

Welcome
to the
U.S. Geological Survey
EROS Data Center

Open House

Three Decades of Discovery

Today we celebrate the 30th anniversary of the EROS Data Center, representing three decades of discovering the Earth through remote sensing from air and space. I am pleased that you can join us in this celebration.

We also emphasize the scientific legacy of the Lewis and Clark expedition, through recognition of **Corps of Discovery II**, our national commemoration of the Corps of Discovery Bi-Centennial, epitomized by the work of the U.S. Department of the Interior and the U.S. Geological Survey as we pursue *Science for a Changing World*.

Displays, speakers, and educational activities will illustrate Earth observation data collection and processing, the ways in which these data are used to monitoring natural and human-induced changes on the Earth's resources, and how the spirit of dedication and discovery exemplified by Lewis and Clark continues today.

I invite you to explore the Center, the National Archive of land remote sensing data, the complex technologies required to process and distribute these data, and the scientific research we carry out to apply these data to scientific investigation of the Earth. The staff of 600 scientists, engineers and technical specialists who carry out the work of the Center are here to assist you, to inform you, and to enhance your experience as we celebrate "Three Decades of Discovery".

I hope you enjoy your day.

R.J. Thompson
Chief, EROS Data Center