

12/02/2013 -----

**Latest Status Map**

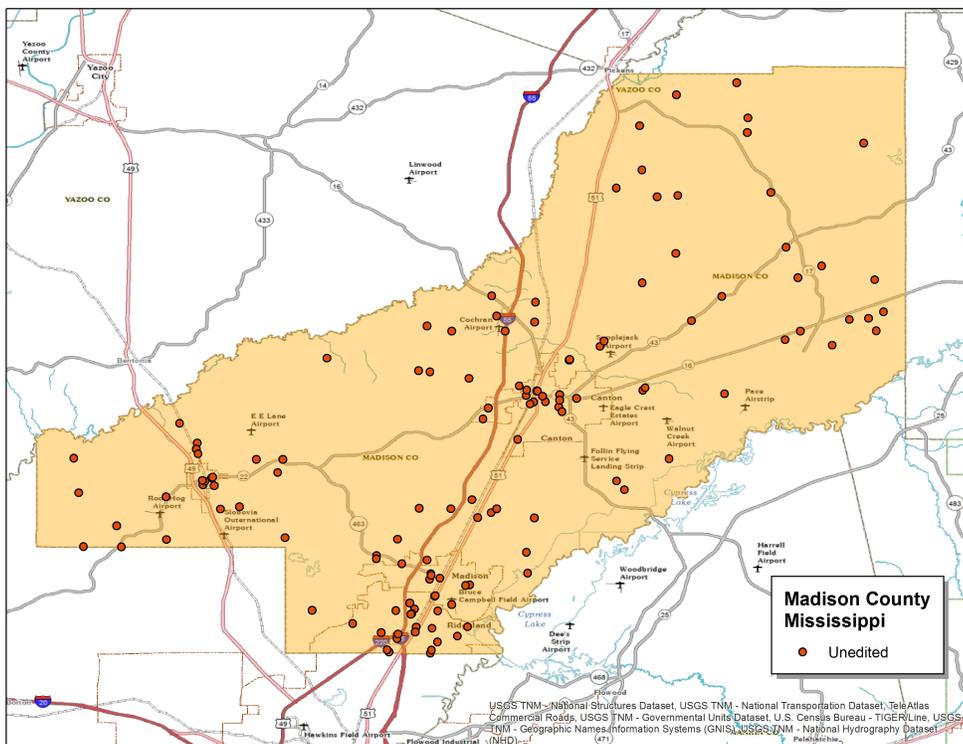
This map is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 12/02/2013. Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map. Also, don't forget to participate in our latest [editing challenge](#) by helping us edit Madison County, Mississippi. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on [The National Map Twitter!](#)

The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions  
 April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to December 2<sup>nd</sup> 2013



11/25/2013 -----

New Editing Challenge - Madison County, Mississippi



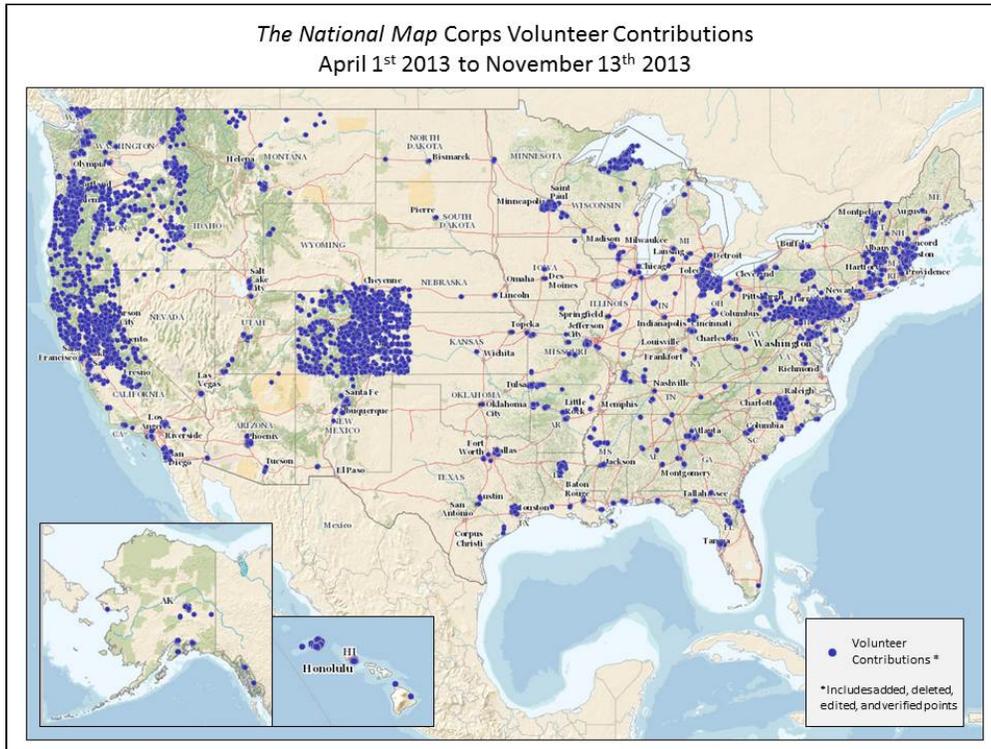
It has been a while since we have had an **editing challenge** and this is our first one outside of the state of Colorado. This editing challenge is **Madison county, Mississippi**. No editing has been done in this county yet so help us out by editing and verifying existing points, adding missing points, and removing obsolete points. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on **The National Map Twitter!**

11/14/2013-----

## Project Update

Even though we were offline during the government shutdown we have seen huge gains in new volunteers and contributions since coming back mid-October. Thank you to our volunteers for jumping back in and helping to improve our structures data! On another note, *The National Map Corps* project was awarded the gold medal at the International Map and Trade Association "Americas" Conference in Boston for the marketing, communications plan, and outstanding implementation of the volunteer mapping program. We wouldn't be successful without our volunteers, so thanks to you all for being a part of *The National Map Corps*! Below is the latest status map showing volunteer contributions. Click [here](#) for an interactive view of the status map.

Keep an eye out for more announcements coming soon including changes to peer review, a new advanced editor role, and new editing challenges.

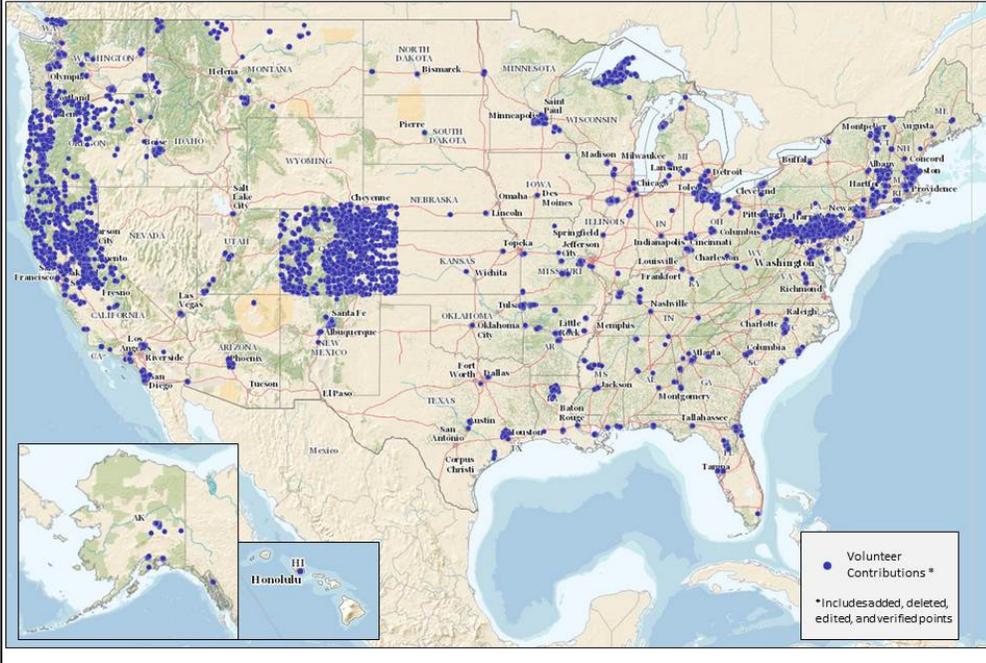


9/20/2013-----

## Latest Status Map and Interactive Status Map Fixed!

This map is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 9/19/2013. The [interactive status map](#) is finally fixed! Click on the link to explore edits in your area of choice.

**The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions**  
**April 1<sup>st</sup> 2013 to September 19<sup>th</sup> 2013**

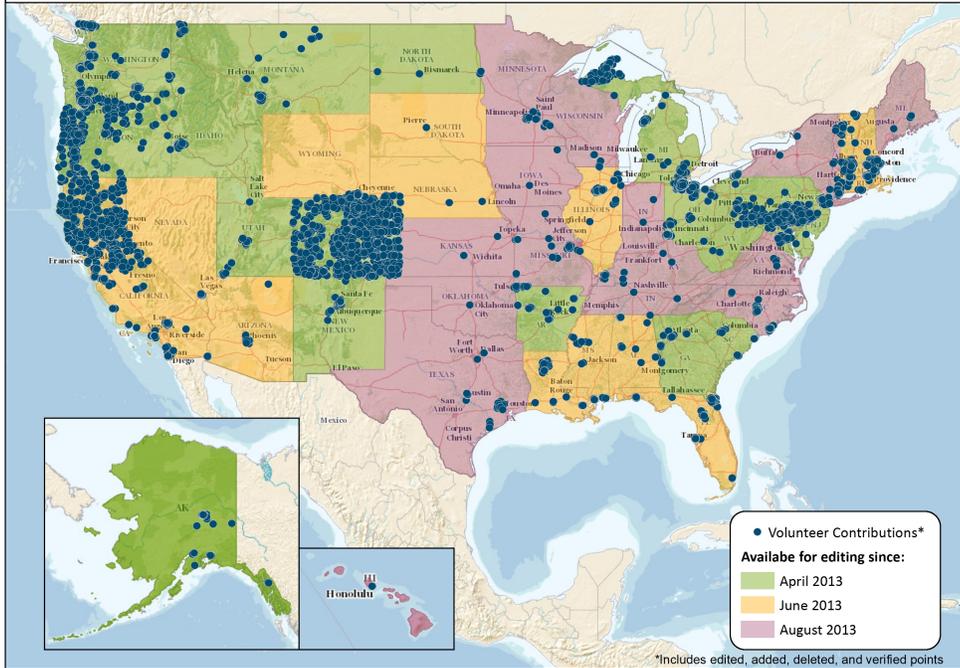


9/11/2013-----

**Latest Status Map**

This map is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 9/10/2013. Thank you for your patience as we work on fixing the interactive status map.

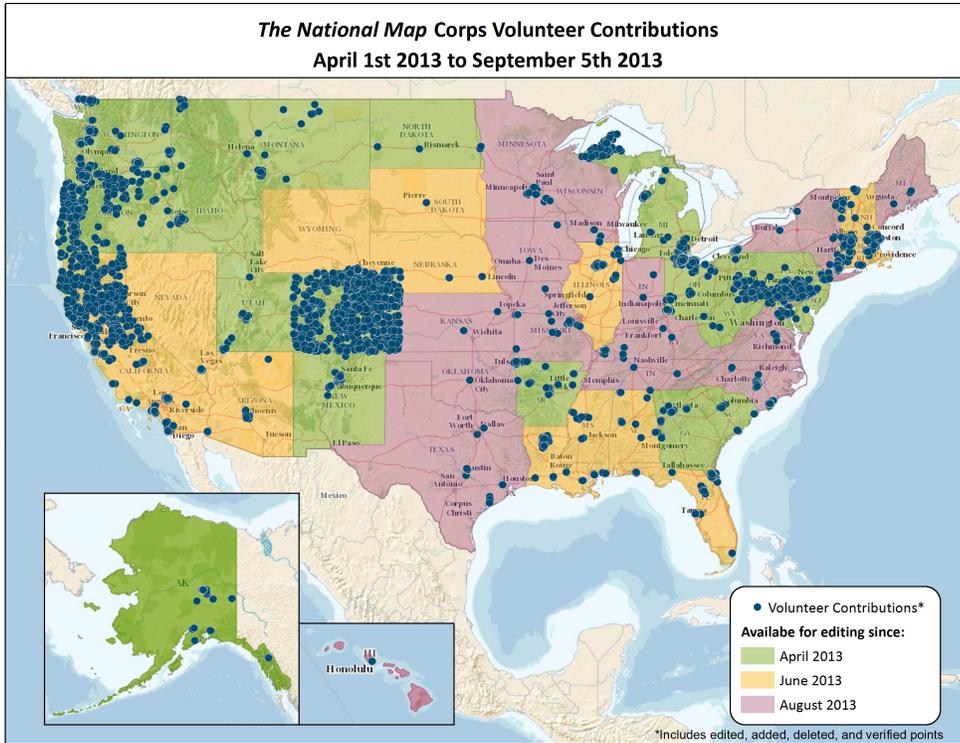
**The National Map Corps Volunteer Contributions**  
**April 1st 2013 to September 10th 2013**



