Online Soil Survey Information Products, Future Vision, Needs

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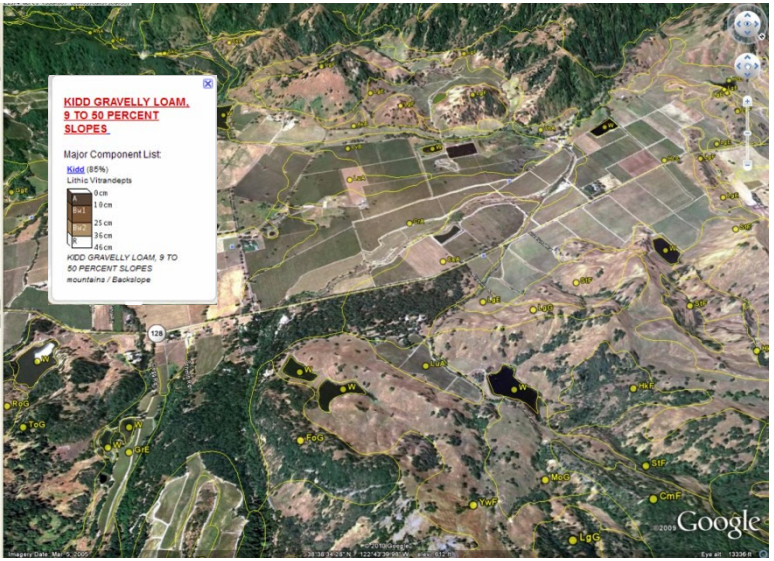
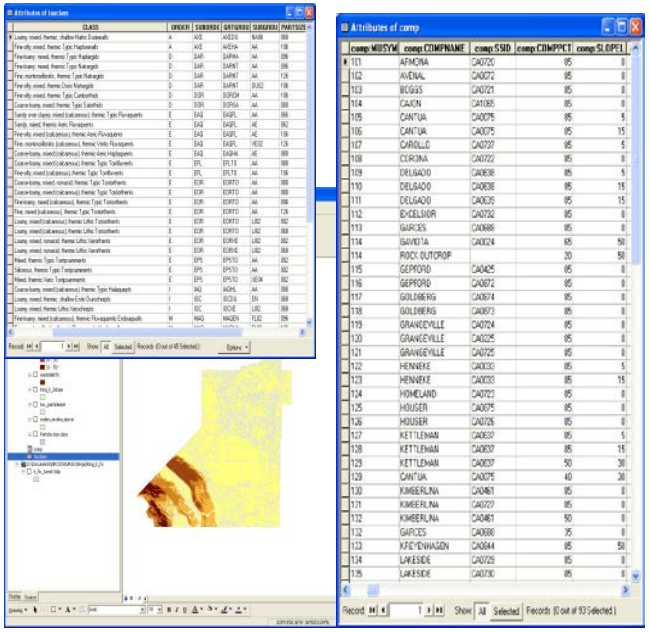
Existing Technology for Information Delivery

