

NESDIS Update to the Committee on Earth Science and Applications from Space

National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service

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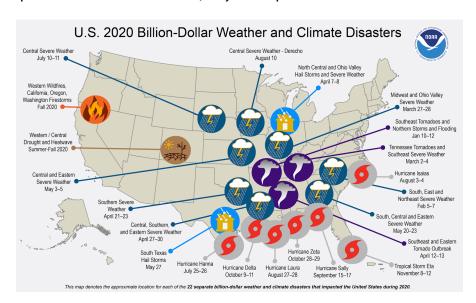
Outline

- Driving Requirements
- Meeting NOAA objectives
- NESDIS Reimagined
- Mission Execution

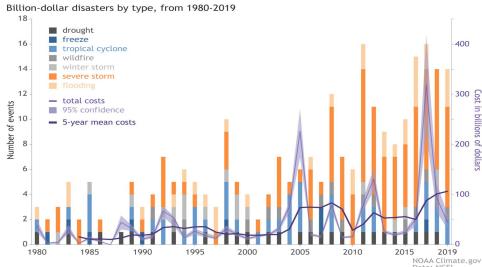


2020: Billion-Dollar Record

The US Billion Dollar Disaster Report is an annual NESDIS NCEI publication. 2020 was the 41st year of publication



NOAA National Centers for Environmental Information: ncdc.noaa.gov/billions



Weather/climate disaster events in the U.S. in 2020...

- Record 22 events with losses exceeding \$1b
- Resulted in 262 deaths
- Previous annual record was 16 events (2011, 2017)
- 1980-2020 annual average is 7 events; annual average for 2016–2020 is 16.2 events (inflationadjusted)



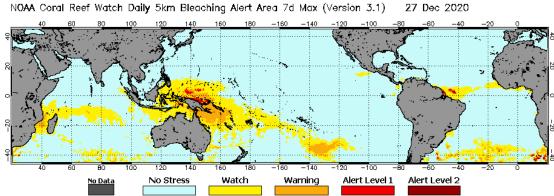
Crisis Response and Economic Recovery

Top: Coral Reef Watch bleaching alert, December 2020 - January 2021

Bottom left: Oregon and California

Fires, Sept. 7-9, 2020

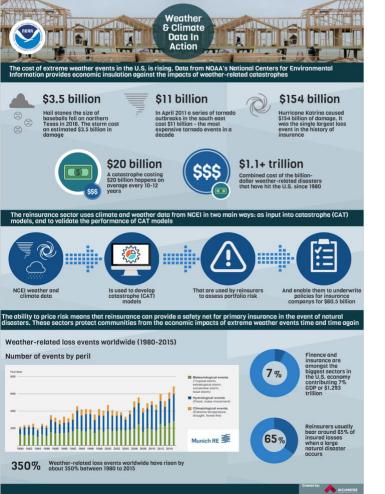
Bottom right: Fog at San Francisco International Airport, March 2017











Information for the Nation



Climate-induced weather events **disproportionately** affect those with the least access to financial resources, historically underserved communities, and those with health vulnerabilities.

NESDIS helps leaders and communities **better understand** global and local trends to plan for **a more equitable**, **resilient**, **and sustainable future**.



Executive Orders Provide Direction Additive to our existing mission charters



Executive Order on Tackling the Climate Crisis at Home and Abroad

JANUARY 22, 2021 s PRESTRICAL ACTIONS

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Executive Order on Protecting Public Health and the Environment and Restoring Science to Tackle the Climate Crisis

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JANUARY 22, 2021 - PRESIDENTAL ACTIONS

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Executive Order on Advancing Racial Equity and Support for Underserved Communities Through the Federal Government

