



LiDAR Quality Assessment Report

The USGS National Geospatial Technical Operations Center, Data Operations Branch is responsible for conducting reviews of all Light Detection and Ranging (LiDAR) point-cloud data and derived products delivered by a data supplier before it is approved for inclusion in the National Elevation Dataset. The USGS recognizes the complexity of LiDAR collection and processing performed by the data suppliers and has developed this Quality Assessment (QA) procedure to accommodate USGS collection and processing specifications with flexibility. The goal of this process is to assure LiDAR data are of sufficient quality for database population and scientific analysis. Concerns regarding the assessment of these data should be directed to the Chief, Data Operations Branch, 1400 Independence Road, Rolla, Missouri 65401.

UT_MillsiteReservoir_2017

NGTOC

2018-01-31

Tim Willingham



Project Information

Project:

Contractor:

Project Type:
Contributed

Applicable Specification:
NGP LiDAR Base Specification V 1.2

Project Points of Contact:

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REPORT QUALIFICATION SUMMARY:

Metadata:

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

Vertical Accuracy:

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

Swath/Raw LAS:

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

Tiled/Classified LAS:

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

Breakline:

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

DEM(s):

1 of 1 Reviews Accepted
0 Reviews Not Accepted

NED Review:

1 of 1 DEM tile reviews recommended for NED
1/3rd
0 of 1 DEM tile reviews recommended for NED
1/9th

Project Subdivision: None

Dates Collected Range:

Collection Start:

Collection End:

Project Aliases:

Licensing:

Public Domain

Project Description:

Aero-Graphics, Inc. was contracted by the State of Utah, Department of Technology Services, Division of Integrated Technology, Automated Geographic Reference Center (AGRC) and partners to acquire, process, and deliver aerial LiDAR data and derivative products that adhere to USGS Quality Level 1 LiDAR specifications. The project area covers approximately 11.8 square miles located in Emery County, Utah.

Review Information

Reviewer:	<input type="text" value="Tim Willingham"/>	Date Delivered:	<input type="text" value="1/4/2018"/>
3rd Party QA Performed:	<input type="checkbox"/>	Date Assigned:	<input type="text" value="1/30/2018"/>

Action To Contractor Date:	Issue Description:	Return Date:
3/21/2018	<p>Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - 4 SWATH files with incorrect WKT deleted or corrected - Not Corrected - not required <p>SWATH and Classified PC do not appear to have overlap points set correctly.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Re-delivered SWATH and Classified PC have incorrect GPS times. (USGS did not keep) <p>See report for full details.</p>	

Review Complete:

Dates Project Worked:

Start:	<input type="text" value="1/30/2018"/>	<input type="text" value="3/21/2018"/>
End:	<input type="text" value="1/31/2018"/>	<input type="text" value="3/21/2018"/>

Project Materials Received

All project deliverables must be supplied according to collection and processing specifications. The USGS will postpone the QA process when any of the required deliverables are missing. When deliverables are missing, the Contracting Officer Technical Representative (COTR) will be contacted by the Elevation Section supervisor and informed of the problem. Processing will resume after the COTR has coordinated the deposition of remaining deliverables.

METADATA

Deliverables	Delivered	XML Metadata	Required	Format	Quantity	Additional Details
Collection Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>PDF</u>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Located in MillsiteReservoir_FinalReport
Survey Report:	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Select...</u>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Processing Report:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>PDF</u>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Located in MillsiteReservoir_FinalReport
QA/QC Report:	<input type="checkbox"/>		<input type="checkbox"/>	<u>Select...</u>	<input type="text" value="0"/>	
Project Level XML Metadata:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	XML	<input type="text" value="1"/>	
Project Extent:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.shp</u>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	Also in a GDB

<i>Tile Scheme:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.shp</u>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	1000 x 1000 and 2000 x 2000, also in a GDB
<i>Control (Calibration) Points:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.shp</u>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Check (Validation) Points:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.shp</u>	<input type="text" value="1"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Additional Comments:</i>	<input type="text"/>					

LIDAR DATA

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>XML Metadata</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Additional Details</i>
<i>Swath Data:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.las</u>	<input type="text" value="52"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Classified/ Tiled Data:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.las</u>	<input type="text" value="47"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Additional Comments:</i>	<input type="text"/>					