9/6/2013-----

**Latest Status Map**

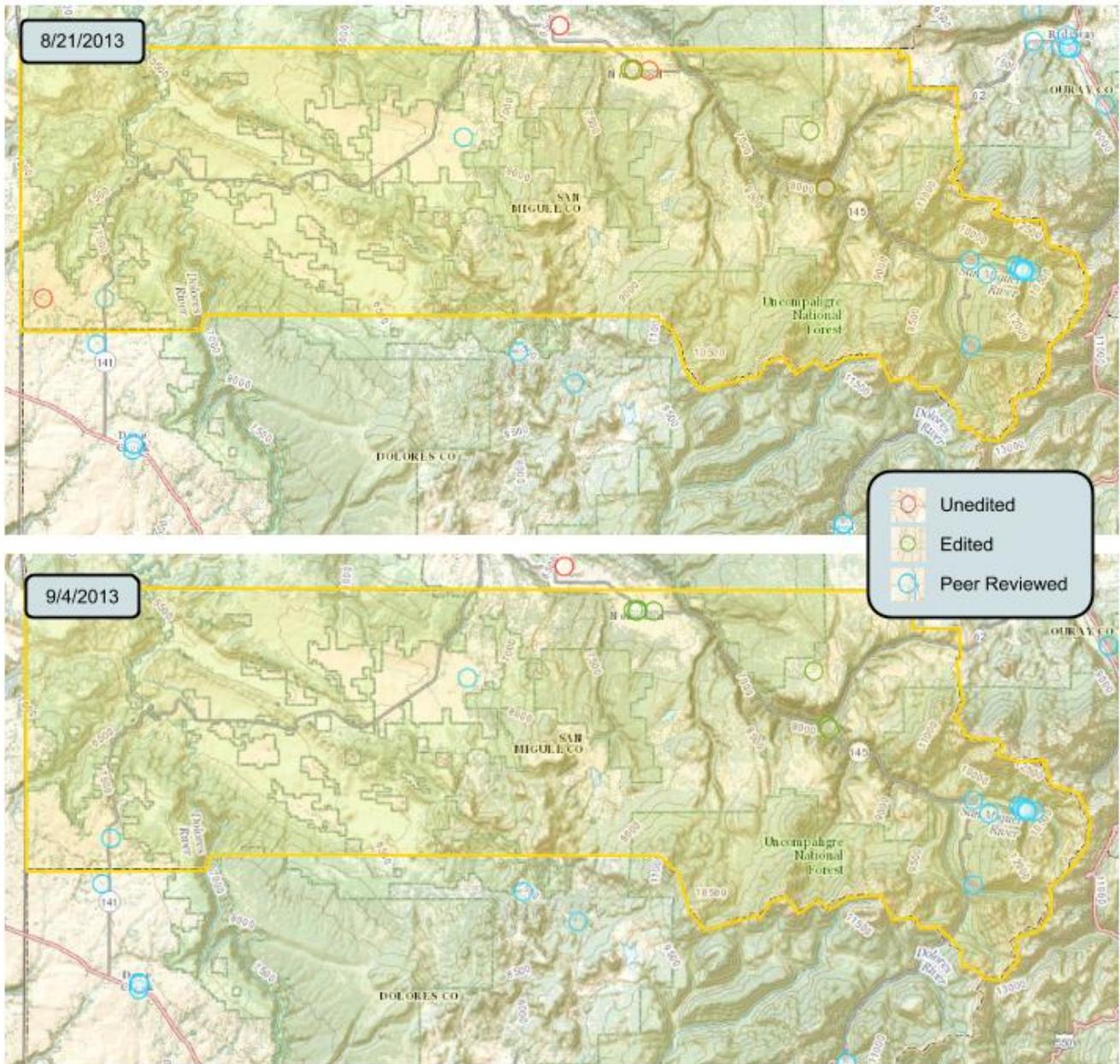
This map is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 9/5/2013. Thank you to our volunteers for all of your contributions!



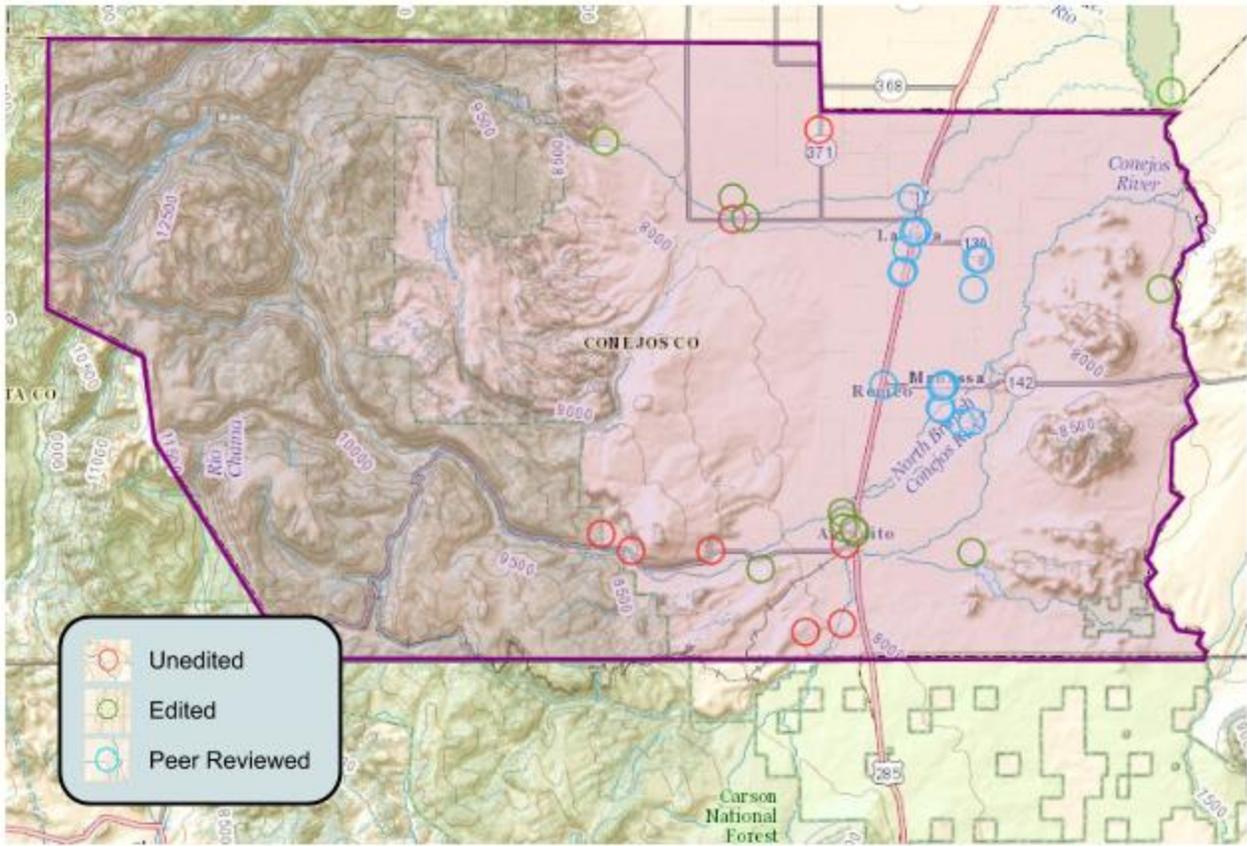
9/5/2013 -----

**San Miguel County Editing Challenge Completed! – New Editing Challenge Available- Conejos County, Colorado**

Thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus** and **Don17402** for finishing the Rio Blanco County Editing Challenge, with a special shout out to **Cartograsaurus** for participating in 5 editing challenges!



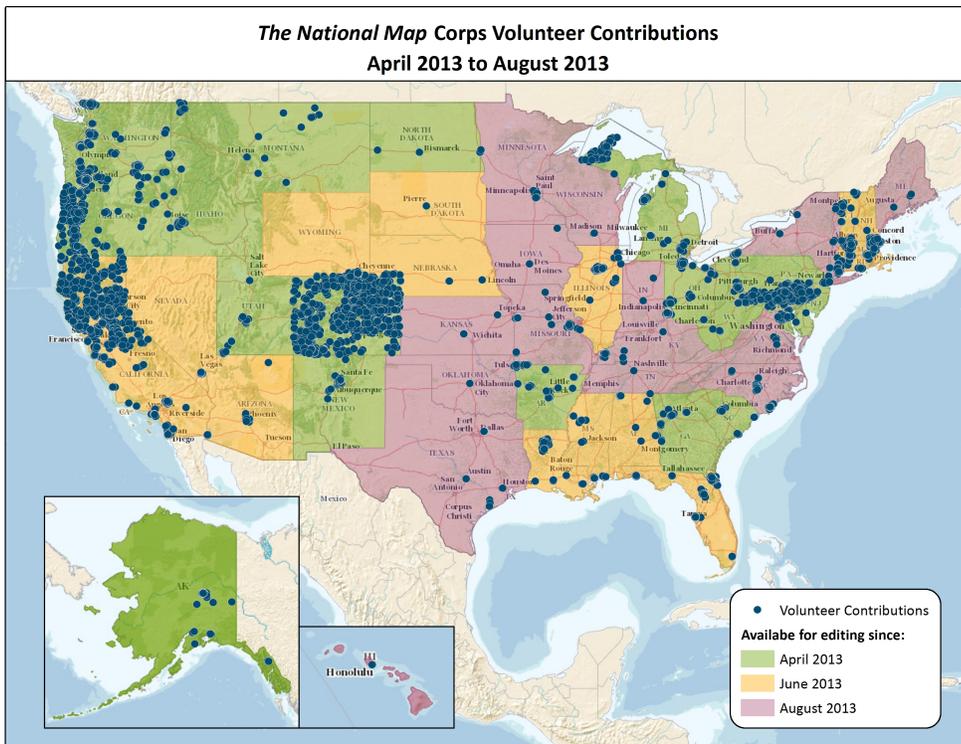
This **new editing challenge** is **Conejos County, Colorado**. Colorado is getting **so** close to being finished (for now)! Help us finish the state by editing all of the red points in the challenge area and looking for missing points too. If you are a **peer review** volunteer you can also participate in the editing challenge by checking out quads in Conejos County with mostly green points. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on ***The National Map Twitter!***



8/29/2013 -----

**Status Map**

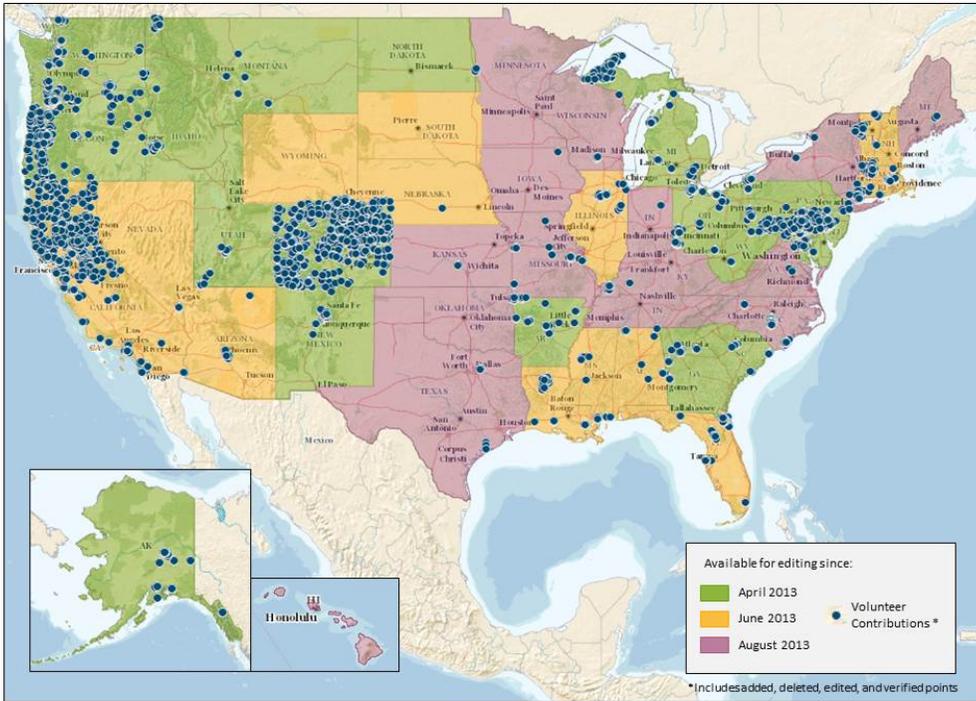
The All States Status map is still experiencing technical problems, but here is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 8/27/2013. Volunteers continue to make great strides editing in almost all of the available states.