JANUARY 20, 2021 - PRESIDENTIAL ACROSS

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Our aspiration

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Meeting NOAA Objectives



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OPERATIONAL JULY 27, 2016

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JASON-3

Geostationary: ~\$12B Polar Orbit: ~\$19B Space Weather: ~\$1B

NESDIS Programs of Record

SENTINEL-6 Michael Freilich

SWFO



SWFO L1 - FY 2024

COSMIC-2 - OPERATIONAL FEB 25, 2020



Sentinel-6 Michael Freilich - NOV 21 2020

COSMIC-2

GOES-R SERIES



GOES-16 - OPERATIONAL DEC 18, 2017 GOES-17 - OPERATIONAL FEB 12, 2019

GOES-T - FY 2022 GOES-U - FY 2025

JPSS SERIES



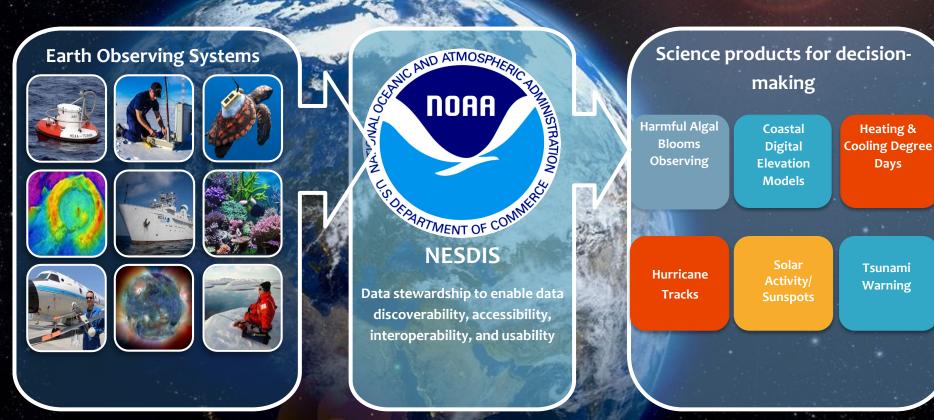
NOAA-20 - OPERATIONAL MAY 30, 2018

JPSS-2 - FY 2023

JPSS-3 - FY 2026

JPSS-4 - FY 2031

Environmental Product, Data, and Information Services



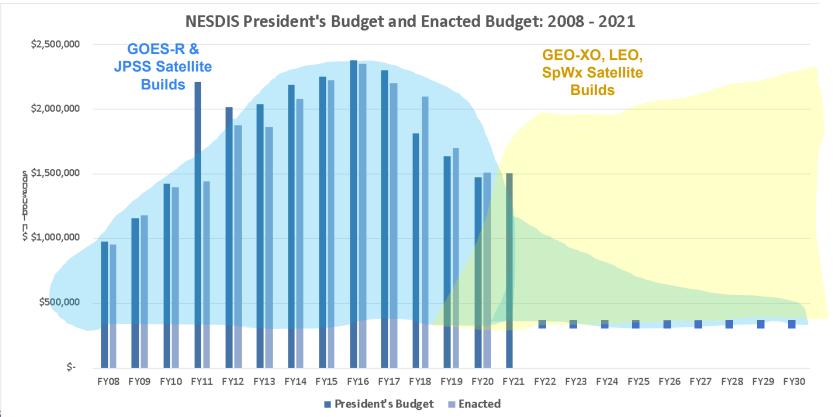
Net Annual Investment ~\$250M

NESDIS Budget, Present and Future

NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL SATELLITE, DATA, AND INFORMATION SERVICE									
FY 2022 PROPOSED OPERATING PLAN	FY 2020	FY 2021	PY 2022	PY 2023	PY 2024	PY 2025	PY 2026		
(\$ in Thousands)	Enacted	Enacted	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget	Budget		
Operations, Research and Facilities									
Environmental Satellite Observing Systems									
Satellite and Product Operations (SPO)	166,063	189,099							
Product Development, Readiness & Application (PDR&A)	28,434	28,434							
Commercial Remote Sensing Regulatory Affairs (CRSRA)	1,800	0							
Office of Space Commerce (OSC)	2,300	10,000							
U.S. Group on Earth Observations (USGEO)	500	500							
National Center for Environmental Information (NCEI)	61,642	63,500							
Total, NESDIS - ORF	260,739	291,533							
Procurement, Acquisition and Construction									
Geostationary Systems - R (GOES-R)	304,056	334,500							
Polar Weather Satellites (PWS)	745,000	657,835							
- Joint Polar Satellite System (JPSS)		[371,538]							
- Polar Follow On (PFO)		[286,297]							
Cooperative Data and Rescue Services (CDARS)	11,350	14,400	Τα	be de	fined by	the cu	rrent A		
Space Weather Follow On (SWFO)	64,000	108,115	'	5 50 40	iniod by	ti io od	ii Oiit / t		
COSMIC 2/GNSS RO	5,892	5,892							
Satellite Ground Services (SGS)	55,707	39,287							
- DACS		[5,015]							
Projects, Planning and Analysis (PPA)	31,000	15,945							
Low Earth Orbit (LEO)		0							
Geostationary Earth Orbit (GEO)		10,000							
Systems/Services Architecture & Engineering (SAE)	33,990	38,500							
- Architecture, Requirements, and Planning (ARP)	[13,722]	[21,500]							
- Commercial Data Program (CDP)	[8,000]	[12,000]							
- Commercial Weather Data Pilot (CWDP)	[3,000]	[2,000]							
- Commercial Data Purchase (CDP)	[5,000]	[10,000]							
- Joint Venture (JV)	[2,268]	[5,000]							
Subtotal, NESDIS Systems Acquisition	1,250,995	1,224,474							