DERIVED DELIVERABLES

<i>Deliverables</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>XML Metadata</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Additional Details</i>
<i>DEM Tiles:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>IMG</u>	<input type="text" value="26"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Breaklines:</i>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<u>.shp</u>	<input type="text" value="2"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Additional Comments:</i>	<input type="text"/>					

OTHER

<i>Additional Deliverables</i>	<i>Delivered</i>	<i>XML Metadata</i>	<i>Required</i>	<i>Format</i>	<i>Quantity</i>	<i>Additional Details</i>
Intensity Images	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	TIFF	<input type="text" value="26"/>	<input type="text"/>
DSW	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	IMG	<input type="text" value="26"/>	<input type="text"/>
<i>Additional Comments:</i>	<p>- DEM, DSM, and Intensity Images conform to the 2,000 x 2,000 meter tiling scheme.</p> <p>- Classified LAS conforms to a 1,000 x 1,000 meter tiling scheme.</p>					

Geographic Information

Area Extent: Sq. Miles

Tile Size: Meters

DEM/DTM Grid Spacing: Meters

Coordinate Reference System:

Projection:

Horizontal Datum:

☒ Meters

☐ U.S. Feet

☐ Int'l Feet

Vertical Datum:

☒ Meters

☐ U.S. Feet

☐ Int'l Feet

THIS PROJECTION COORDINATE REFERENCE SYSTEM IS CONSISTENT ACROSS THE FOLLOWING DELIVERABLES

☒ Project Extent

☒ Project Extent XML Metadata

☒ Project Tile Scheme

☒ Project Tile Scheme XML Metadata

☒ Control Points

☒ Control Points XML Metadata

☒ Checkpoints

☒ Checkpoint XML Metadata

☒ Project Level XML Metadata

☒ Tiled/Classified XML Metadata

☒ Tiled/Classified LiDAR

☒ Swath/Raw LiDAR XML Metadata

☒ Swath/Raw LiDAR

☒ DEM(s)

☒ DEM XML Metadata

☒ Breakline(s)

☒ Breakline XML Metadata

Additional Comments:

Collection Information

Quality Level: 1

Configured Nominal Pulse Spacing:

Meters

Sensor Information:

Sensor Type:

Aerial Oscillating Mirror

Sensor Used:

Configured Scan Angle \pm from nadir:

Degrees

Additional Comments:

Corrected 3/21/2018

QL1 requires that the ANPS be less than or equal to 0.35 meters. ANPS is reported as 0.5 meters.

Metadata Review **Accepted**

Vendor provided metadata files have been parsed using 'mp' metadata parser. Any errors generated by the parser are

documented below for reference and/or corrective action.
Parser can be found @ <http://geo-nsdi.er.usgs.gov/validation/>

The Project Level XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Project Extent XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Project Tile Scheme XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Control Point XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Check Point XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Swath XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Classified XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The DEM XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

The Breakline XML Metadata parsed without errors.

Check if 'Best Use' metadata for NED: ☐

Additional
Comments:

Corrected 3/21/2018

- All xmls are missing Distribution Information.

Corrected 3/21/2018

- DEM xml reports VVA as 0.040 but should be 0.188.

Corrected 3/21/2018

- Collection Date is 20171020 in QC Checkpoints xml.

Corrected 3/21/2018

- Project Level xml missing Calibration Points and QC Checkpoints procestep.

Based on this review, the USGS accepts the xml metadata provided.

End of Metadata Review

Vertical Accuracy Review Accepted

ASPRS recommends that checkpoint surveys be used to verify the vertical accuracy of LiDAR data sets. Checkpoints are to be collected by an independent survey firm licensed in the particular state(s) where the project is located. While subjective, checkpoints should be well distributed throughout the dataset. National Standards for Spatial Data Accuracy (NSSDA) guidance states that checkpoints may be distributed more densely in the vicinity of important features and more sparsely in areas that are of little or no interest. Checkpoints should be distributed so that points are spaced at intervals of at least ten percent of the diagonal distance across the dataset and at least twenty percent of the points are located in each quadrant

of the dataset.

NSSDA and ASPRS require that a minimum of twenty checkpoints (thirty is preferred) are collected for each major land cover category represented in the LiDAR data. Checkpoints should be selected on flat terrain, or on uniformly sloping terrain in all directions from each checkpoint. They should not be selected near severe breaks in slope, such as bridge abutments, edges of roads, or near river bluffs. Checkpoints are an important component of the USGS QA process. There is the presumption that the checkpoint surveys are error free and the discrepancies are attributable to the LiDAR dataset supplied.