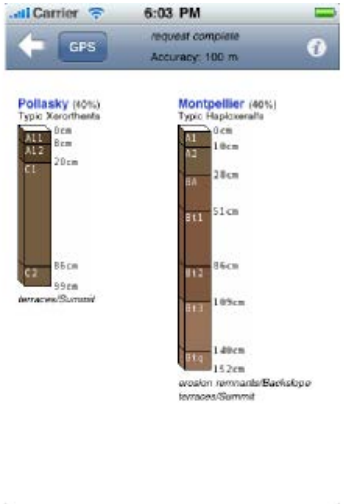
SoilWeb in Google Earth



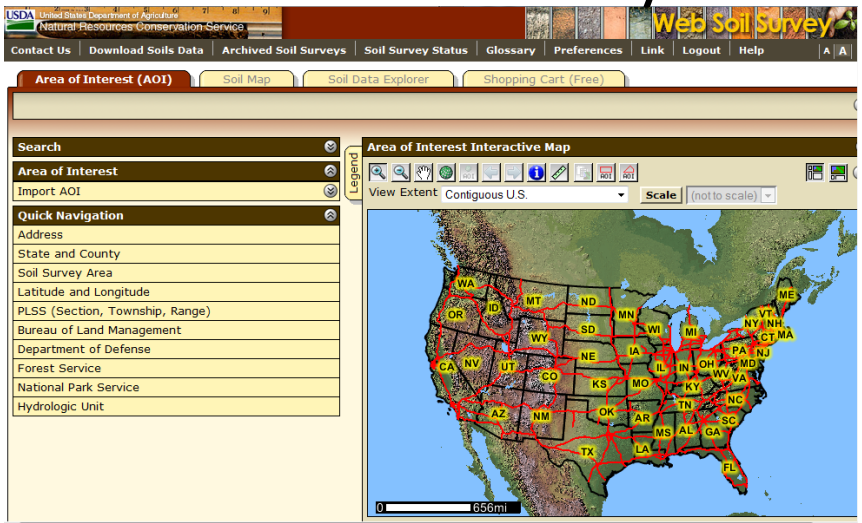
Soil Data Viewer



SoilWeb Native Phone Apps

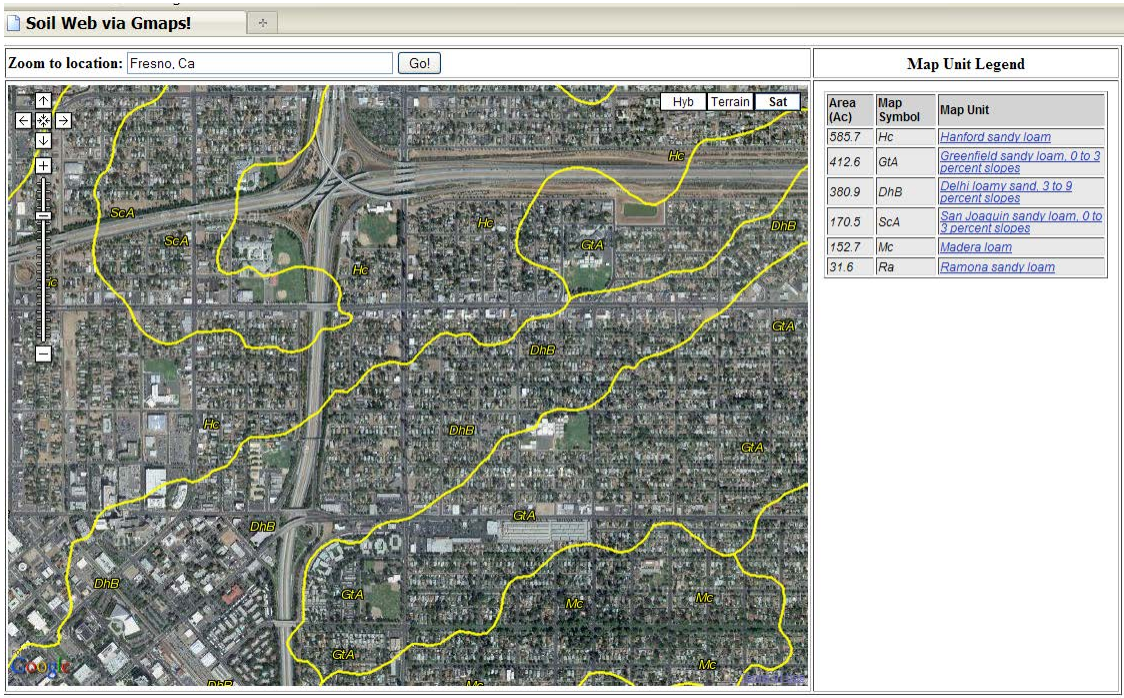


Web Soil Survey



How can we make soil survey more relevant to the public?

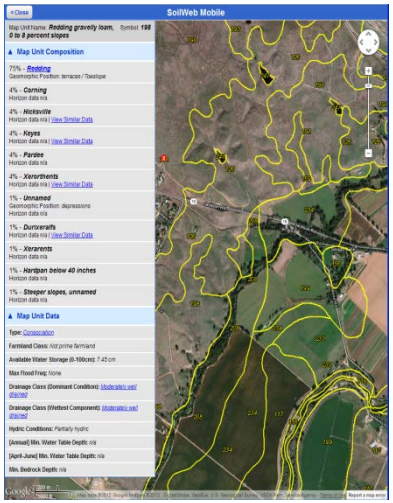
Products that are: User friendly, easily accessible, fast, relevant to user needs, and understandable that utilize popular technology.



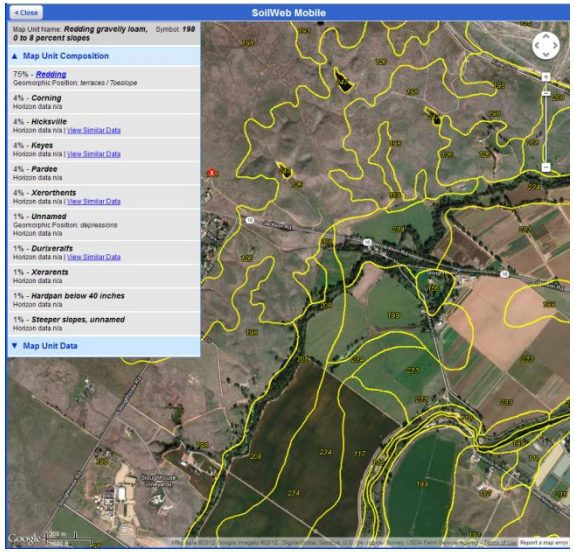
Having a variety of tools is important.