NESDIS Construction - CDA Facilities	2,450	2,450							
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Total, NESDIS - PAC	1,252,143	1,224,924							
GRAND TOTAL NESDIS	1,512,882	1,516,457							



NESDIS Future Mission Needs





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Provide a truly integrated digital understanding of our earth environment that can evolve quickly to meet changing user expectations by leveraging our own capabilities and partnerships

The approach that produced the program of record will not achieve this aspiration, and will not meet the challenge of living with and adapting to climate change.





Under our NESDIS Reimagined work we have adjusted our overall mission development process

- Requirements management
- User engagement
- Partner engagement throughout mission timeline
- Portfolio management and mission development



NESDIS Level Requirements (NLR)

The Legacy approach for requirements definition and management:

- Organized around satellite programs and is often tied to specific instruments and hardware;
- Difficult to track requirements that rely on multiple observations; and
- System optimization very difficult.

Our assessment of trends in Earth Science and satellite Earth Observations show the growing importance of earth system assessments, integrated or blended data products, and satellite observations operating as part of the overall observing system to meet NOAA mission objectives.

- We must manage our satellite assets in part by how they play with other elements of the system.
- When we architect our contributions to the overall system, we start by defining the outcome we want the system to produce, and then move to the specification of the individual satellite components.

The new NESDIS Level Requirements (NLR) address this need by defining the observing system or mission requirements we must address to meet NOAA objectives.

• The NLR provide a thematic or mission service area framework to define mission needs.



Five NESDIS Level Requirements (NLR)

NLR REQ-001 (or, what NESDIS does)

NESDIS will provide environmental data, information, products and reports in the Foundational, Geophysical, and Analytical thematic product areas.

NLR REQ-002 (where NESDIS gets its data)

NESDIS will develop, acquire, implement, or operate environmental data sources and systems as needed to fulfill its validated user requirements.

NLR REQ-003 (when NESDIS delivers data)

NESDIS will provide secure, timely, and reliable delivery of accurate and high-quality near-real-time and retrospective data products and reports to fulfill NOAA's mission.

NLR REQ-004 (how NESDIS ensures data quality)

NESDIS will ensure the quality, accuracy, reliability, preservation, discoverability, and accessibility of the Nation's historical sensor, environmental, and model data archives consisting of data from NOAA, U.S., and global observing systems.