For this dataset, USGS checked the spatial distribution of checkpoints with an emphasis on the bare-earth (open terrain) points; the number of points per class; the methodology used to collect these points; and the relationship between the data supplier and checkpoint collector. When independent control data are available, USGS has incorporated this into the analysis.

Required Vertical Accuracy

☒ Yes ☐ No

REQUIRED NON-VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR SWATH AND DEM FILES

Required Unit:

Required # of checkpoints:

Required RMSEz:

Required Vertical Accuracy (RMSEz * 95th CI)

REQUIRED VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR DEM FILES

Required Unit:

Required # of checkpoints:

Required Vertical Accuracy (@ 95th percentile)

Additional Required
Vertical Accuracy
Information:

Reported Vertical Accuracy

☒ Yes ☐ No

REPORTED NON-VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR SWATH LIDAR FILES

Reported Unit:

Reported # of checkpoints:

Reported RMSEz:

Reported Vertical Accuracy (RMSEz * 95th CI)

REPORTED NON-VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR DEM FILES

Reported Unit:

Reported # of checkpoints:

Reported RMSEz:

*Reported Vertical Accuracy (RMSEz * 95th CI)*

REPORTED VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR DEM FILES

Reported Unit:

Reported # of checkpoints:

Reported Vertical Accuracy (95th percentile)

Additional Reported Vertical Accuracy Information:

Reviewed Vertical Accuracy

☒ Yes ☐ No

CHECKPOINT REVIEW

Checkpoints are well distributed? ☐

Enough checkpoints for task order? ☒

Checkpoints meet USGS LiDAR base-spec in quantity and quality? ☒

REVIEWED NON-VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR SWATH LIDAR FILES

Reviewed Unit:

Reviewed # of checkpoints:

Reviewed RMSEz:

*Reviewed Vertical Accuracy (RMSEz * 95th CI)*

REVIEWED NON-VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY FOR DEM FILES

Reviewed Unit:

Reviewed # of checkpoints:

Reviewed RMSEz:

*Reviewed Vertical Accuracy (RMSEz * 95th CI)*

REVIEWED VEGETATED VERTICAL ACCURACY

Required Unit:

Centimeters

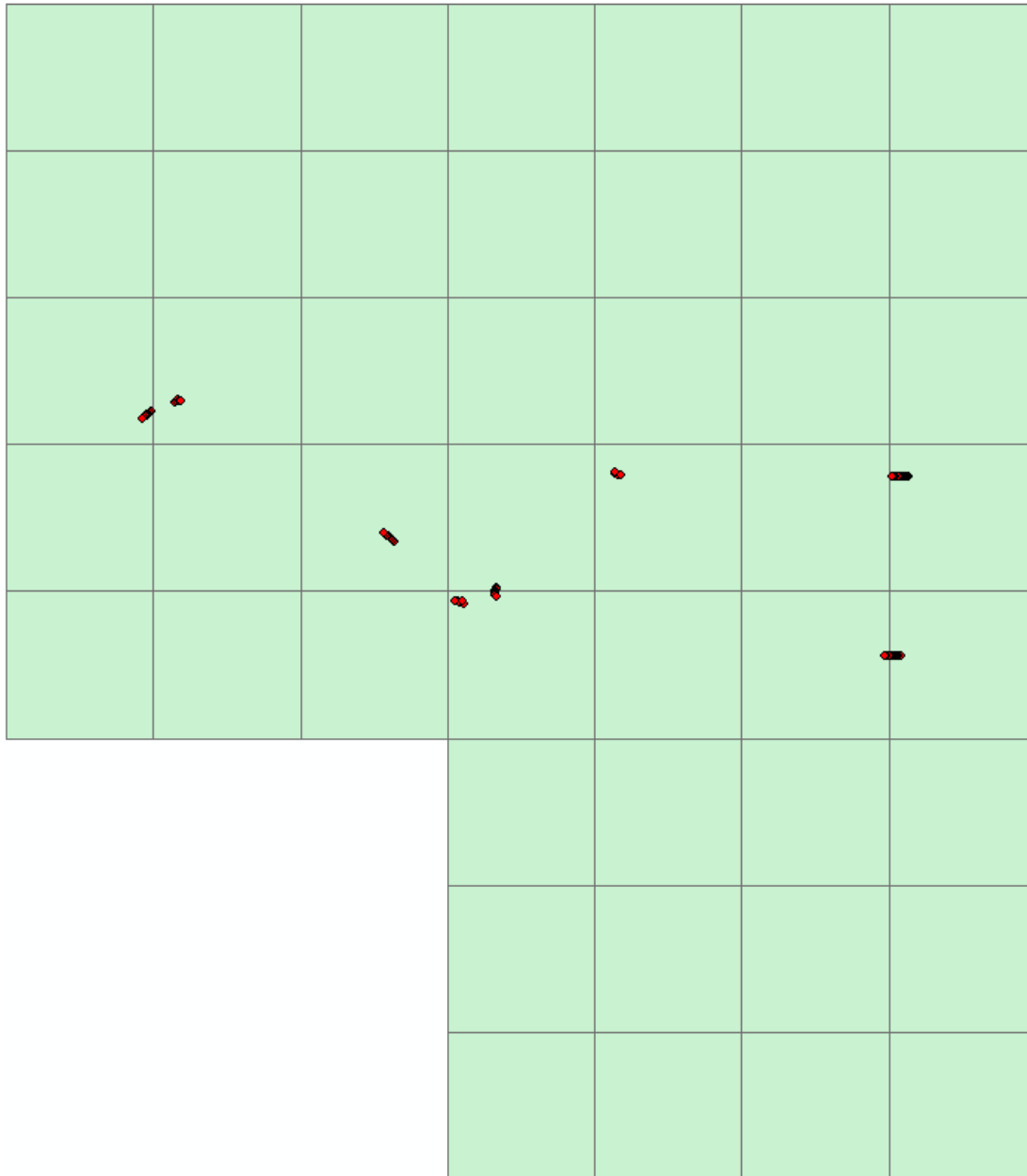
Required # of checkpoints:

20

Reviewed Vertical Accuracy (95th percentile)

20.78

Checkpoint Distribution Image



Vertical Accuracy Results:

*Additional Reviewed
Vertical Accuracy
Information:*

Based on this review, the USGS accepts the vertical accuracy.

End of Vertical Accuracy Review

Raw-Swath LiDAR Review **Accepted**

LAS swath files or raw unclassified LiDAR data are reviewed to assess the quality control used by the data supplier during collection. Furthermore, LAS swath data are checked for positional accuracy. The data supplier should have calculated the Non-Vegetated Vertical Accuracy using ground control checkpoints measured in clear open terrain (see *Vertical Accuracy Review Section*).

Review Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

RAW-SWATH LIDAR FILE CHARACTERISTICS

☒ Separate folder for swath/raw LiDAR files

LAS Version: 1.4

Point Record Format: 6

If specified, *.wpd files for full waveform data have been provided: Not Required

☐ Correct and properly formatted georeference information is included in all LAS file headers, including the use of OGC 2001 Well Known Text (WKT).

Corrected 3/21/2018 - Files 00030, 00045, and 00052 were removed and file 00046 was corrected.

New 00046 file has a GPS time issue, see below.

- 4 SWATH Las files (00030, 00045, 00046, & 00052) have an incorrect WKT. WKT includes "HEIGHT_MODEL"