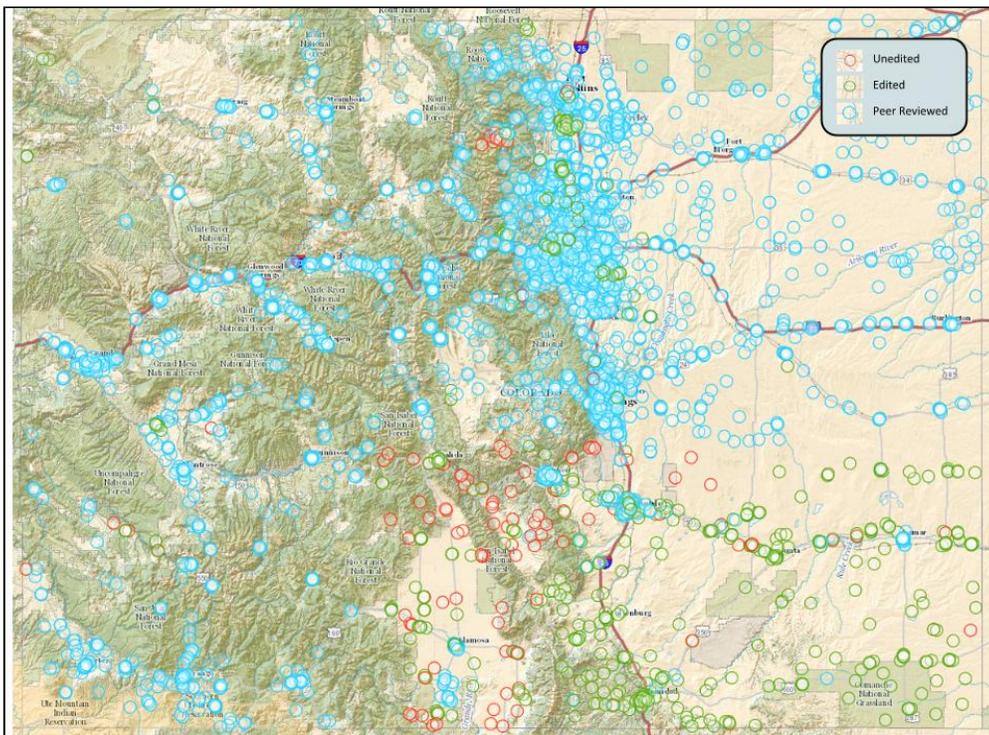
8/22/2013 -----

### Status Maps

The All States Status map is still experiencing technical problems, but here is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of 8/20/2013. Almost all 50 states have volunteer contributions!



We are getting so close to having Colorado finished (for now)! Help us finish it up by editing remaining red points and looking for missing points. If you are an experienced volunteer who has contributed 20 or more points consider signing up for [Peer Review](#). Also, don't forget to check out our [Mapping Challenges](#)! If you participate in the Editing Challenge we will post your user name on [The National Map Twitter](#) and on this site!

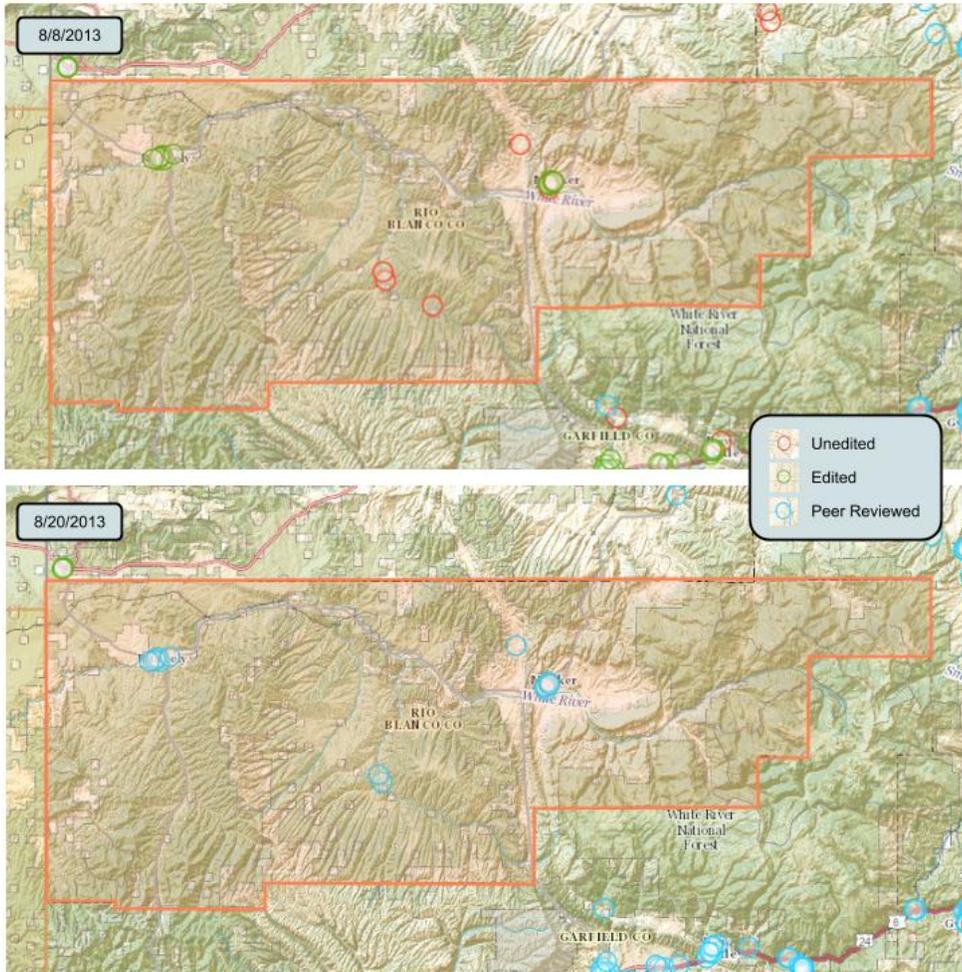


## Colorado Project Status Map

8/21/2013 -----

**Rio Blanco County Editing Challenge Completed! – New Editing Challenge Available- San Miguel County, Colorado**

Thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus**, **Don17402**, and **Somy** for finishing the Rio Blanco County Editing Challenge!

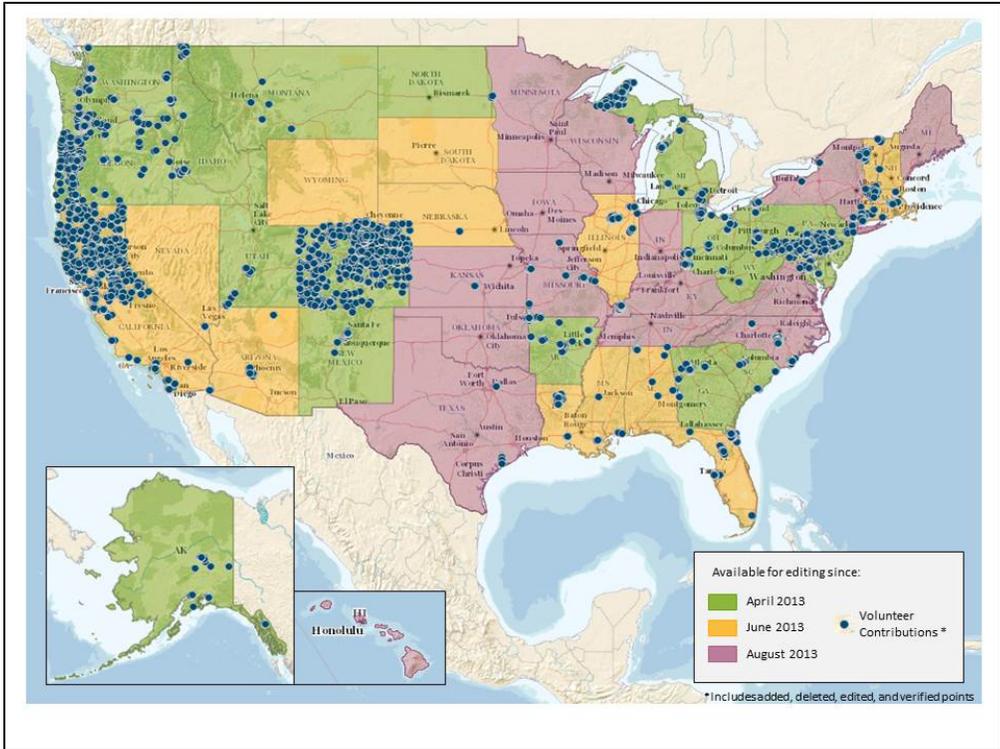


This **new editing challenge** is **San Miguel County, Colorado**. Colorado is getting so close to being finished (for now)! Help us finish the state by editing all of the red points in the challenge area and looking for missing points too. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will post your accomplishment on [The National Map Twitter!](#)



8/19/2013 -----

The All States Status map is still experiencing technical problems, but here is a snapshot of volunteer edits as of yesterday. Volunteers have started contributing data in the newly available states. Thank you to all of our volunteers!



8/15/2013 -----

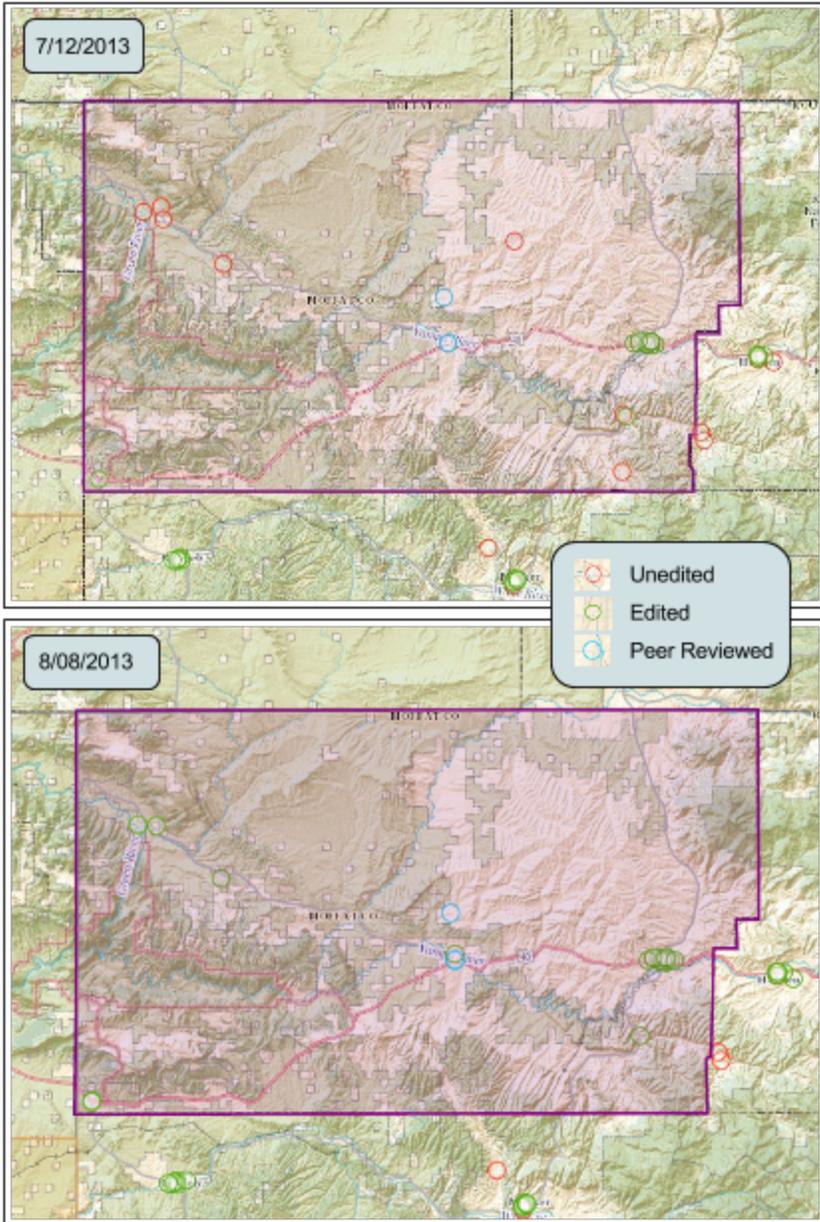
**All States Status map experiencing technical problems**

The All States Status map is currently working only sporadically. If you cannot get it to load try refreshing the page. If that doesn't work, please see the static status map below, from 8/6/2013. We apologize for any inconvenience and are working to resolve the issue.