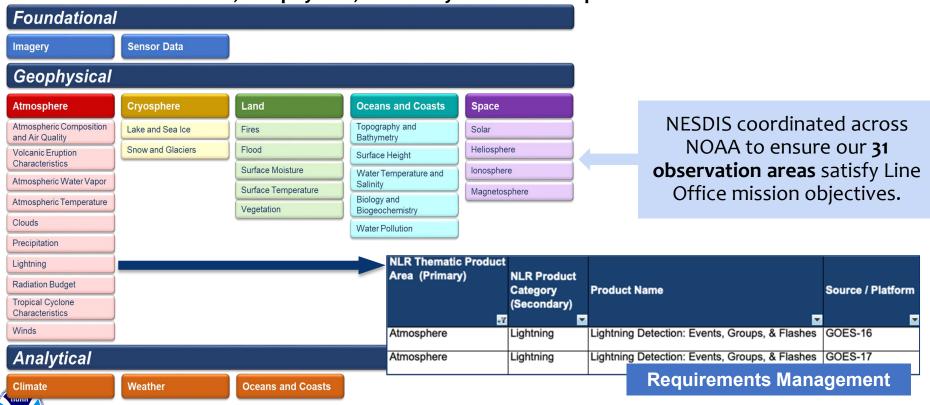
NLR REQ-005 (how NESDIS ensures data usefulness & exploitability)

NESDIS will conduct an integrated program of research and technology development in the application of data systems, products, and reports to support NOAA's mission.



Example: NLR REQ-001

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GeoXO User Engagement in 2020-2021

- User Needs Virtual Workshops
 - Topics of Fire (178 attendees), Weather (233), Agriculture (152), Health (207), Oceans (142)
 - National agencies: NASA, USGS, and 20 other Federal Agencies
 - State/Local: 26 States, multiple cities, and several counties and tribal areas
 - International: WMO, Canada, Mexico, EUMETSAT, multiple Caribbean/South American orgs
 - Industry: more than 70 companies and advocacy groups from weather, transportation, communications, media, aerospace, natural resource, and energy sectors
 - Academia: more than 60 universities
- Community Meeting on NOAA Satellites
 - 1013 participants representing 33 countries
 - >250 organizations including Federal Agencies, international meteorological organizations, academia, and industry.
- Listening Sessions, Panels, and Presentations
 - National Weather Association
 - American Meteorological Society
 - American Geophysical Union

User Engagement









Increasing Value through User Engagement

In 2020 NESDIS engaged **2761 users** from sectors including:

- Federal agencies
- Private sector
- Academic sector
- State, Territory or Local
- International

Areas of use included:

- Forest Fire
- Weather Forecasting
- Human Health
- Agriculture
- Ocean

We are data driven!

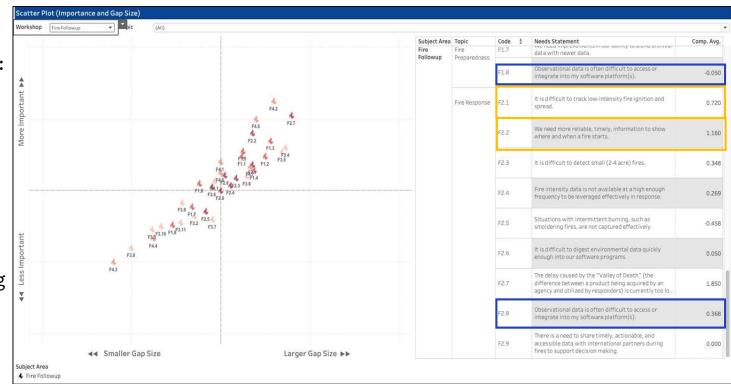
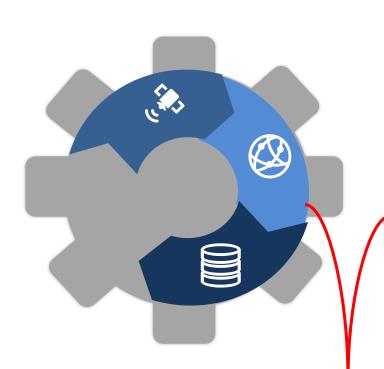


Figure: Scatter-plot representation of fire-related needs collected from 2020 workshops arranged by gap size (x-axis) and importance (y-axis).

