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WELCOME

Hi there, Surveyor!

Nine months into 2025 and wow, what a ride. Big moves behind the scenes here with NSPS, advocacy wins and new challenges on the horizon.

It's been a while since we've dropped a Surveyors Says! Bulletin into your inbox, so this one's packed. If you're not following us on social media, this is your crash course in what you've missed.

We're also reinventing this bulletin. Want more stories? More training? More behind-the-scenes gossip? Tell us what you'd actually read with your morning coffee (or that third energy drink on site).

For now, buckle up, here's what's shaking the surveying world.

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RECENT NEWS

Facing the Geodesy crisis: Why every surveyor should care

A recent article, *The Surveyor and the 'Geodesy Crisis'* highlighted a pressing issue with the decline in geodetic expertise and its implications for the surveying profession.

The article identifies three critical tiers of geodetic understanding:

1. **Geodesy experts:** Specialists who design and maintain our National Spatial Reference Framework (NSRS).
2. **Geodesy knowledgeable surveyors:** Professionals ensuring the accuracy and reliability of geospatial data.
3. **Geodesy cognizant technicians and managers:** Personnel who apply geodetic principles in daily operations.

Problem? All three tiers are thinning out. Retirements, lack of training and not enough new blood.

Add to that the modernization of the NSRS, say goodbye to NAD 83 and NAVD 88 and you've got a seismic shift coming. This matters because without solid geodesy, GNSS and mapping become shaky ground. Imagine construction without a level.

Want the deep dive? [Read the article here.](#)

Is the NSRS really dead?

Not dead, reborn.

Modernization means GNSS takes centre stage. Expect:

- New coordinates (hello crustal motion)
- Legal/boundary implications
- Updated standards and software
- A transition period (so don't panic, yet)
- Ultimately, more accuracy, less maintenance headaches and smoother integration

Think of it as updating from VHS to streaming.

More details coming soon. NSPS will be your guide.

ADVOCACY

Day on the Hill = boots, not just talk

Think advocacy is just paperwork and polite nods? Think again.

In March, 83 of us marched into Washington, DC. We held 170 meetings with reps from 43 states and DC. The agenda: protecting licensing, helping veterans transition into surveying, defending GPS and pushing programs like 3DEP and Digital Coast.

Wins so far:

- TAP program to bring military surveyors into civilian life
- Sinkhole Mapping Act progress
- Federal land data reforms moving forward
- Licensing protection resolutions in play



This is surveyors shaping national policy in real time. That's power. [Full update \[here\]](#) (warning: strong coffee recommended).

Behind the Scenes

What's brewing in Congress? Plenty.

- Digital Coast reauthorization: Legislation coming soon, with NSPS at the table.
- Professional licensing resolution: Congress recognising how vital licensing is for public safety.
- Sinkhole Mapping Act: Passed in the House, Senate companion bill next.

Our lobbyist, JB Byrd, isn't just pounding the marble hallways, he's making sure surveyors' voices echo where decisions are made.

EVENTS

Young Surveyors Unite!

The Joint NSPS YSN Conference + FIG Americas Regional Meeting hits Minneapolis, October 17–18.

Theme: “**Empowering Tomorrow’s Surveyors - Skills for a Dynamic Industry.**”

Two days of:

- Workshops
- Leadership training
- Global perspectives
- Networking with peers & mentors
- Future surveyors—this is your arena. Veterans—consider sponsoring the next wave.

Register here <https://cvent.me/0MZLzx>

If you are a more established surveyor and feel you would be in a position to sponsor this event, please reach review the [YSN Sponsorship page](#) or contact YSN directly.

Certified Floodplain Surveyor Training

 Southbury, CT
 Jan 14–16, 2026

Floodplain management, FEMA regs, Risk Rating 2.0, Elevation Certs—this three-day bootcamp ends with a certification exam. Walk away sharper, certified, and ready to serve communities better.

More information [here](#).

GeoWeek 2026: NSPS joins as Industry Partner, Denver, Feb 16–18. From drones to AI, it’s the tech and policy mashup you don’t want to miss. More details [here](#).

Trimble Dimensions 2025: Vegas, Nov 10–12. Group discounts available for NSPS members (5%–15%). Book early.

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