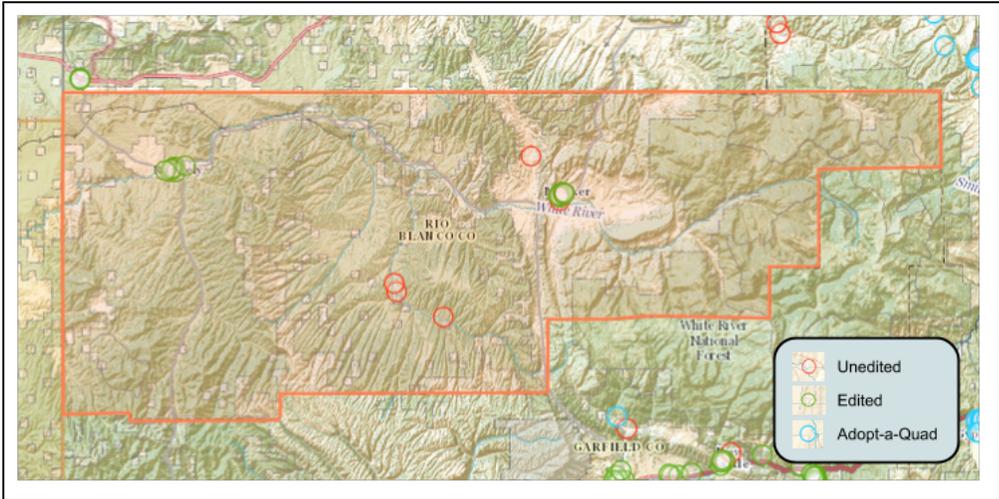
8/9/2013 -----

***Moffat County Editing Challenge Completed! – New Editing Challenge Available- Rio Blanco County, Colorado***

Thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus** and **Don17402** for finishing the Logan County Editing Challenge!



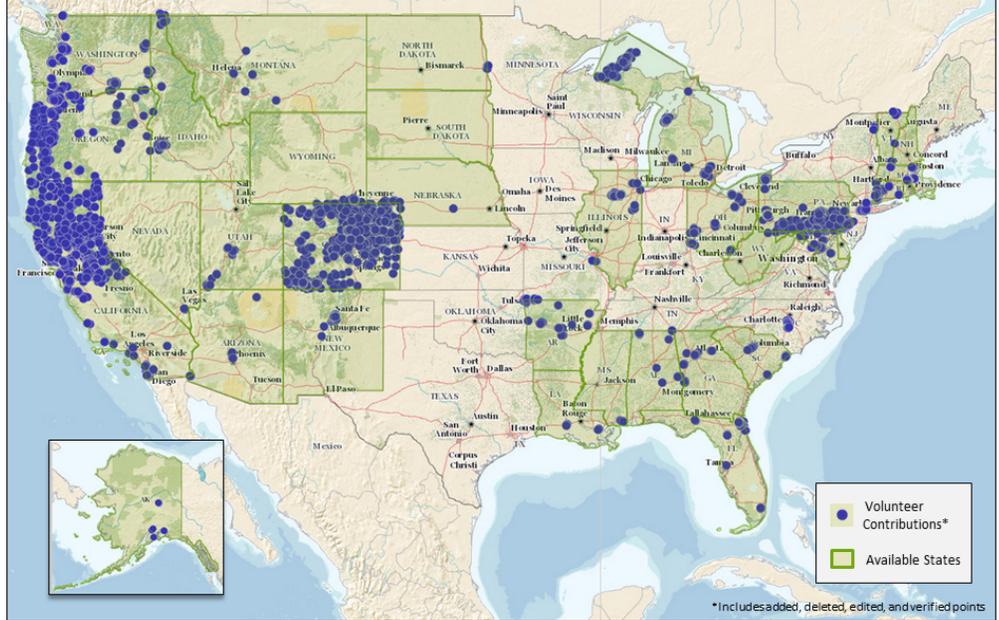
This **new editing challenge** is **Rio Blanco County, Colorado**. Help us finish Colorado by editing all of the red points in the challenge area and looking for missing points too. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website and we will tweet your accomplishment!



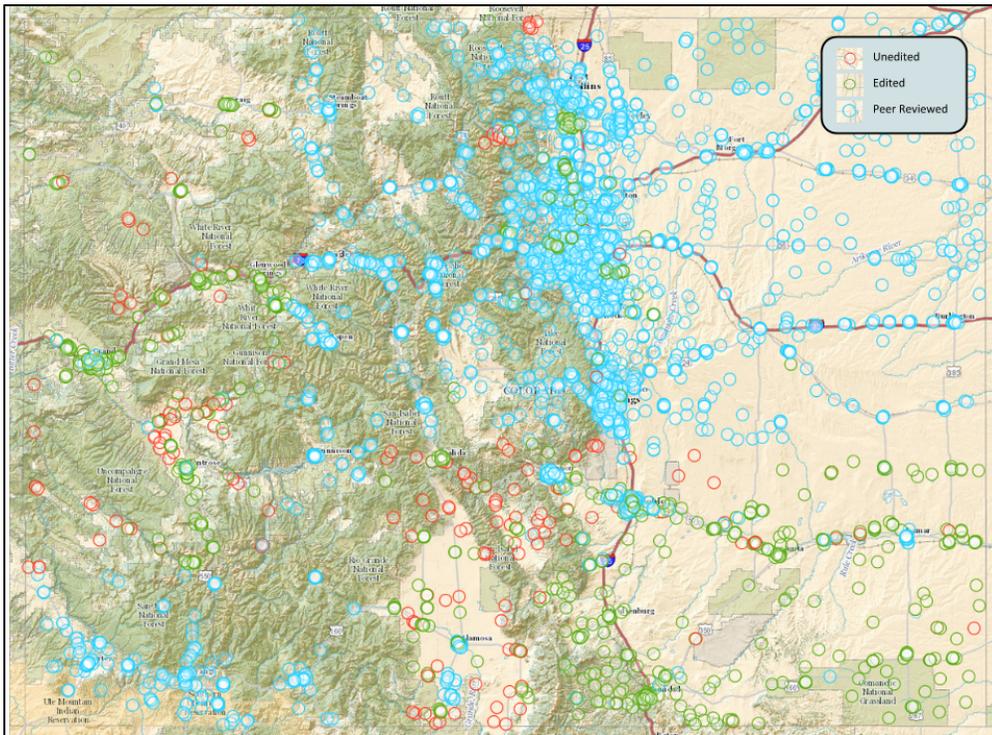
8/6/2013 -----

**New Status Maps**

Volunteers continue to make great progress editing available states. Help us finish up Colorado by editing remaining red points and looking for missing points. If you are an experienced volunteer who has contributed 20 or more points consider signing up for **Peer Review**. Also, keep your eyes open for the release of the rest of the 50 states in the near future!



**All States Project Status Map**

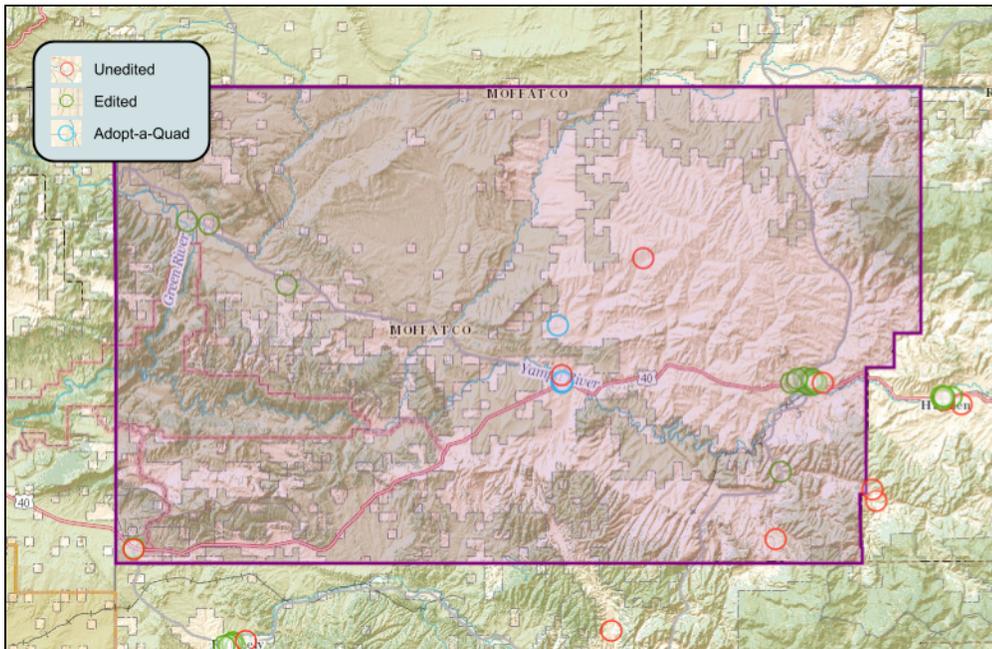


**Colorado Project Status Map**

**7/26/2013** -----

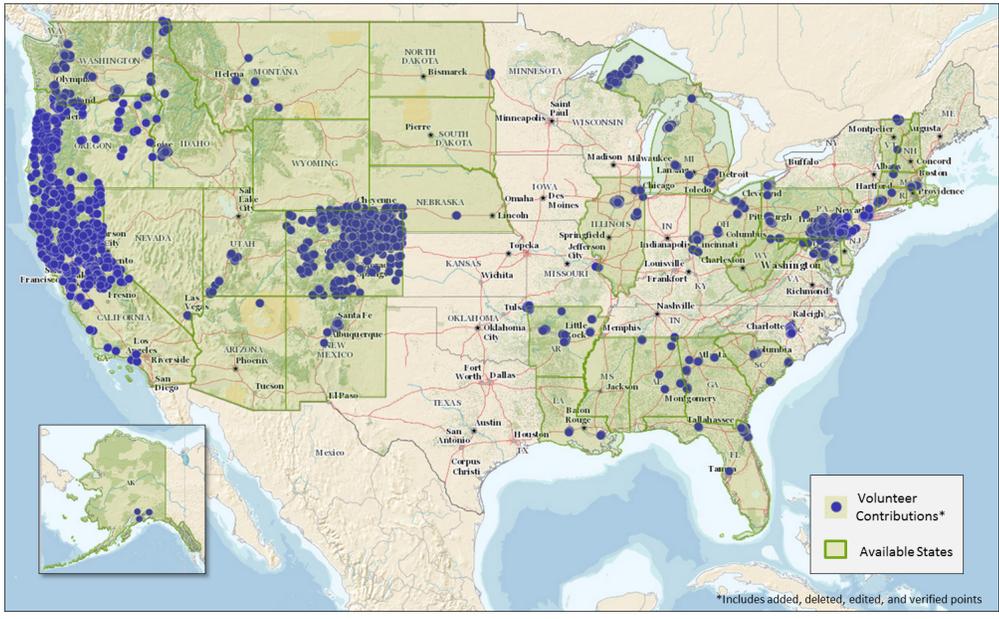
**Update on Moffat County Editing Challenge and New Status Maps**

Thanks to our volunteers who have participated in this editing challenge and contributed data in Moffat County, Colorado. While progress has been made there is still some work to do. Help us finish this editing challenge and you will be recognized on this page and on [The National Map Twitter!](#)



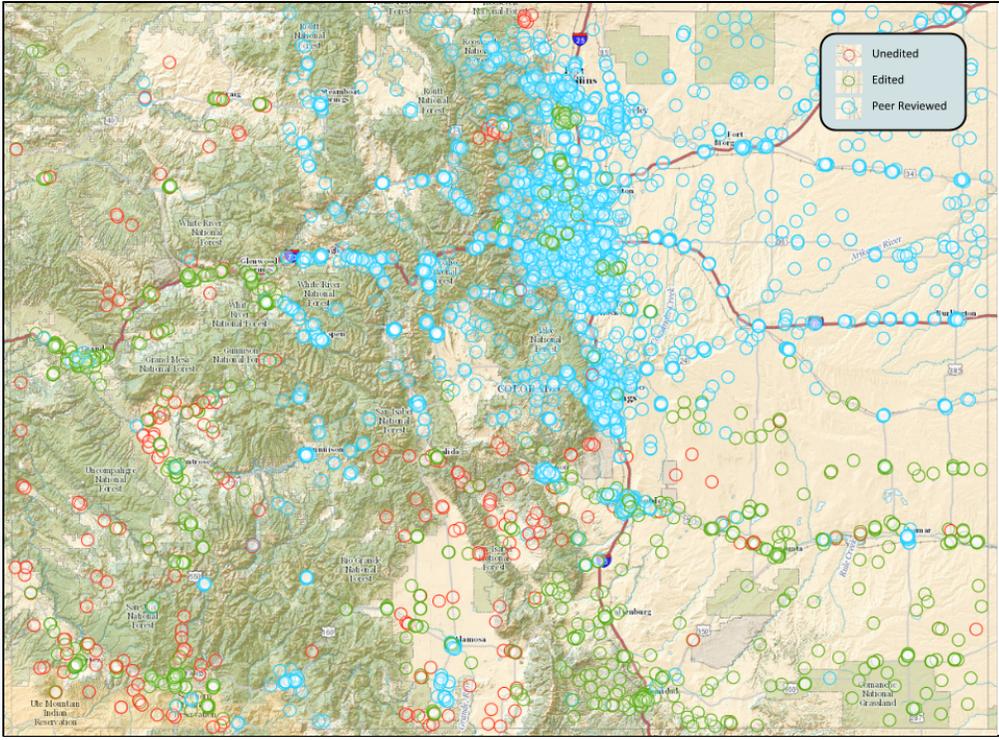
**Status Maps**

Volunteers are making great progress in the available states. Get involved with *TNMC* by editing in any of the green states. You don't need to live in an area to participate in editing there. Make sure to read our [Editing Guidelines](#) to find out how to edit from anywhere!