NESDIS Leads in Innovative Systems, Product, and Service Delivery; Leverages Partner Satellite Tech and Commercial Distribution



Products and Services that are Useful, Usable, and Used

Sat Tech Innovation	Instrument & Mission innovation; smallsat constellations; Commodity spacecraft and data services; basic science process research
Product and Service Innovation	Observing system integration; Global data archives; Operational constellation management; Cloud operations; Artificial Intelligence; Rigorous User Needs Assessment
Commercial Applications	Apps; Emerging Digital Interface and Distribution; Enhanced & Tailored Products and Services; Cloud platforms



Developing Capabilities Through Joint Venture

NOAA develops new technology and capabilities with NASA and industry through a new funded Joint Venture line in NOAA's budget.

COLLABORATIVE CONCEPTS

Long-standing science collaborations, joint field campaigns, joint modeling & applications research establish opportunities for advancement

NASA NOAA **Industry**

TESTED INSTRUMENT or **MISSION CONCEPTS**

TRL 2-7 **Potential NASA ESTO** Collaboration **Industry concept studies** for future LEO soundings

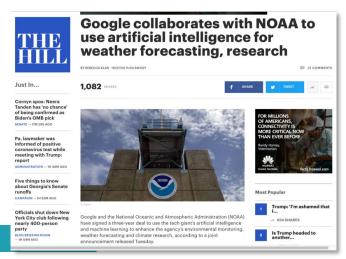
TRL 8/9 **Possible Enhanced Operational Opportunity** with NASA Earth Venture Mission (EVM)-3



Example: NOAA-Google OTA

- Large-Scale Enhancement using AI Processing (LEAP Project) began in Oct 2020
- First use of the OTA from the Weather Act/NIDIS reauthorization
 - Goal 1: Establish an AI/ML Center of Excellence Team
 - Goal 2: Google will conduct research and development activities
 - Goal 3: Deliver Proof of Concept system that will allow NOAA to exploit satellite data more efficiently and expand the type of observations NOAA services can exploit
- Potential topic areas: Al based observations pre-processing, remote sensing algorithms, data fusion & assimilation, post processing, OSSEs, etc

	Dollars committed*	Actual funds flowing to Google**				
		FY2020	FY2021			
Google	\$7,083,000					
NOAA	\$3,445,000	\$1,271,000	\$500,000			
SGS	\$1,030,000	\$530,000	\$500,00			
SPO	\$741,000	\$741,000	-			
PDR&A	\$1,674,000	-	-			
Total	\$10,528,000					







Four Pillars of NOAA's Next-Gen Earth Observation

Integrated, Adaptable, and Affordable: Orbits, Instruments & Systems

LEO

JPSS COSMIC-2 Jason-3 CDARS LEO-next

Miniaturized instruments on small, affordable, and proliferated satellites and partner data improving forecasts through better and additional data. Better precipitation forecasts, wave height predictions, ocean currents, and more.

GOES-R GEO-XO

Continuous real-time observations supporting warnings and watches of severe weather and hour-by-hour changes. High-inclination orbits to observe northern latitude & polar regions.

GEO

Space Weather

DSCOVR SWFO

Reliably monitoring coronal SWx-next mass ejections from L1, GEO, and LEO can protect the nation's valuable, vulnerable infrastructure. New capabilities at L5 and high earth orbit can provide additional insight and improve forecasts.