Step 1. Keep Evolving

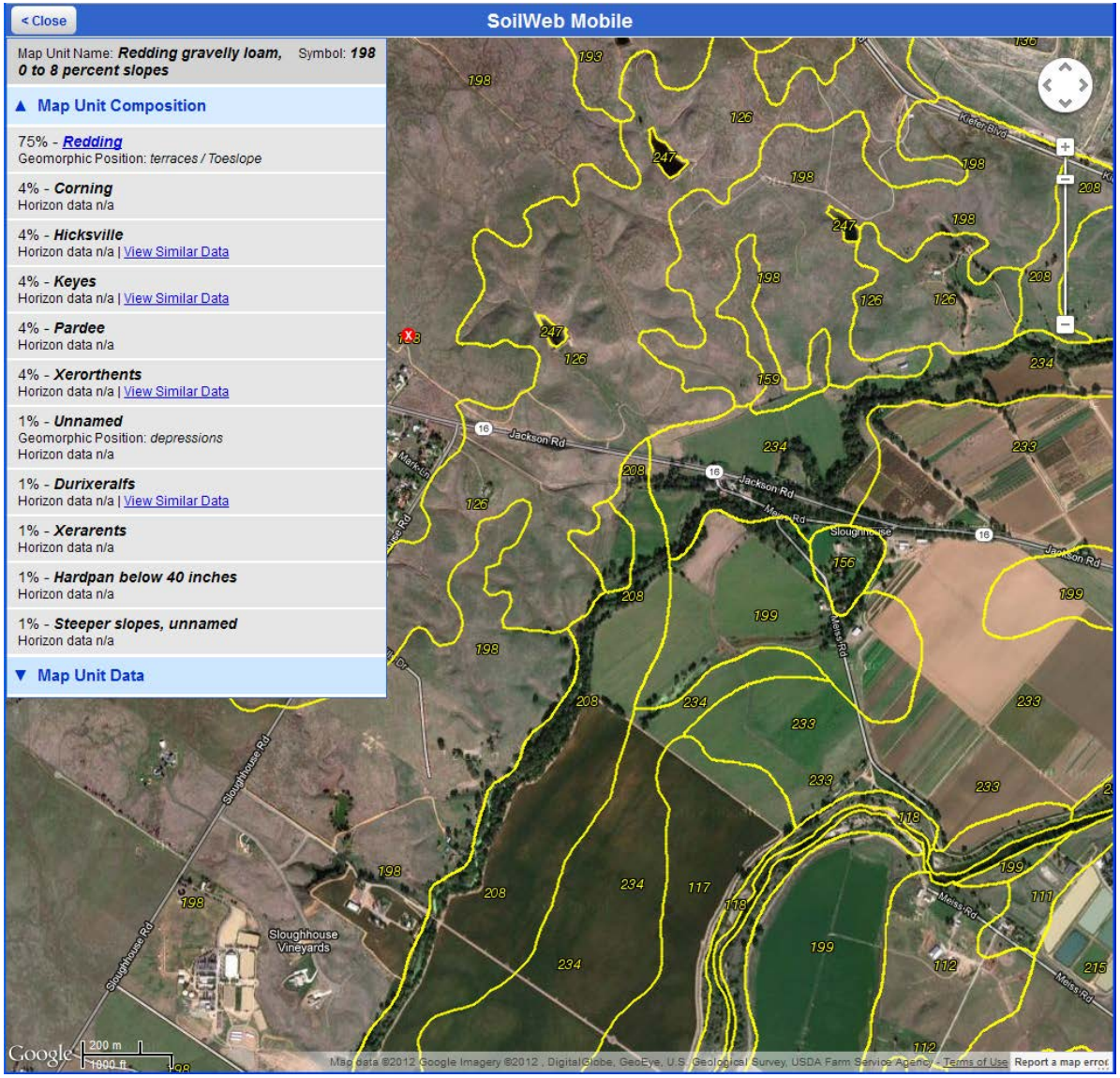
SoilWeb App: Works Across Multiple Platforms



