

Earth Resources Observation and Science (EROS) Center  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – Celebrating the Past, Looking to the Future

**Landsat 8 – Going Operational**  
Transfer of Landsat 8 from NASA to USGS

**Thursday, May 30, 2013**

**USGS/NASA Social Media**  
(1104 Conference Room/Tour)

- 9:30 am** Arrive USGS EROS Center
- 9:45 am** Welcome by USGS/NASA Social Media Leads (10 min.) R. Headley  
Introductions
- 9:50 am** Brief EROS Mission Overview (10 min.) T. Holm
- 10:00 am** LDCM Mission Overview (10 min. + questions) P. Sellers
- 10:15 am** Landsat Operations (10 min. + questions) R. Headley
- 10:45 am** Behind the Scenes Tour of EROS T. Adamson  
An Idea That Worked video  
Landsat 8 Ground Systems  
EROS film and digital archive  
Landsat Data Reception Antenna (RayDome)
- 12:45 pm** Lunch
- 1:00 pm** Self-Guided Tour of Atrium Exhibits
- 1:30 pm** **Press Conference – LDCM Mission Transition ([Executive Conference Room](#))**  
Dr. Mike Freilich, Director Earth Science Division, NASA/HQ  
Dr. Suzette Kimball, Acting Director, USGS/HQ  
Dr. Colleen Hartman, Deputy Director for Science, Operations and Program  
Performance, NASA/GSFC  
Dr. Frank Kelly, Director, USGS/EROS Center
- 2:00 pm** **Landsat 8 – Going Operational: Welcome/Opening Remarks ([Lauer Auditorium](#))**  
Dr. Frank Kelly, Director, USGS/EROS Center  
Dr. Matt Larsen, Associate Director for Climate and Land Use, USGS/HQ
- 2:15 pm** **Elected Officials**  
**Video message:** Senator Barbara Mikulski, Maryland  
Senator Tim Johnson, South Dakota
- 2:30 pm** **NASA to USGS Transition**

**Video Message:** Charles Bolden, NASA Administrator, and  
Sally Jewell, Secretary of the Interior  
Dr. Mike Freilich, Director Earth Science Division, NASA/HQ  
Dr. Suzette Kimball, Acting Director, USGS/HQ  
Dr. Colleen Hartman, Deputy Director for Science, Operations and Program  
Performance, NASA/GSFC  
Dr. Frank Kelly, Director, USGS/EROS Center

- 2:55 pm**      **Landsat 8 Advancements**  
Dr. Tom Loveland, LDCM Project Scientist, USGS/EROS Center  
Dr. Jim Irons, LDCM Project Scientist, NASA/GSFC
- 3:15 pm**      **Closing Comments:** Dr. Matt Larsen
- 3:30 pm**      **Buses Depart for Sioux Falls**