Common Ground Services

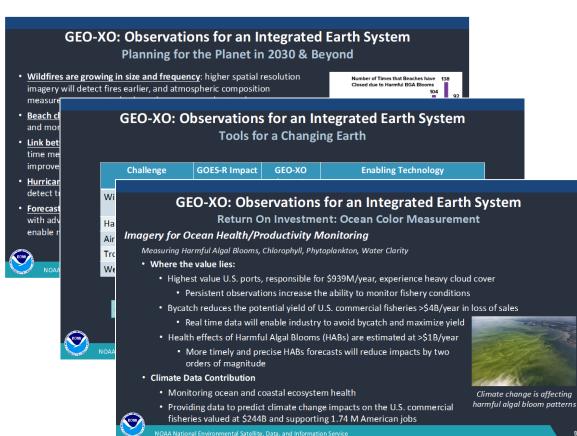
DACS Cloud Migration

Secure ingest of data in different formats from different partners requires a flexible, scalable platform. Common Services approach integrates cloud, AI, and machine-learning capabilities to verify, calibrate, and fuse data into new and better products and services.



Example Mission Definition: GEO-XO

- User engagement and NLR define mission scope
- Mission continuity comparisons ensure NOAA mission services needs are met w/o interruption
- Analyses seek to quantify the Return on Investment (ROI) of the potential observation suite

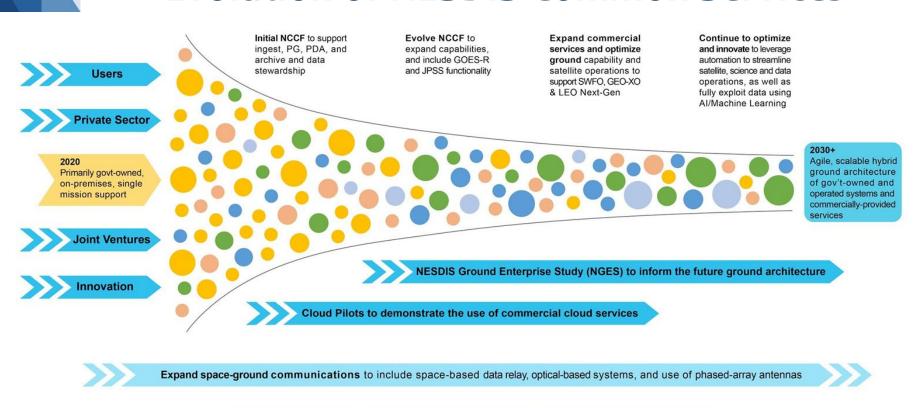




Instruments leverage Geo-XO Constellation Still in pre-formulation, **NOAA** and partner with additional trades in (Preliminary, pending program approval) development heritage process This will include data exploitation heritage **NASA TEMPO** heritage **Host Sat Host Sat GOES-R** Lightning **Atmospheric** Composition Mapper Heritage \ **Host Sat** Instrument **GEO-West GEO-East** Lightning Vis/IR Imager Vis/IR Imager Mapper **IR Sounder** IR Sounder **Ocean Color** Ocean Color **NASA GLIMR** heritage

Note: GEO-East and West satellites will also carry Space Weather Program-provided Solar UV Imager, Irradiance Monitor, Coronagraph, Energetic Particle Detectors, and Magnetometer.

Evolution of NESDIS Common Services



Limited Commercial Services

E2E Commercial Services



Portfolio Management & Mission Development

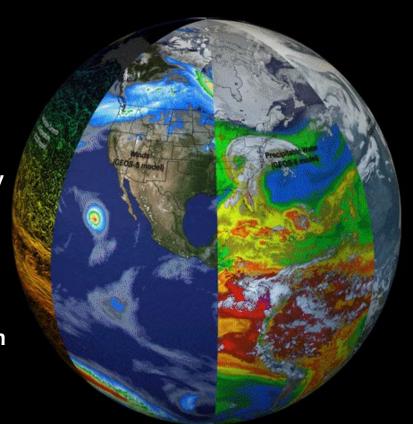
Cloud-based (commercial/gov't)

Gov't Owned On-Prem

Partner Systems

NOAA & NESDIS: Creating a "Climate Ready Nation"

- Engaging our users to better understand and meet their needs
- Working with partners to exploit new and emerging technologies in new observing systems and refreshing Information Technology
- Maintaining and growing commercial and international partnerships to deliver a resilient and high-performing observing system
- Meeting the increasing demand for environmental information and data products in a rapidly changing world





Thank you!

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