All Smartphones



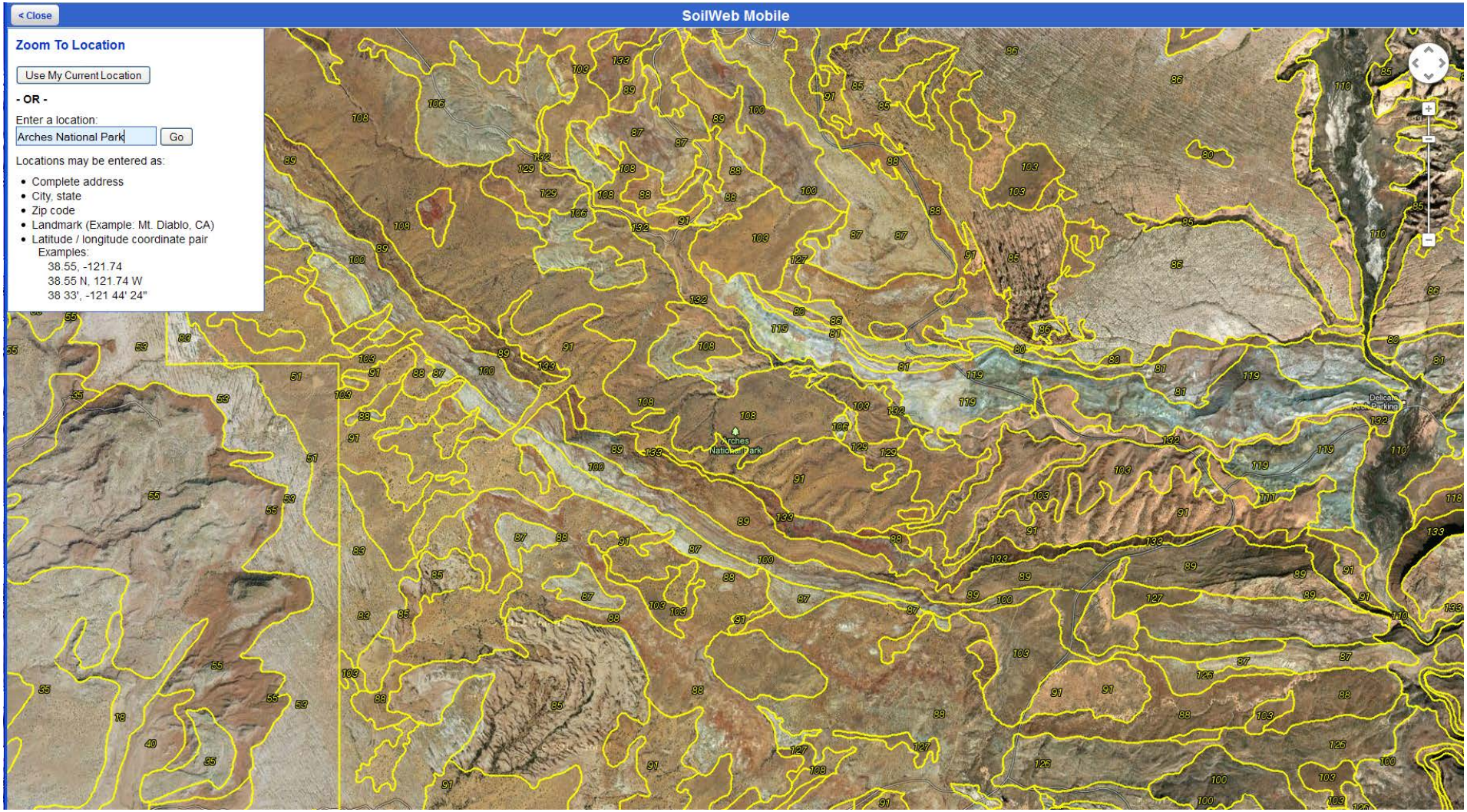
Tablets



Desktops

A Collaboration Between UCD & NRCS

Zoom To: Arches National Park



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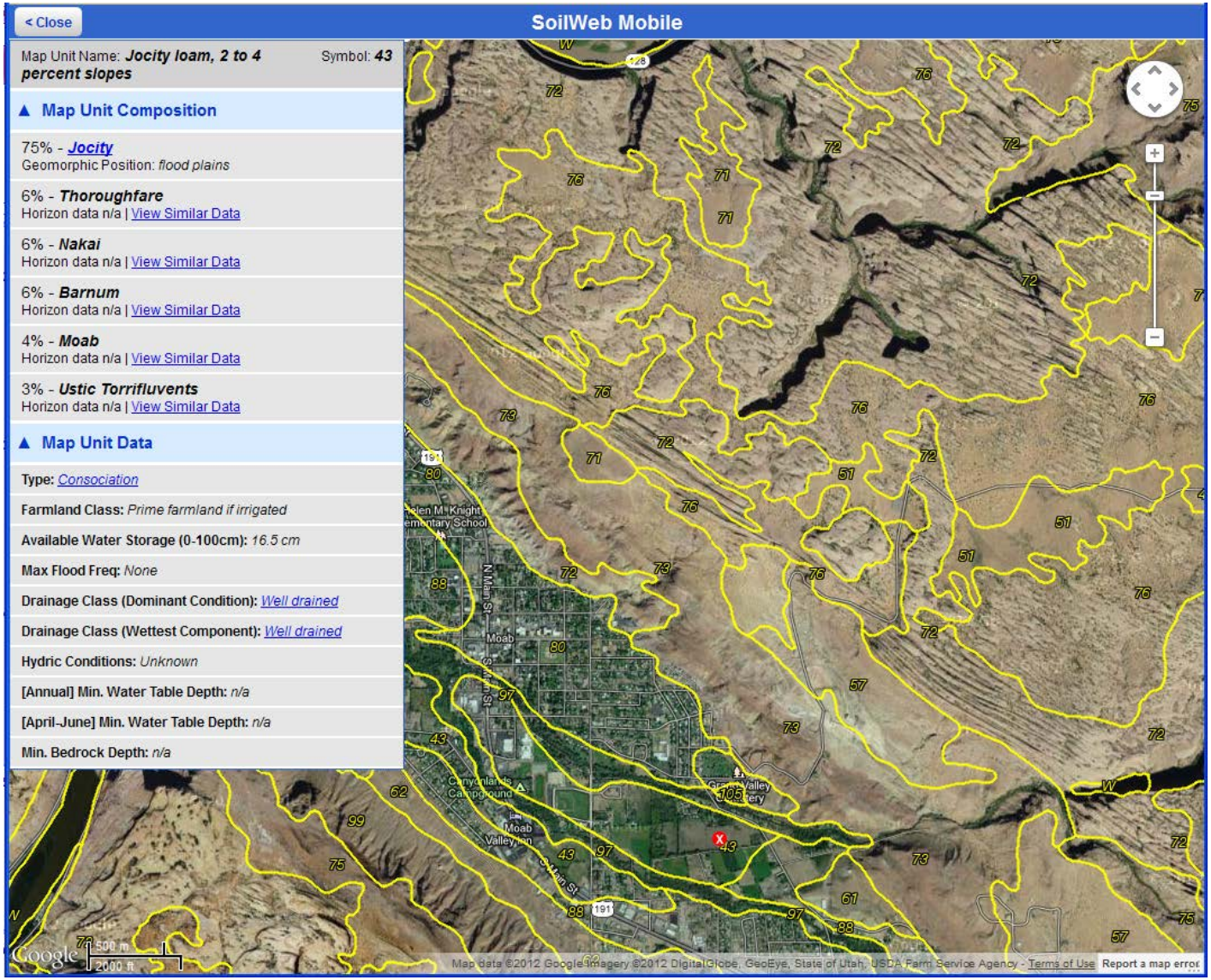