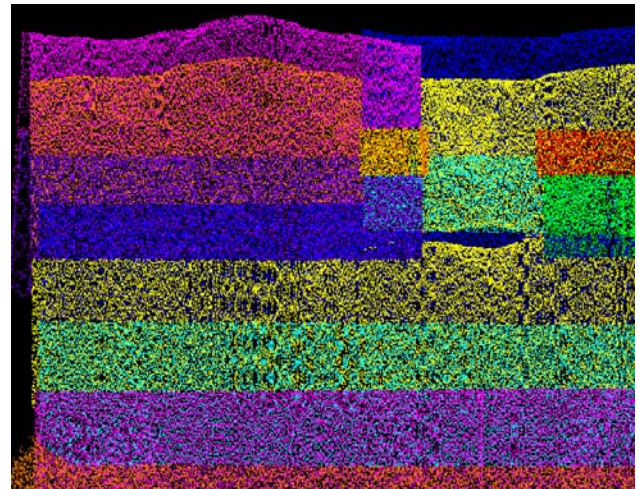
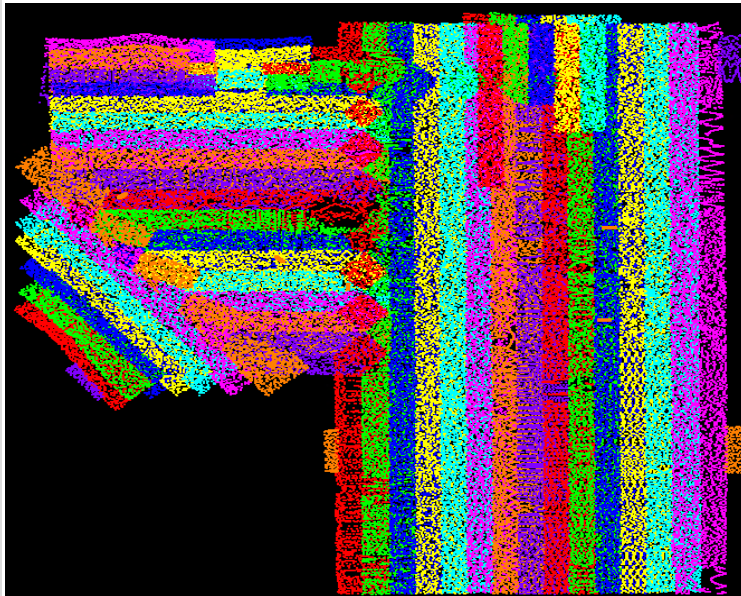
☐ Adjusted GPS time used with the global encoder id set to 1

Set to 17.

Additional comments:

Not Corrected 3/21/2018 - Not necessary, did not affect DEM generation.

- Overlap points do not appear to be set correctly.



- All Corrected Las tiles have incorrect GPS Times (396803489.17386 = Wed Apr 10 16:58:09 **2024**, 600960070.88258 = Sun Sep 29 15:07:50 **2030**). (USGS Did not use)

Based on this review, the USGS accepts the swath/raw LiDAR data.

End of Swath/Raw LiDAR Review

Tiled/Classified LiDAR Review **Accepted**

Classified LAS tile files are used to build digital terrain models using the points classified as ground. Therefore, it is important that the classified LAS are of sufficient quality to ensure that the derivative product accurately represents the landscape that was measured. Classified LAS Tiles are comprised as follows, "all project swaths, returns, and collected points, fully calibrated, adjusted to ground, and classified and cut, by tiles, excluding calibration swaths, cross-ties, and other swaths not used, or intended to be used, in product generation".

Review Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

CLASSIFIED LIDAR TILE CHARACTERISTICS

☒ Separate folder for classified/tiled LiDAR files

LAS Version: 1.4

Point Record Format: 6

If specified, *.wpd files for full waveform data have been provided: Not Required

☒ Classified LAS tile files conform to project tiling scheme

☒ Quantity of classified LAS tile files conforms to project tiling scheme

☒ Classified LAS tile files do not overlap

☒ Classified LAS tile files are uniform in size

☒ Correct and properly formatted georeference information is included in all LAS file headers, including the use of OGC 2001 Well Known Text (WKT).

☐ Adjusted GPS time used with the global encoder id set to 1

Set to 17.

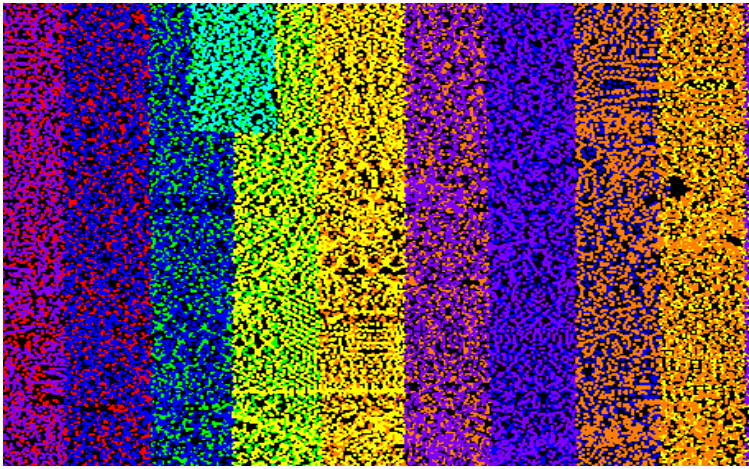
☒ Classified LAS tile files have no points classified as '12' (Overlap) and correctly use overlap bit.