**All States Project Status Map**

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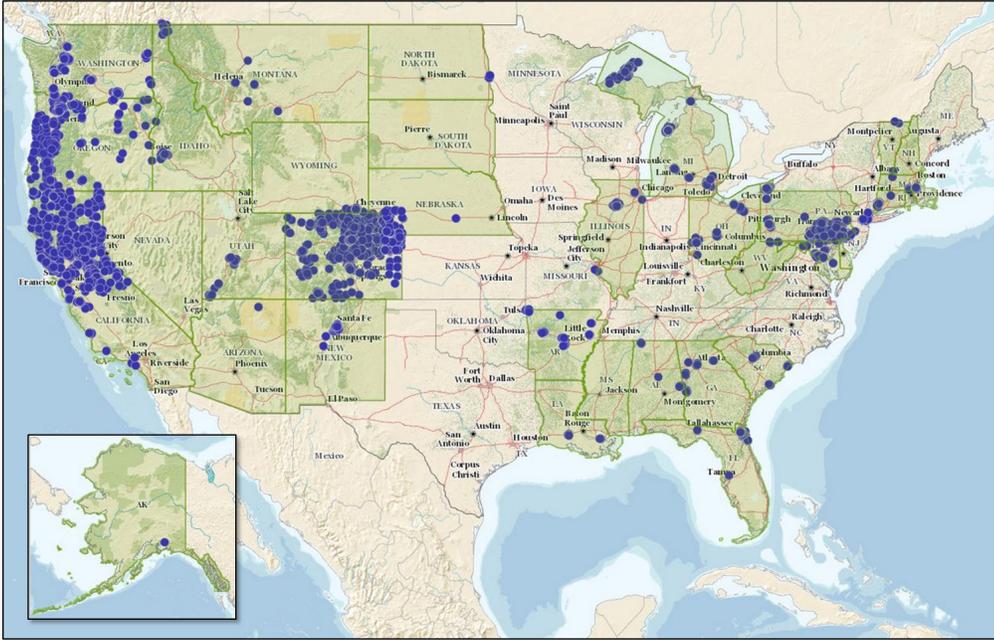


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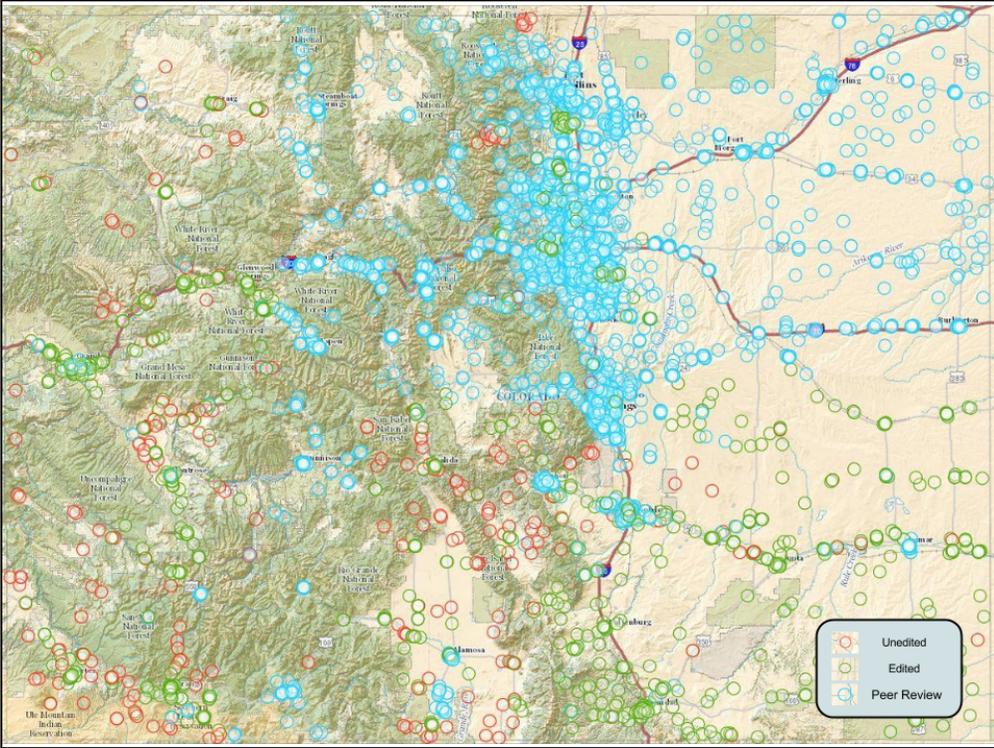
7/18/2013 -----

**Status Maps and Update on Moffat County Editing Challenge**

Below are the latest status maps for the **states currently available to edit** and a **detailed view of Colorado**. Impressive progress continues to be made by volunteers! Pennsylvania, Oregon, Washington, and California have made an amazing amount of progress since being released. Colorado is moving closer to completion through your participation in editing, peer review, and editing challenges. Please help us finish up Moffat county in Colorado by participating in our most recent **editing challenge**. Also, don't forget to follow us on **Twitter** and **Facebook** to see additional information and updates about *The National Map Corps* and the USGS. Thank you to our volunteers for all of your contributions!



All States Project Status Map

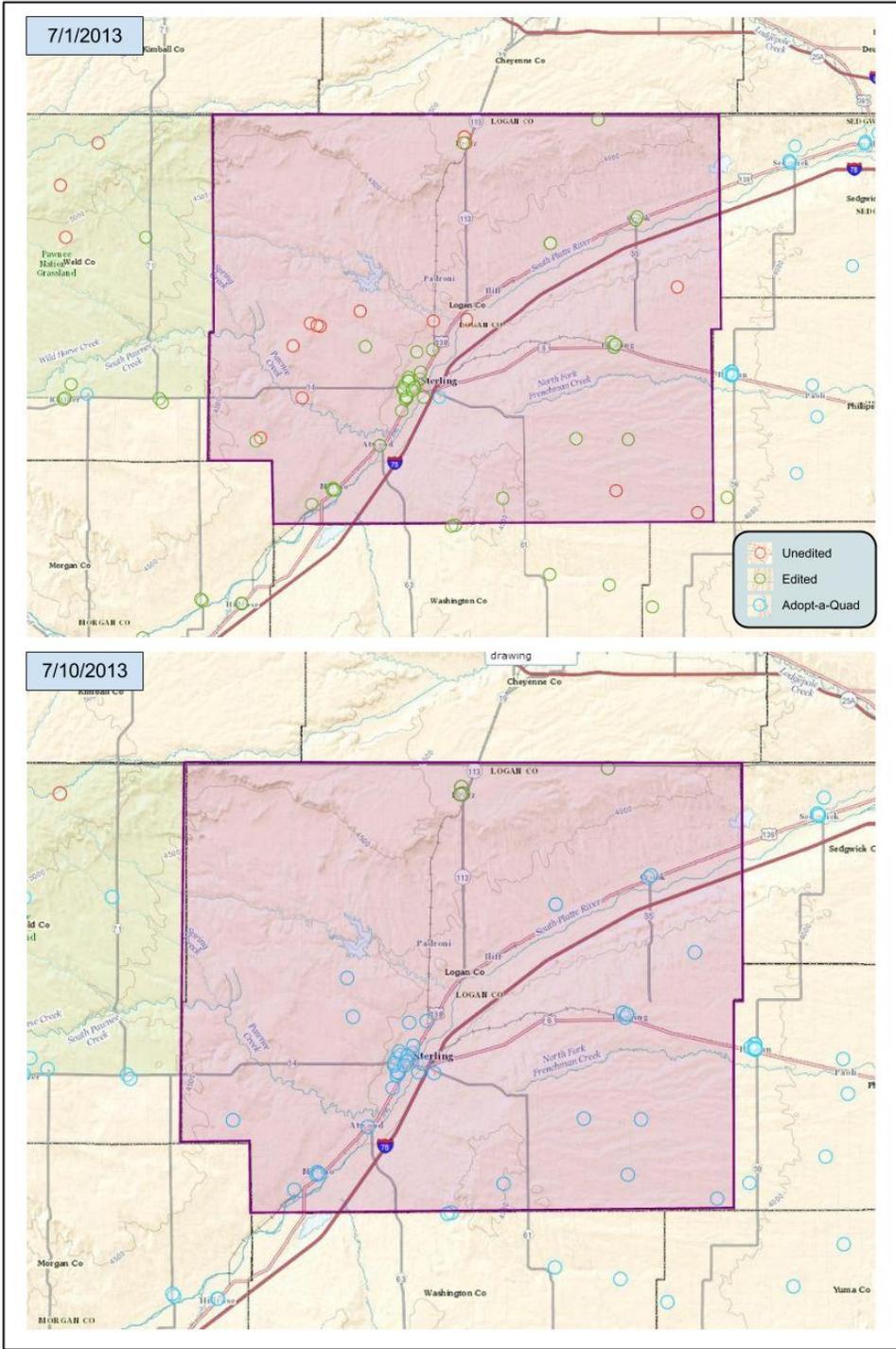


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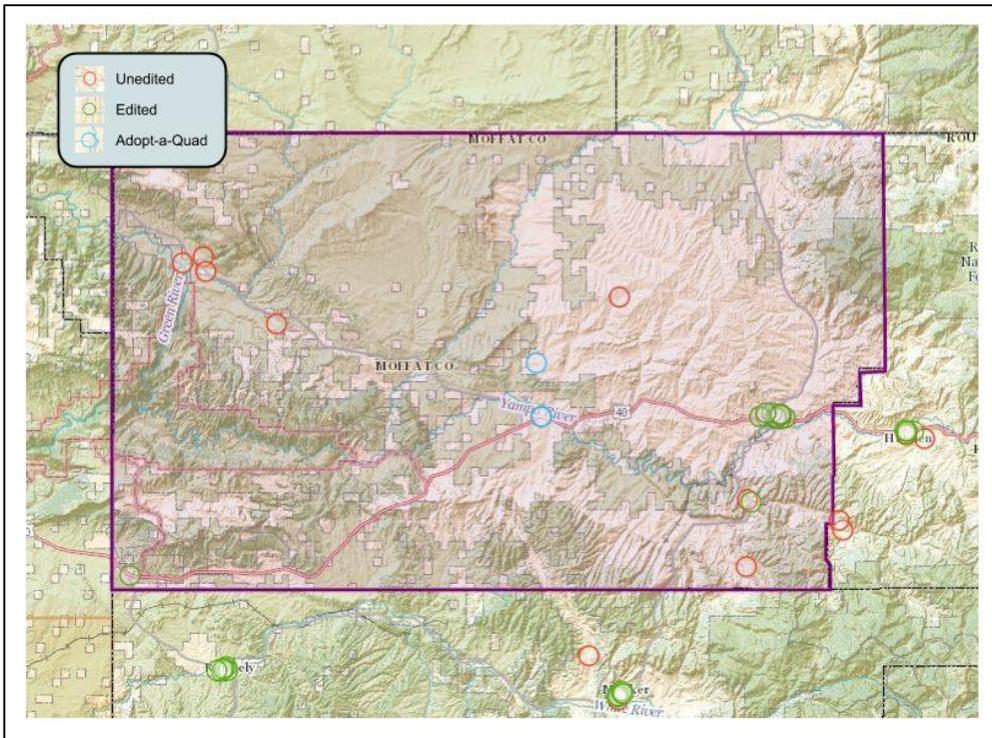
7/12/2013 -----

Logan County Editing Challenge Completed! – New Editing Challenge Available- Moffat County, Colorado

Thank you to our volunteers **Cartograsaurus**, **Don17402**, **tari** for finishing the Logan County Editing Challenge!