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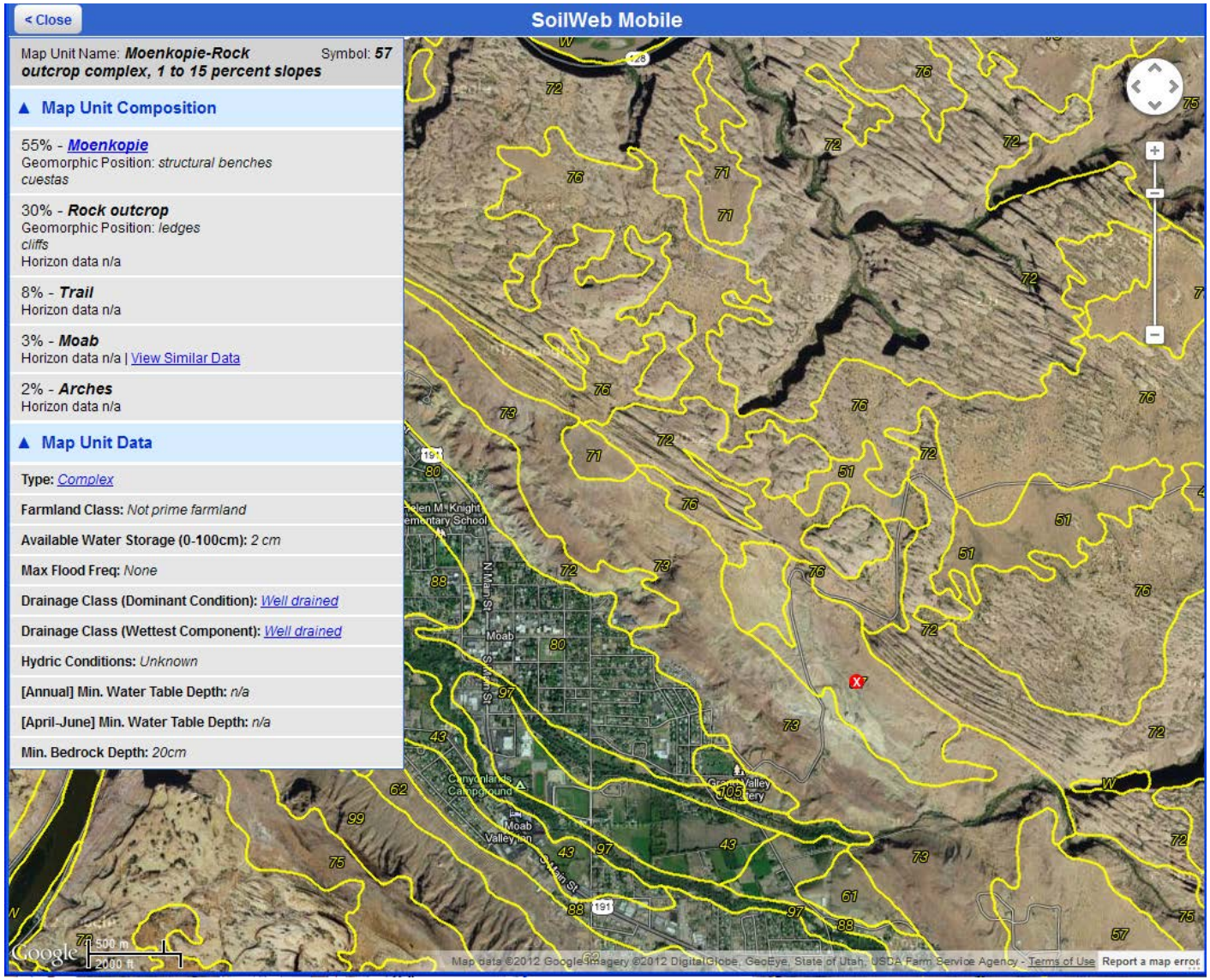

