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On October 1, 2000, the National Applied Resource Sciences Center (NARSC) became the National Science and Technology Center (NSTC). NSTC evolved in response to an increased emphasis within BLM on using the most current and accurate science and technology to make land and resource management decisions. The NSTC supports other BLM offices by providing a broad spectrum of services in areas such as physical, biological, and social science assessments; architecture and engineering support; library assistance; mapping science; photo imaging; geographic information systems applications; and publications support.

To better reflect our new role, we have updated our website, providing for easy navigation and adding some exciting new features. Our new pages begin at <http://www.blm.gov/nstc>. An attempt to access a "narsc" address will result in a redirect message that provides a link to the new home page as well as links to selected NSTC web pages.

Our web identity is an increasingly important aspect of our ability to communicate our work to partners and the public. Effective transmission of accurate and timely information is critical to carrying out our mission. Through the use of headers and footers, our new design presents a consistent look and feel so that visitors know where they are when taking a virtual tour of our Center. A mouse-over feature on the home page provides background information on individual pages. High-priority topics, such as announcements of new products, appear in the upper right corner of the screen. More links to external information of importance to our colleagues have been added. Our site has been designed to readily accommodate additions and changes, and to provide user-friendly access to information on our services and activities. An NSTC Expertise Directory has been added to help you find the contact you need.

We invite you to visit our new website and to navigate through pages of interest. Our skilled staff are ready to support your needs, whether involving a 5-minute request for assistance or a multi-year team-based project.

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