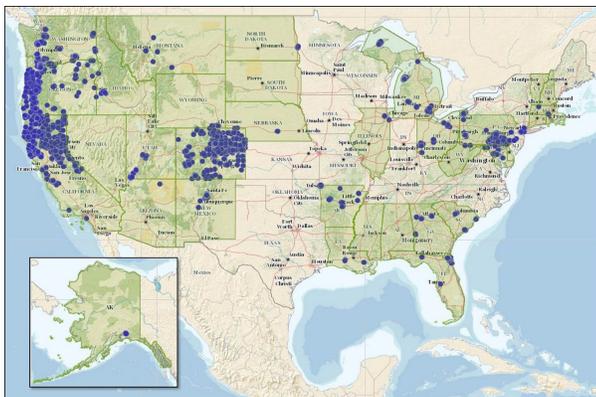
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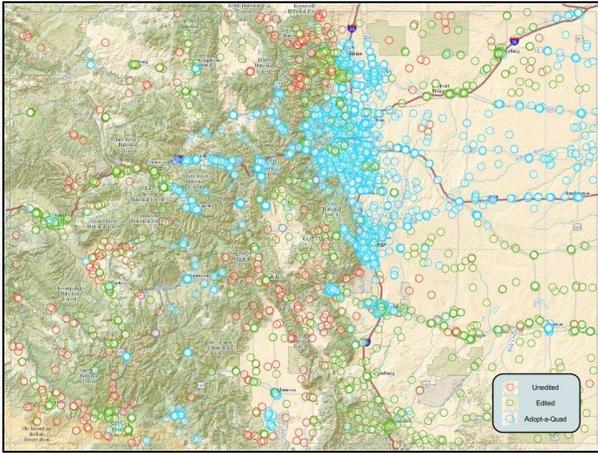
7/5/2013 -----

### Status Maps

Below are the latest status maps for the states currently available to edit and a detailed view of Colorado. Since releasing additional states last month many new volunteers have signed up and a ton of progress has been made in editing! Volunteers continue to work towards finishing up Colorado through editing, peer review, and by participating in editing challenges. Thank you to our volunteers for all of your contributions!



**New States Project Status Map**

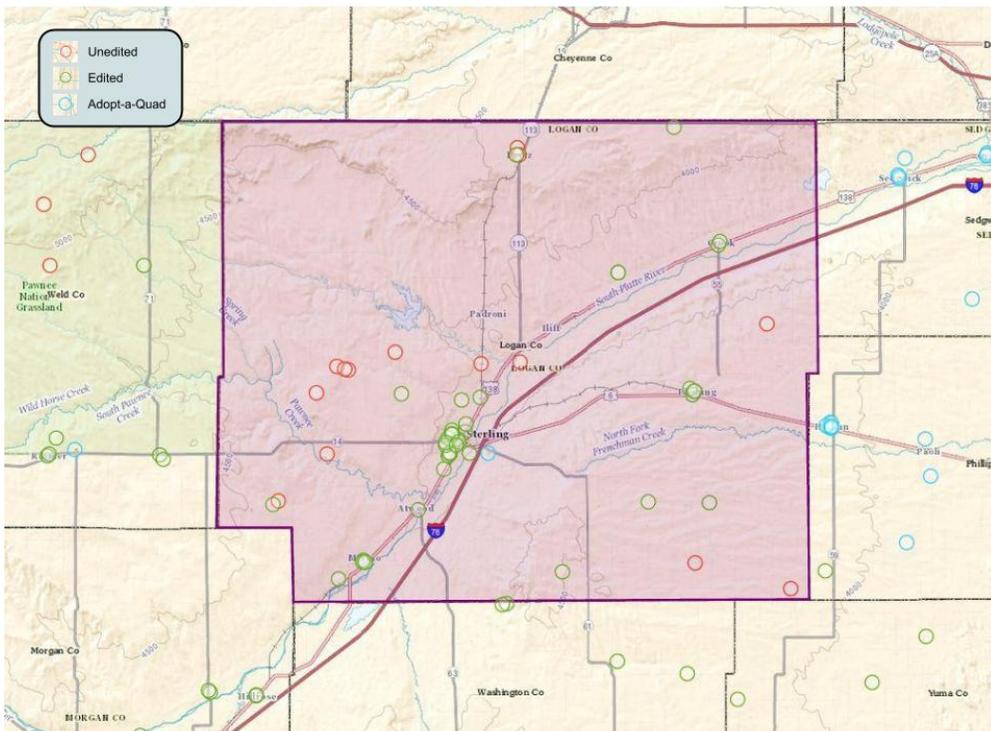


**Colorado Project Status Map**

7/1/2013 -----

**New Editing Challenge- Logan County, Colorado**

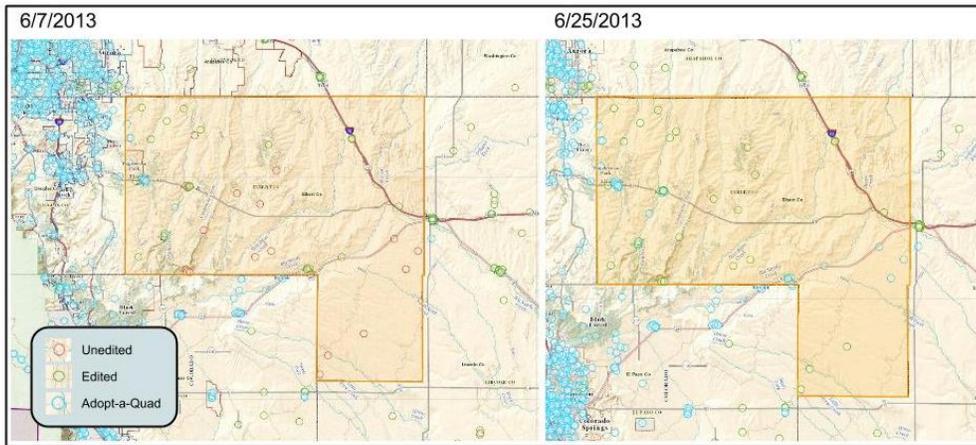
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6/26/2013 -----

**Elbert County Editing Challenge Completed!**

Our Elbert County Editing Challenge has been completed thanks to our volunteers!



Thanks to users **Cartograsaurus**, **Hayden**, **Petros Apotsos**, and **tari** for participating in this challenge!

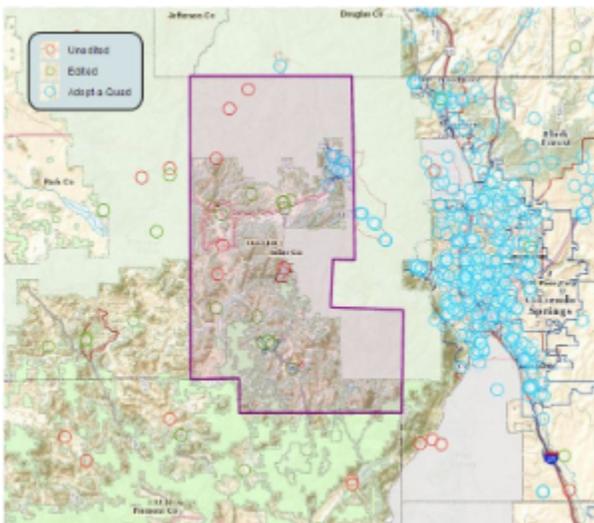
6/7/2013 -----

**New Editing Challenge!**

As previously promised here is a new editing challenge! This editing challenge is Elbert County, Colorado. Help us finish Colorado by editing all of the red points in the challenge area. If you participate in finishing this area you'll get a shout out on this website!



Here is an updated view of our first editing challenge from back in March. Thanks to those who have done some editing in this area, Teller County, Colorado. Help us finish up this first editing challenge and we'll thank you using user names in a future update!

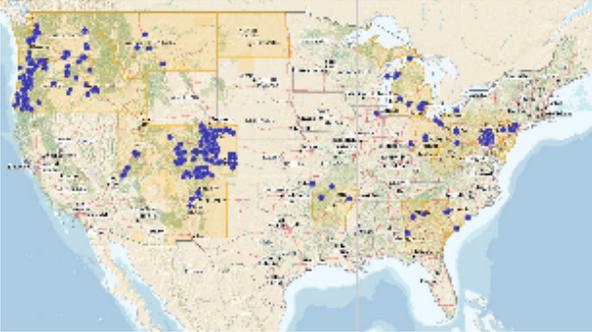


## Volunteer Recognition

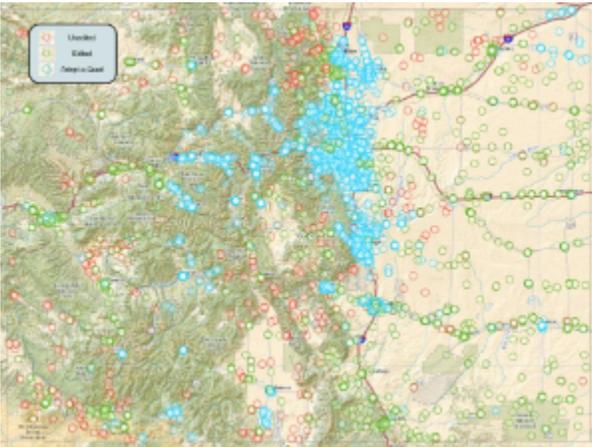
We recently released out our volunteer recognition program. You can now earn badges for contributing and have your achievement posted on *The National Map* Twitter account! Check out the news release [here](#).

## Status Maps

Below are the latest status maps for the states currently available to edit and a detailed view of Colorado. Volunteers continue to make great progress on finishing up Colorado as well as editing in the newer states. Keep your eye out for the release of additional states this month.



## New States Project Status Map

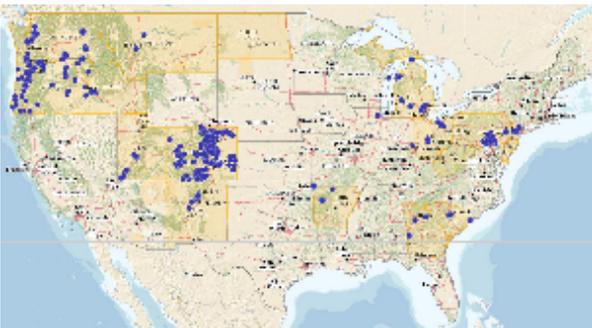


## Colorado Project Status Map

5/22/2013 -----

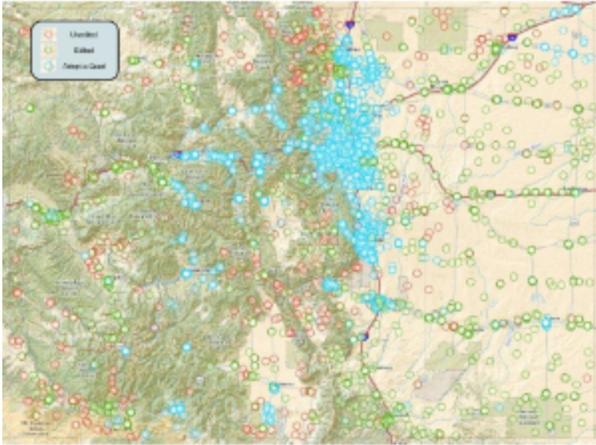
## Status Maps

Volunteers continue to make great progress across the new states! This map shows volunteer contributions (additions, edits, verifications, and deletions) since the release of the new states on 4/1/2013. Thank you for your contributions!



## New States Project Status Map

You can help up finish up Colorado by checking remaining unedited points and by signing up for [Peer Review](#) if you are a more experienced volunteer and checking out and reviewing remaining quads.



**Colorado Project Status Map**

5/10/2013 -----

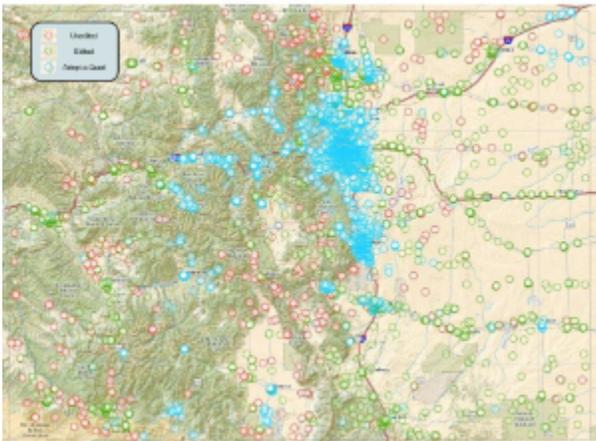
**Status Maps**

This map shows volunteer contributions (additions, edits, verifications, and deletions) since the release of the new states on 4/1/2013. Volunteers are making great progress on the new states and also in helping us to finish up Colorado! Thank you for your contributions!



**New States Project Status Map**

This map shows the status of CO and what has been edited, what has been through Adopt-a-Quad (AAQ) and what still needs to be edited. Help us finish CO by editing remaining red points and if you are a more experienced volunteer (20 or more points collected) by signing up for **Peer Review** Peer Review. Currently CO is the only state available through the AAQ peer review program. Please be aware, we are currently experiencing intermittent problems with the AAQ website. If you experience problems try again later or work on regular editing instead at this time. Thank you again for all of your amazing work on *The National Map Corps*!