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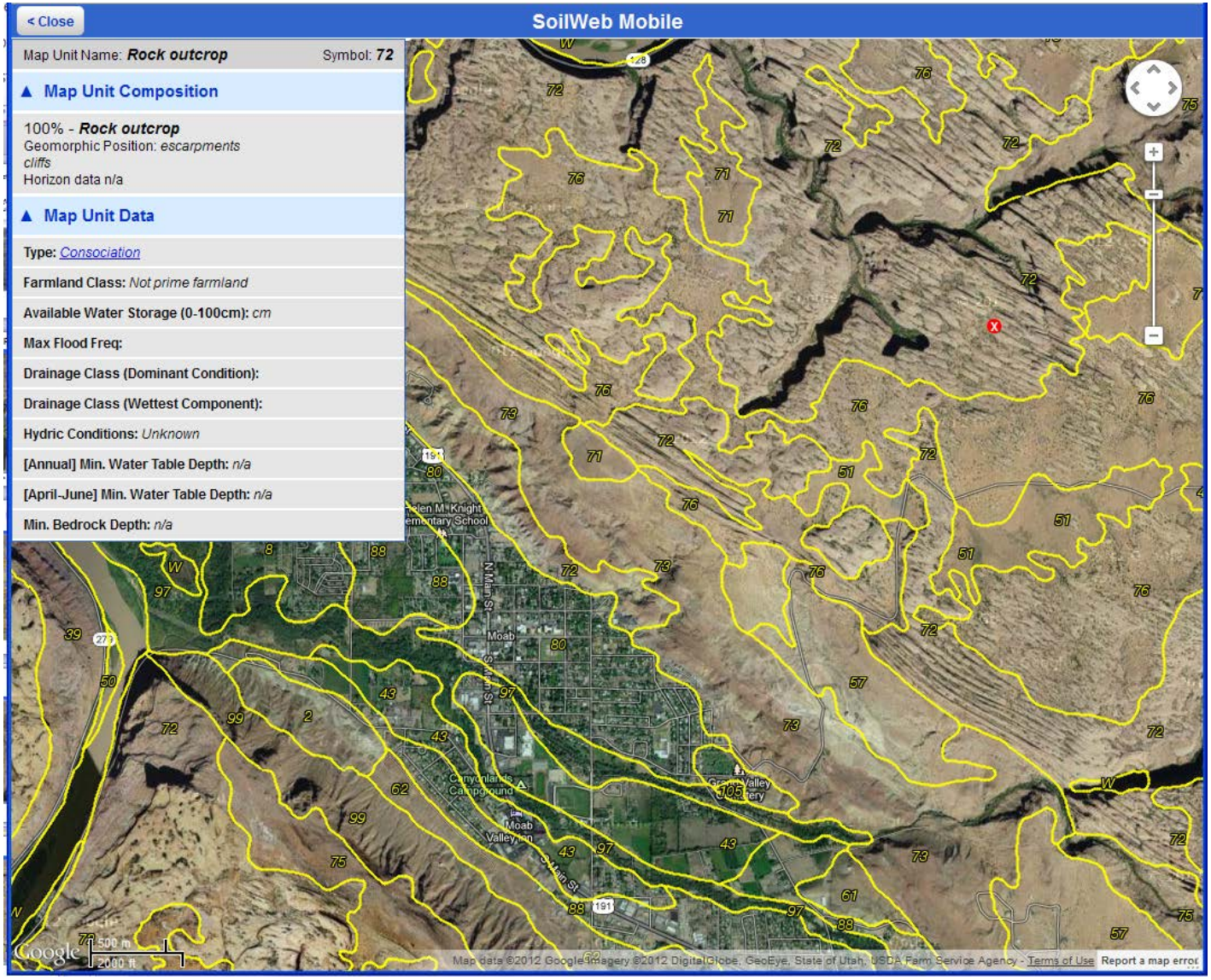
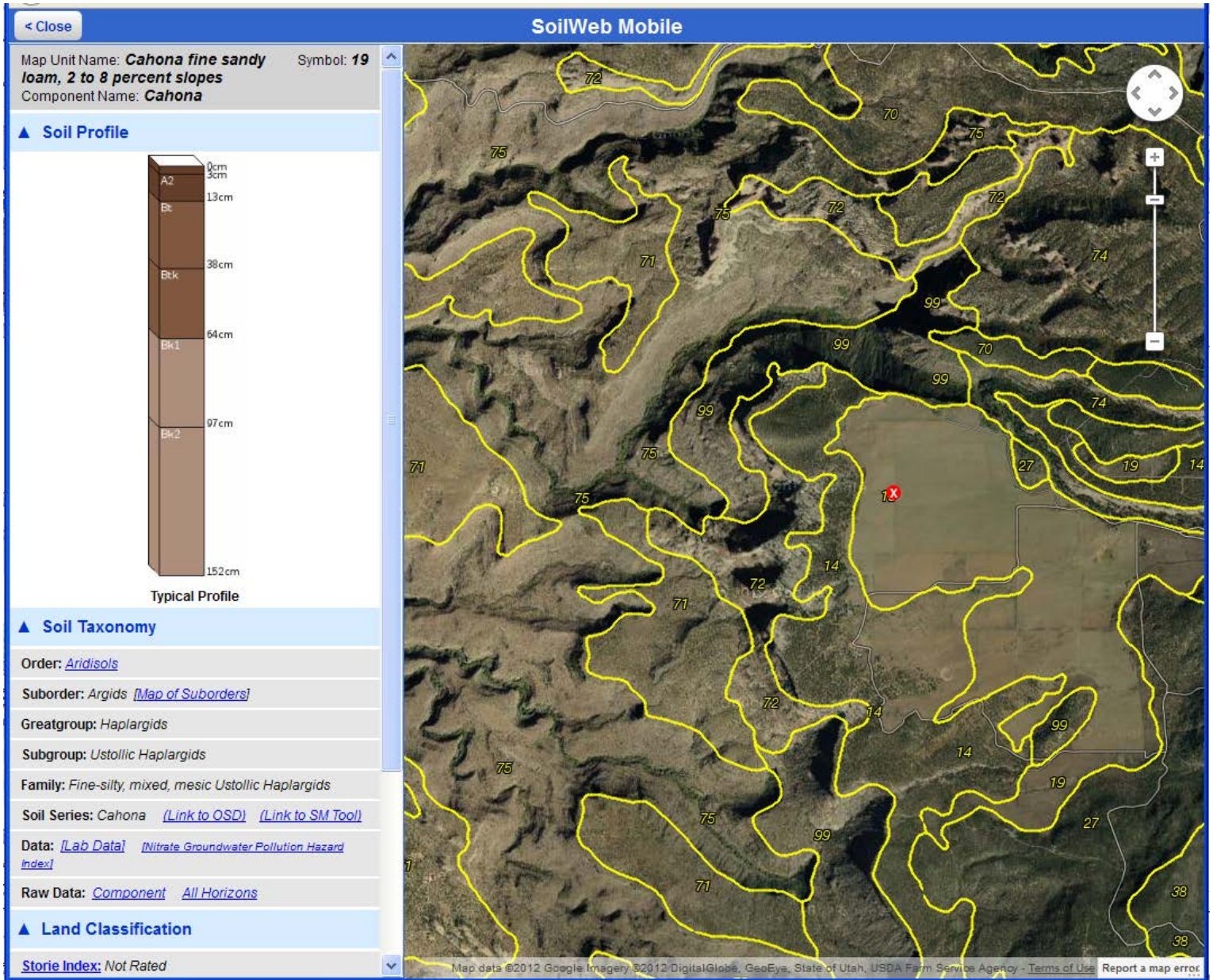


