

Memo

To: Montana Land Information Advisory Council

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Re: Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure Theme Name Clarification and Name Changes

In order to clarify the official names of all 15 Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) themes, we are presenting the list of changes or clarifications for the adoption by the Montana Land Information Advisory Council.

| | Official Theme Name Proposal | Changing From or Clarified From | Reason for Change |
|----|------------------------------|---------------------------------------|---|
| 1 | Administrative Boundaries | | |
| 2 | Cadastral | | |
| 3 | Climate | | |
| 4 | Elevation | | |
| 5 | Geographic Names | | |
| 6 | Geology | | |
| 7 | Hydrography | | |
| 8 | Hydrologic Units | | |
| 9 | Imagery | Orthoimagery | This theme has been identified as Orthoimagery and Imagery over the history of the MSDI. Imagery is a less technical term, easier to understand, and continues to define the theme. |
| 10 | Land Cover | Land Use / Land Cover | The official theme was approved as Land Cover. |
| 11 | Mapping Control | Geodetic Control | Mapping control describes a more broad type of data collection, is easier to understand, and continues to define the theme. |
| 12 | Soils | | |
| 13 | Structures & Addresses | Critical Infrastructures / Structures | This theme has grown to include addresses, due to the importance of statewide addresses and similarities in data structure and management. |
| 14 | Transportation | | |
| 15 | Wetlands | | |