**Colorado Project Status Map**

5/8/2013 -----

**Adopt-a-Quad web site experiencing technical problems**

The Adopt-a-Quad website is currently experiencing intermittent problems. We apologize for any difficulty you may have had. We appreciate your patience as we work to resolve the issues.

4/30/2013 -----

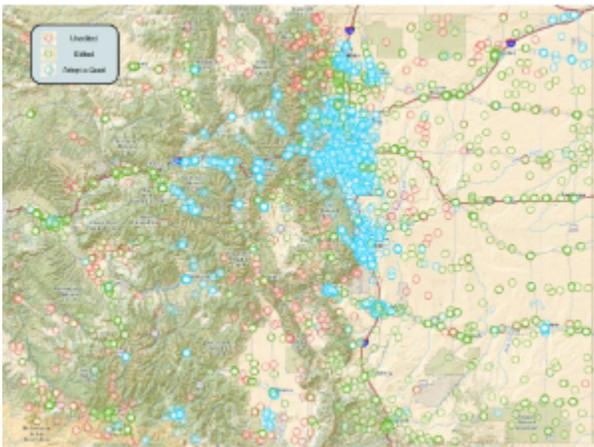
### Updates: Status Maps and Editor Improvements and Fixes

First of all, thank you for all of your contributions! We have volunteers editing in most of the newly released states and also people continuing to help us finish up Colorado.

#### Status Maps:



#### New States Project Status Map



#### Colorado Project Status Map

#### Editor Updates and Fixes:

We have recently made some updates to the editor, some of which have been requested by volunteers in the past.

You can now see the latitude and longitude of the area your mouse is hovering over.

The aerial imagery background layer is now much clearer. It was previously set to default to dim. If you prefer the imagery to be dim you can still select this option under the background dropdown. There is also now an option to sharpen the imagery.





**Dim      Current default      Sharpen**

Just a reminder, Adopt-a-Quad, the volunteer peer review process, is not available in any state except for Colorado at this time. Please make sure that you are editing in the Standard Editor at all times unless you have signed up for Adopt-a-Quad in Colorado. If you have recently experienced any trouble viewing the background layers in the editor the problem should now be fixed. If you are still having problems please try clearing your cache in your browser (Control+Shift+Delete in FireFox; Control+H in Chrome, Control+F5 in IE).

If that does not fix the problem please email us: [nationalmapcorps@usgs.gov](mailto:nationalmapcorps@usgs.gov). We are sorry for any inconvenience this may have caused and thank you for your continued participation.

4/12/2013 -----

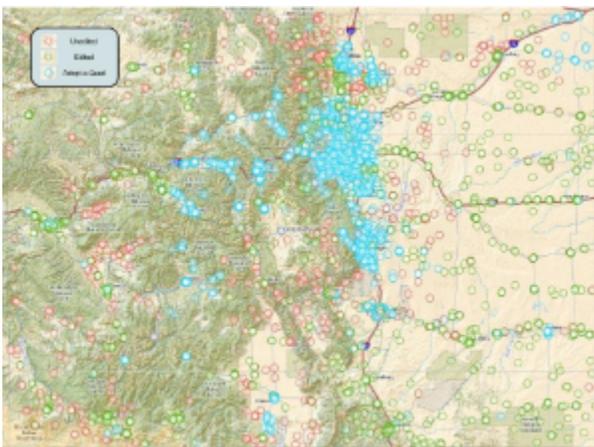
**Status Maps**

Below is the latest status map showing edits in all of the available states since the public release on 4/1! We already have volunteers editing in most of the new states! Don't forget that there is still data to edit in CO too. The bottom image shows the latest status map of Colorado. Help us finish up Colorado by finding and editing remaining red points and looking for missing points in those areas!

**Edits in new states:**



**Colorado Status Map:**



**Colorado Status Map**

4/5/2013 -----

### Adopt-a-Quad web site experiencing technical problems

The Adopt-a-Quad web site is currently experiencing some technical problems. If you experience difficulties with the web site please try again later. We will put out an announcement when the issue is resolved. Thank you for your patience and continued participation.

4/1/2013 -----

### Release of more states for editing!

We have now opened up additional states for editing! Thank you to all of our volunteers who have helped make the Colorado pilot project a success! In addition to Colorado you can now contribute data in Arkansas, Alaska, Delaware, Georgia, Idaho, Maryland, Michigan, Montana, North Dakota, New Jersey, New Mexico, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Utah, Washington, and West Virginia. Help us make this phase of the project a success by contributing in these states.

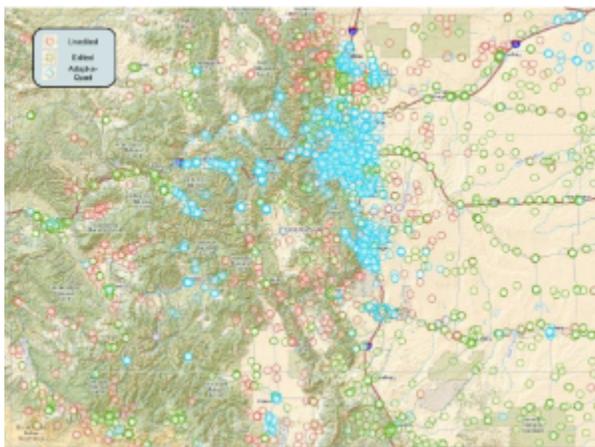
Check out the press release here: [Crowd-Sourcing the Nation: Using Volunteers for Enhanced Data Collection](#)



3/28/2013 -----

### Status Update

Below is the latest status map. Help us finish up Colorado by finding and editing remaining red points and looking for missing points in those areas! Also check out our editing challenge below and keep your eyes open for more coming out soon.

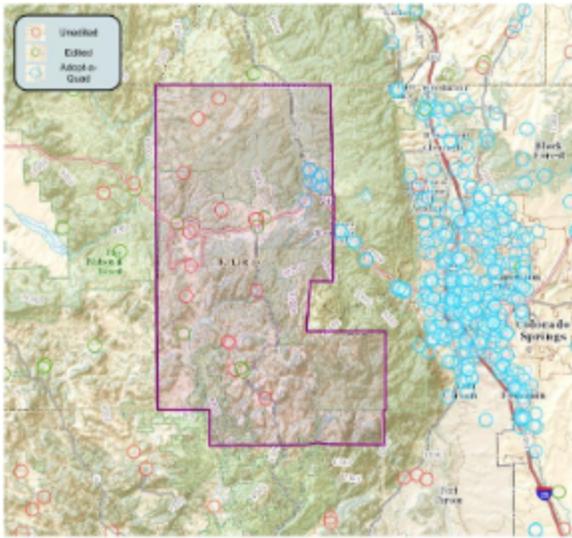


### Project Status Map

3/12/2013 -----

### First Editing Challenge!

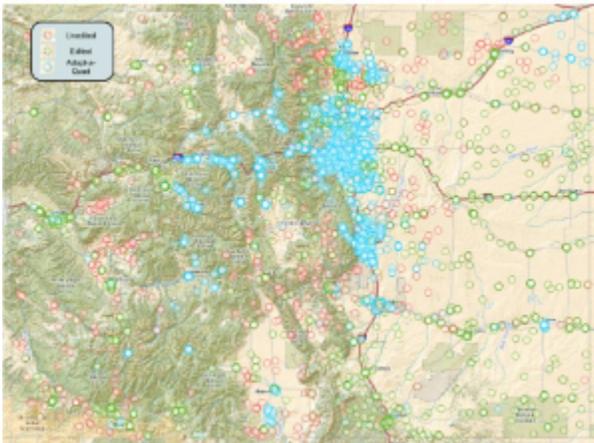
As we get close to finishing Colorado we are going to start posting challenges to edit specific areas that still have unedited points. The first challenge is Teller County, which remains mostly unedited. If you help us by editing Teller County you will get a shout out on this website!



3/12/2013 -----

**Status Update**

Below is the latest status map. Help us finish up Colorado by finding and editing remaining red points and looking for missing points in those areas!

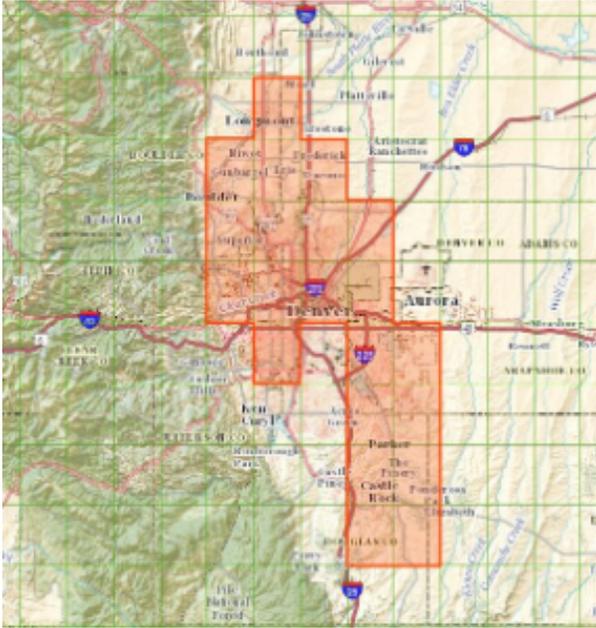


**Project Status Map**

3/11/2013 -----

**Quads loaded into *The National Map*!**

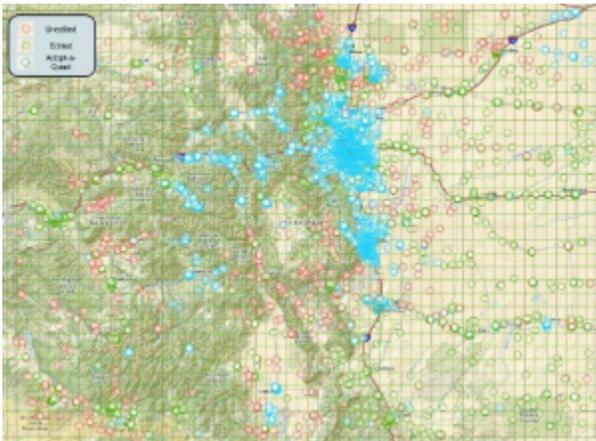
Data contributed by volunteers is going into *The National Map*! The quads highlighted in orange below have been updated and you can find and download the volunteer-contributed structures data in this area using [The National Map Viewer](#). As quads are finished through the Adopt-a-Quad peer-review process we will be updating the data in *The National Map*.



2/27/2013 -----

### Status Update

Below is the latest status map. Again, you can help us finish Colorado by finding the remaining red points and checking them. You can now click on the points in the status map in *The National Map Viewer* and see the name of the feature.

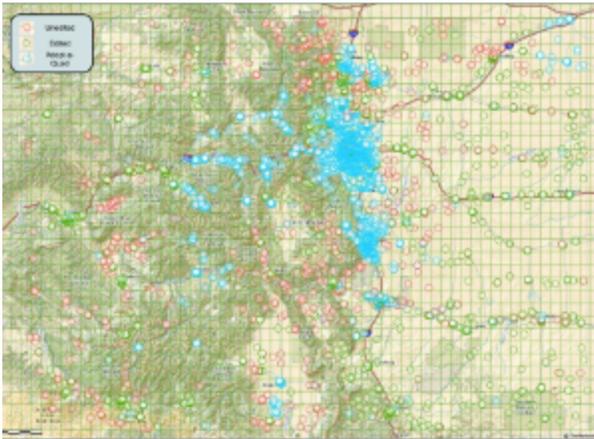


### Project Status Map

2/18/2013 -----

### Status Update

Below is the latest status map. Help us finish Colorado by finding the remaining red points and checking them. You can now click on the points in the status map in *The National Map Viewer* and see the name of the feature. This might help in finding the areas that need editing. Thank you for your contributions!