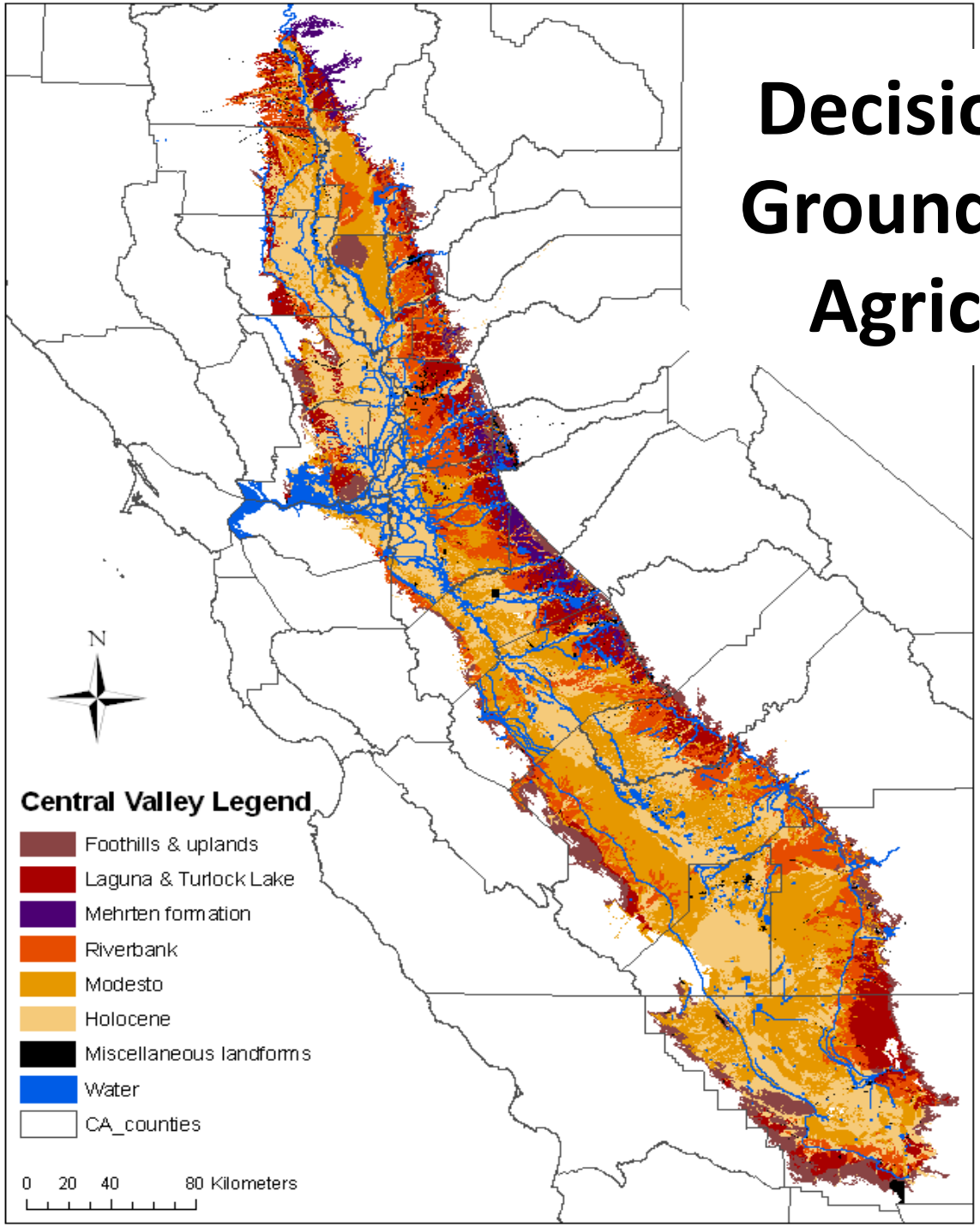
Direct Access to Soils Data



Step 2. Be Relevant to Stakeholder Needs

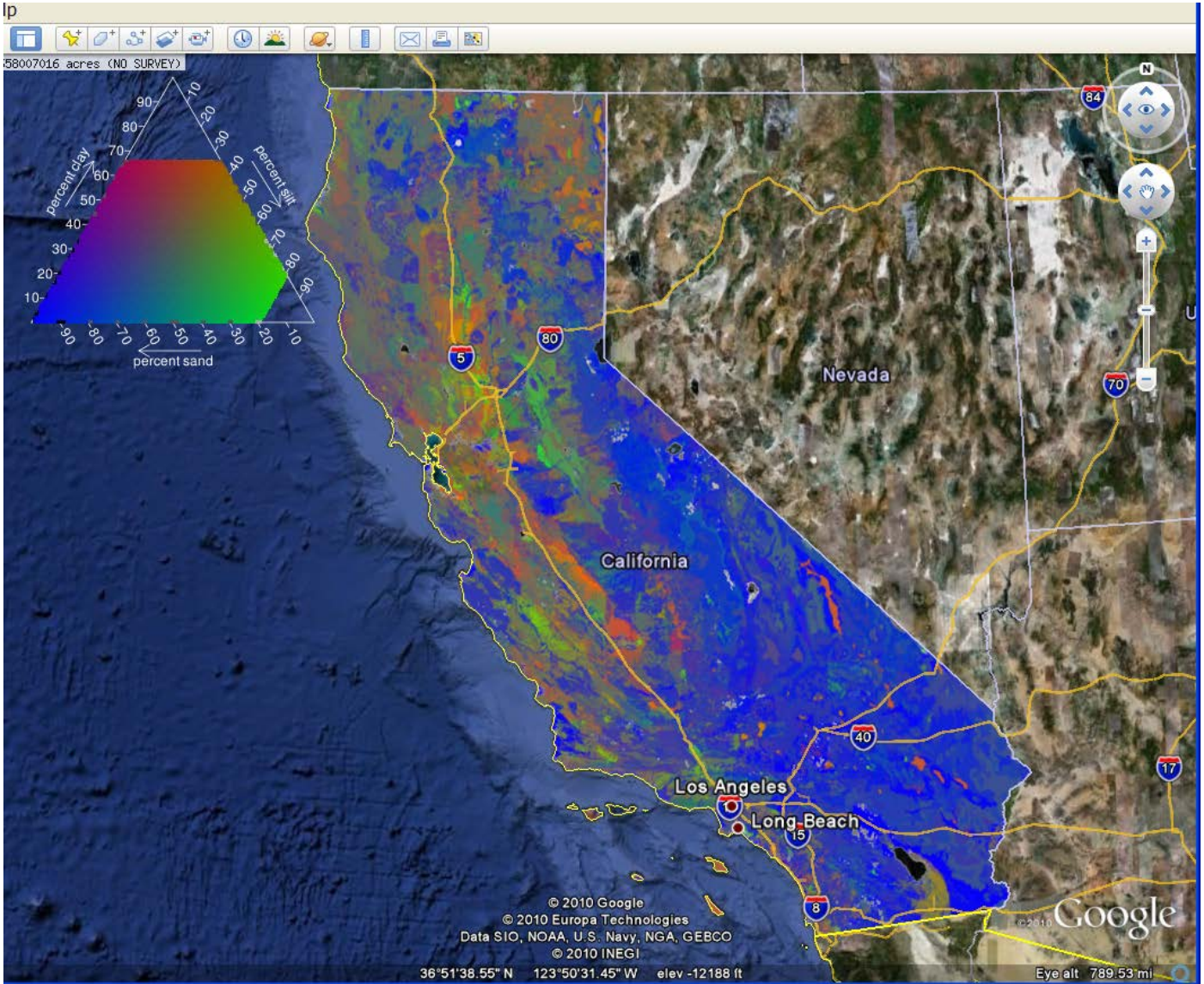
Decision Support Tools: Rangeland Drought Tolerance