☒ Point classifications are limited to the standard values listed below:

Code	Description	Used
1	Processed, but unclassified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
2	Bare-earth/Ground	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7	Noise (low, manually identified, if needed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8	Model key points	<input type="checkbox"/>
9	Water	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10	Ignored ground (breakline proximity)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11	Withheld (if the "Withheld Bit" is not implemented in the processing software)	<input type="checkbox"/>
17	Bridges	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18	Noise (high, manually identified, if needed)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

Additional comments:

Not Corrected 3/21/2018 - Not necessary, did not affect DEM generation.
- Overlap points do not appear to be set correctly.



- All Corrected Las tiles have incorrect GPS Times (396803489.17386 = Wed Apr 10 16:58:09 **2024**, 600960070.88258 = Sun Sep 29 15:07:50 **2030**. (USGS Did not use)

Based on this review, the USGS accepts classified/tiled LiDAR data.

End of Tiled/Classified LiDAR Review

Breakline Review Accepted

Breaklines are vector feature classes that are used to hydro-flatten the bare earth Digital Elevation Models.

Review Required: ☒ Yes ☐ No

BREAKLINE FILE CHARACTERISTICS:

- ☒ Separate folder for breakline files.
- ☒ Breaklines contain elevation values.

Elevation values stored in Geometry and Attribute Table

Units: Meters

- ☒ Waterbody Breaklines.

Polyline ☐ Polygon ☒

- ☒ Single elevation value per waterbody feature.
- ☒ Required.

Waterbody Elevations were created via Unknown waterbody level techniques.

- ☐ Double Line Stream Breaklines (Streams Approximately > 100 ft).
- ☒ Single Line Breaklines.

Lines are:

- ☐ Single Line Streams
- ☒ Bridge Cuts
- ☐ Culvert Connectors

Downstream SLS Flow is Not Applicable

- ☒ No missing or misplaced breaklines.

Based on this review, the USGS accepts the breakline files.

End of Breakline Review

DEM Review Accepted

The derived bare-earth file(s) receive a review of the vertical accuracies provided by the data supplier, vertical accuracies calculated by the USGS using supplied and independent checkpoints (*see the prior Vertical Accuracy Review Section*), and a thorough visual review for any anomalies or inconsistencies in assessing the quality of the DEM(s).

BARE-EARTH DEM TILE CHARACTERISTICS:

☒ Separate folder for bare-earth DEM files

Raster File Type: IMG

Raster Cell Size: 0.5 Meters

Tile bit depth/pixel Type: 32_BIT_FLOAT

Interpolation or Resampling Technique: Unknown

☒ DEM tiles do not overlap

☒ DEM tiles conform to Project Tiling Scheme

☒ Quantity of DEM files conforms to Project Tiling Scheme

☐ DEM tiles are uniform in size

- DEM tiles are not uniform in size. Some DEM tiles are 1000 x 1000 and some are 2000 x 2000.

SOW states "Tiles will be 2,000-meter x 2,000-meter tiles with the exception of tiles around the periphery of the project area that are better suited for 1,000-meter x 1,000-meter tiles."

☒ DEM tiles properly edge match and free of edge artifacts

☒ Tiles are free from Spikes and Pits

☒ Tiles are free from Data Holidays (*voids due to processing or collection errors*)

☒ Tiles do not exhibit systematic sensor error or corrowing

Hydro Treatment: hydro-flattened

DEM tiles are properly Hydro Flattened ☒ Yes ☐ No

☒ Waterbodies 2 Acres or greater are flattened

☒ Streams 100 ft. or greater are flattened in a downstream manner

☒ Tidal Boundaries/Shorelines are flattened

☒ No missing islands 1 Acre or larger

☒ Bridges/Overpasses are properly removed

☒ Culverts are maintained (Not Hydro Enforced)

☒ Depressions, Sinks, are not filled in (Not Hydro Conditioned)

☒ Vegetation properly removed

☒ Manmade structures properly removed

Tiles recommended for NED 1/3rd: ☒ Yes. ☐ No.

Tiles recommended for NED 1/9th: ☐ Yes. ☐ No.

Tiles recommended for NED 1 Meter: ☒ Yes. ☐ No.

LAS dataset recommended for distribution: tile classified

Based on this review, the USGS accepts the DEM tiles.

End of DEM Review

INTERNAL COMMENTS

END OF REPORT (v2.4.0)