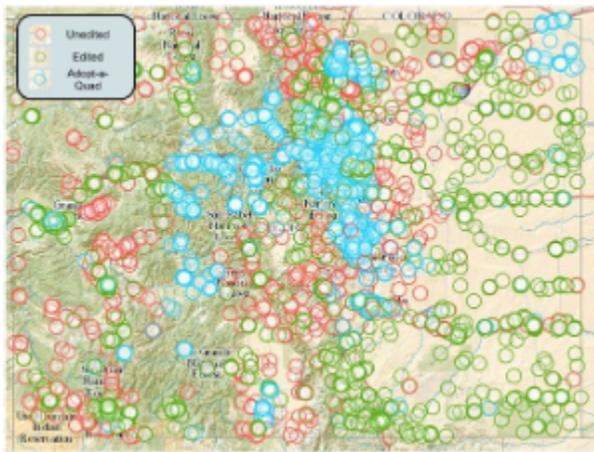


### Project Status Map

2/7/2013 -----

### Status Update

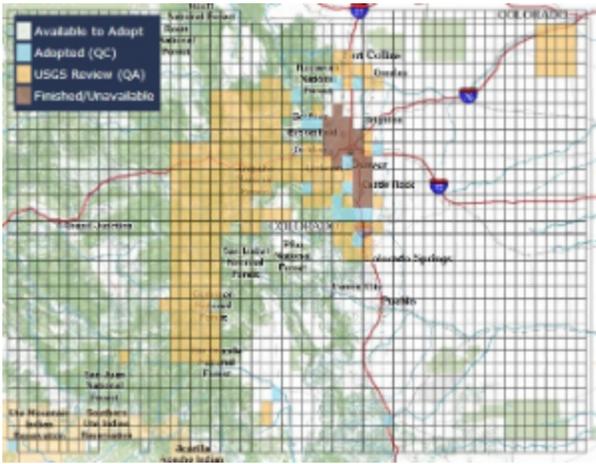
Below is the latest status map. While it may look like there are still a lot of red unedited points, we are actually much more than halfway done with the state! The remaining unedited points are mostly in rural areas and many of them may be obsolete points (such as old schoolhouses) that need to be removed. We recommend picking an area where you see red points and working through all the remaining unedited points in that area. Thanks again for all of your hard work! Don't forget, if you've edited at least 25 points please consider becoming an [Peer Review](#) volunteer!



2/1/2013 -----

### Adopt-a-Quad Update

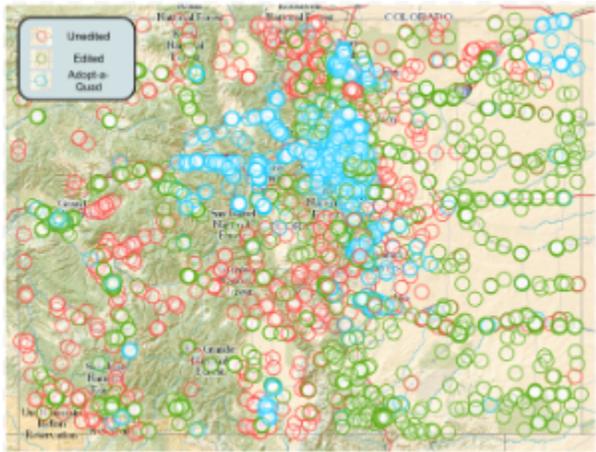
Our peer review process, know as Adopt-a-Quad (AAQ) is moving along nicely! As you can see in the image below, volunteers have made significant progress across the state of Colorado, with many of the denser urban quads completed. Most of the areas left to adopt are covering the rural parts of Colorado which will contain many less points to check than the urban quads. Some of the current AAQ volunteers have adopted swaths of rural quads and are able to check them fairly quickly. Some of these quads may not have any points at all, but please remember to check for missing features that should be added to the map. If you are an editor that has contributed 25 or more points we hope you'll consider volunteer for Adopt-a-Quad. More information can be found [here](#).



1/28/2013 -----

**Progress Update**

The latest status map can be seen in the image below. To get a better look at areas that need editing you can zoom in on the map in the link.

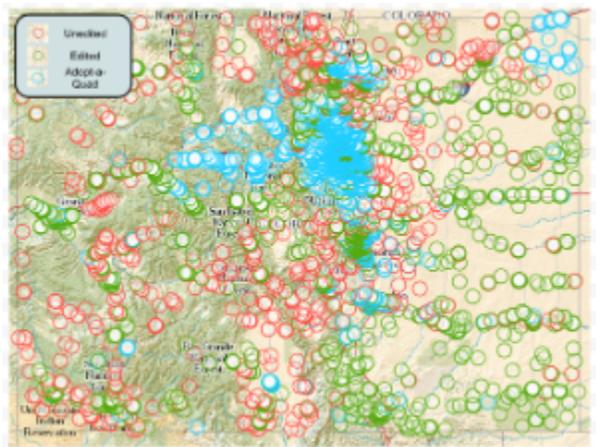


**Project Status Map**

1/22/2013 -----

**Progress Update**

Check out the amazing progress our volunteers have made in just one week! We are finally getting the rural areas of Colorado edited. Please use the map below to identify areas that could use editing. Thanks to Steve Hicks at the University of Denver for letting us work with his cartography class last week. They were able to pick up the editing process quickly and made significant contributions in just two class periods.

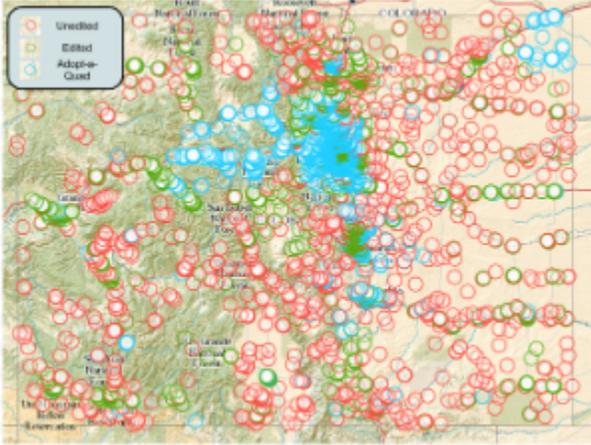


**Project Status Map**

1/15/2013 -----

### Progress Update

We are starting 2013 with the state of Colorado more than halfway finished! We continue to gain momentum as more volunteers sign up and with many contributing a significant number of points. We would like to thank all of our volunteers for their dedication to this project and also thank GISCorps for their recent involvement. Below is a status map showing the current state of the data. Red circles are unedited points, green points have been edited by regular volunteers, and blue points have gone through the peer-review process known as Adopt-a-Quad. This map can be used to find areas that still need to be edited. Use the link below to get to an interactive status map. Again, thank you for your contributions!



**Note:** This is a static map. It will be updated every few days.

### Project Status Map

11/29/2012 -----

#### Scheduled Service Outage

Please be aware that the background imagery in the online editor will be down for scheduled maintenance on Monday, December 3rd 2012, from 7:00 am to 5:00 pm (Central Time). Thank you for your patience.

10/26/2012 -----

### Background Layer Problems Update

Thank you for the many contributions you have made updating structures data in the state of Colorado. We are past the halfway point for completing the state and your contributions continue to display how effective volunteers can be at creating data for *The National Map*. You may have noticed recent problems with the background imagery in the editor. As we develop and improve this project, some intermittent problems are expected. We believe the majority of issues with the imagery have been fixed and invite you to continue making contributions to *The National Map Corps*. Although we don't anticipate this problem to be ongoing, if you should run into these issues again in the future we recommend taking a break from editing and trying again later. We monitor the editor and try to resolve any issues as soon as possible.

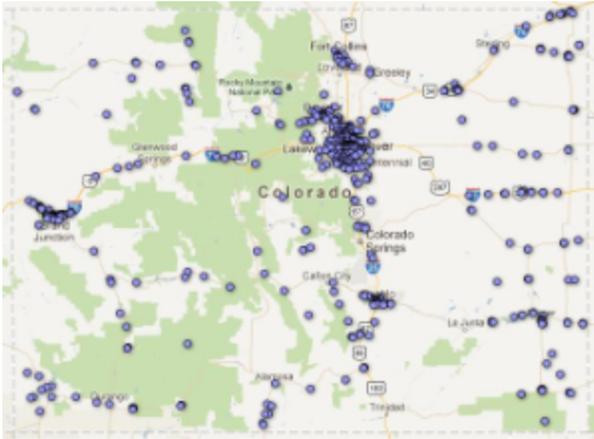
10/5/2012 -----

### Background Layer Problems

You may have noticed some problems with the background layers loading very slowly or not loading at all. If you have run into problems we are sorry for the trouble. We are currently working on a solution and hope to have the problem solved soon. If you are having issues, take a break from editing and try the web site again later. Thank you for your contributions to *The National Map Corps*.

### Progress Since Public Release

*The National Map Corps* volunteers have made amazing progress, especially since our public release in August. Since we first had editors in the system starting in March, volunteers have contributed a total of 2,015 edits! We are getting close to being halfway done with the state of Colorado! The map below shows all of the volunteer contributions so far. Thank you so much for your contributions to *The National Map*!



8/29/2012 -----

### Official Public Release and New Video!

*The National Map Corps* has been officially released to the public! Now anyone across the country can get involved and help map structures in Colorado. If we are successful at attracting volunteers to map Colorado the project will expand to collection of structures across the entire United States next year. You can read the official press release by clicking on the link below:

### "Crowdsourcing": Looking at New Ways to Map Structures in Colorado

We now have an overview video that describes *The National Map Corps* and how you can get involved. Keep your eyes open for more upcoming videos that will explain things such as editing and researching structures.

Check out the video here:

### [Video: Overview of The National Map Corps](#)

7/20/2012 -----

### TNM Corps Project Update

You may have noticed the reduced number of icons in the editing interface. Since this is a demonstration project serving the USGS, some priorities may change over time as the project matures. The current reduced structures list is meant to focus on eventual nationwide consistency and completeness for a few structures rather than incomplete coverage of a larger number of structures. We appreciate your involvement in this project. Volunteers have already contributed to checking and editing over 1000 structures in Colorado!

Please click on the link below to see the current list of Structures we are collecting:

### [Structures List](#)

5/18/2012 -----

### Working with Students at The University of Denver

On Monday and Wednesday of this week, we went to The University of Denver (DU) to work with a GIS class. After giving a presentation on the USGS and *The National Map Corps*, the students worked on collecting Structures points. During 2 class periods they collected an amazing 384 points! Thank you to DU for their participation and significant contribution to *The National Map*!



4/28/2012 -----

## Boy Scout Meeting at Denver Stockyards

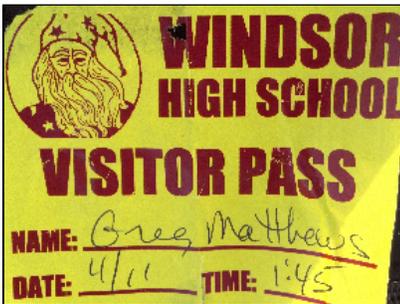
The Denver Area Boy Scouts Council invited us to set up a booth to present *The National Map* Corps to local troops. We met many people and discussed the project with several folks interested in pursuing this project with their troop. We were invited to attend the Longmont Council Meeting and a Boy Scout leadership training program. Thanks to the Boy Scouts of America for this great opportunity!



4/11/2012 -----

## Visit to Windsor High School

Yesterday, we visited Windsor High School at the invitation of Social Studies and GIS teacher Steve Cline. We discussed the purpose and goals of the USGS and the National Geospatial Program. We reviewed the US Topo Map download site and *The National Map* viewer. After this, we instructed the students on how to collect Structures in our editing system. Most of the class time was spent collecting structures in Weld County Colorado while Erin and Greg answered questions and helped students. Depending on class time available, Steve said the class may be able to finish collecting all the structures in Weld County. We would like to thank Steve and his class for the opportunity to work with them and for the Structures they collected for *The National Map*.



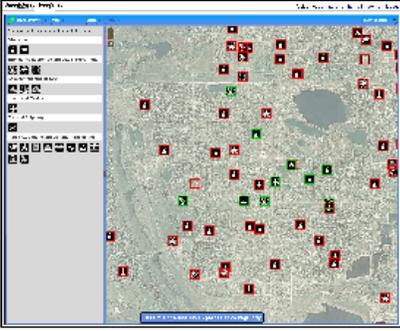
2/27/2012 -----

## A post from from Kathy Isham (USGS NHD) to the GIS Colorado List Serve referencing Structures VGI:

Hello Alex,

Thank you for your compliments of the NHD. As a member of the NHD team, I would like to address your message about crowd sourcing. *The National Map* recognizes the power of crowd sourcing and is in the process of implementing a Volunteer Geographic Information (VGI) portal where we can incorporate edits made to our Structures data theme. The NHD is actively researching web editing for the NHD and gathering requirements for editing NHD over the web in order to increase our stewardship reach. We are developing prototype web applications that can edit the NHD. Part of this project is to research open source solutions for editing the NHD. The project will include a markup tool, where a member of the general public can make edits to the NHD that will be verified internally before being added into the public database. There are many benefits to both using open source software and to gaining information from those closest to the data, such as yourself. We also recognize that there are many software platforms that can be used to create such a tool and that the complexity of the NHD model may be a challenge to some of these platforms. Until a web editing and markup tool is available to the general public, we do have a form that you can use on the NHD website to submit data edits to the USGS at <http://webhosts.cr.usgs.gov/steward/st2maintenance.html>. If you have any questions feel free to contact me. To find out more about the VGI project you can contact Greg Matthews at [gdmattews@usgs.gov](mailto:gdmattews@usgs.gov)

2/23/2012 -----



This shows some of the work accomplished by Littleton Boy Scouts on February 15, 2012. Despite the problems with wireless internet, user accounts, and me knowing how to work with 12-year olds, we made several significant changes to the data. Good job, Scouts! You were the very first group to edit and contribute structures in our statewide volunteer project.

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