Decision Support Tools: Groundwater Banking in Agricultural Systems



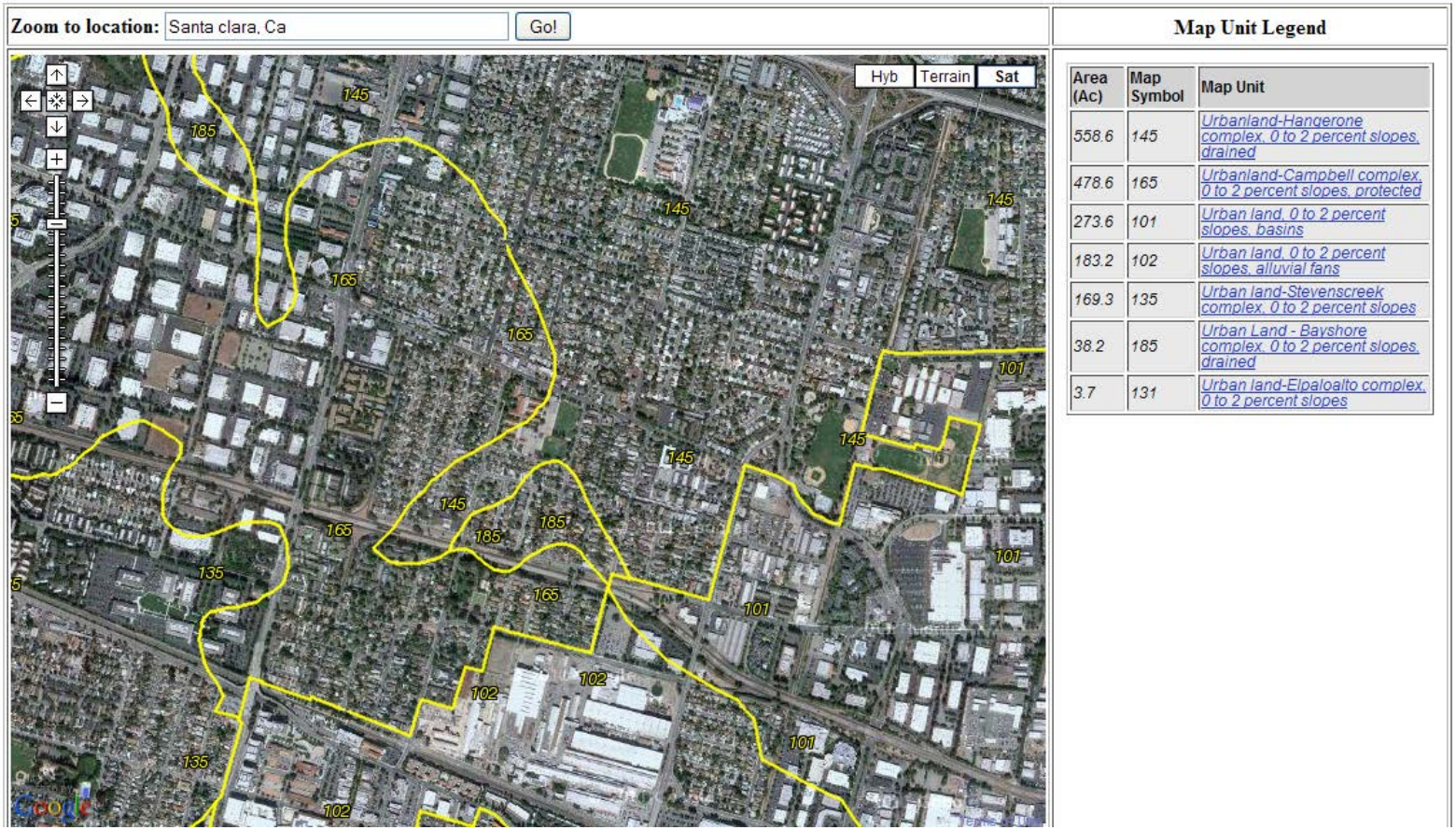
What soils,
cropping systems and
landscapes

Step 3. Appeal to the Public's Curiosity
Maps of Soil Properties



Step 4. Appeal to a Wide Audience

How can we better serve this clientele group?

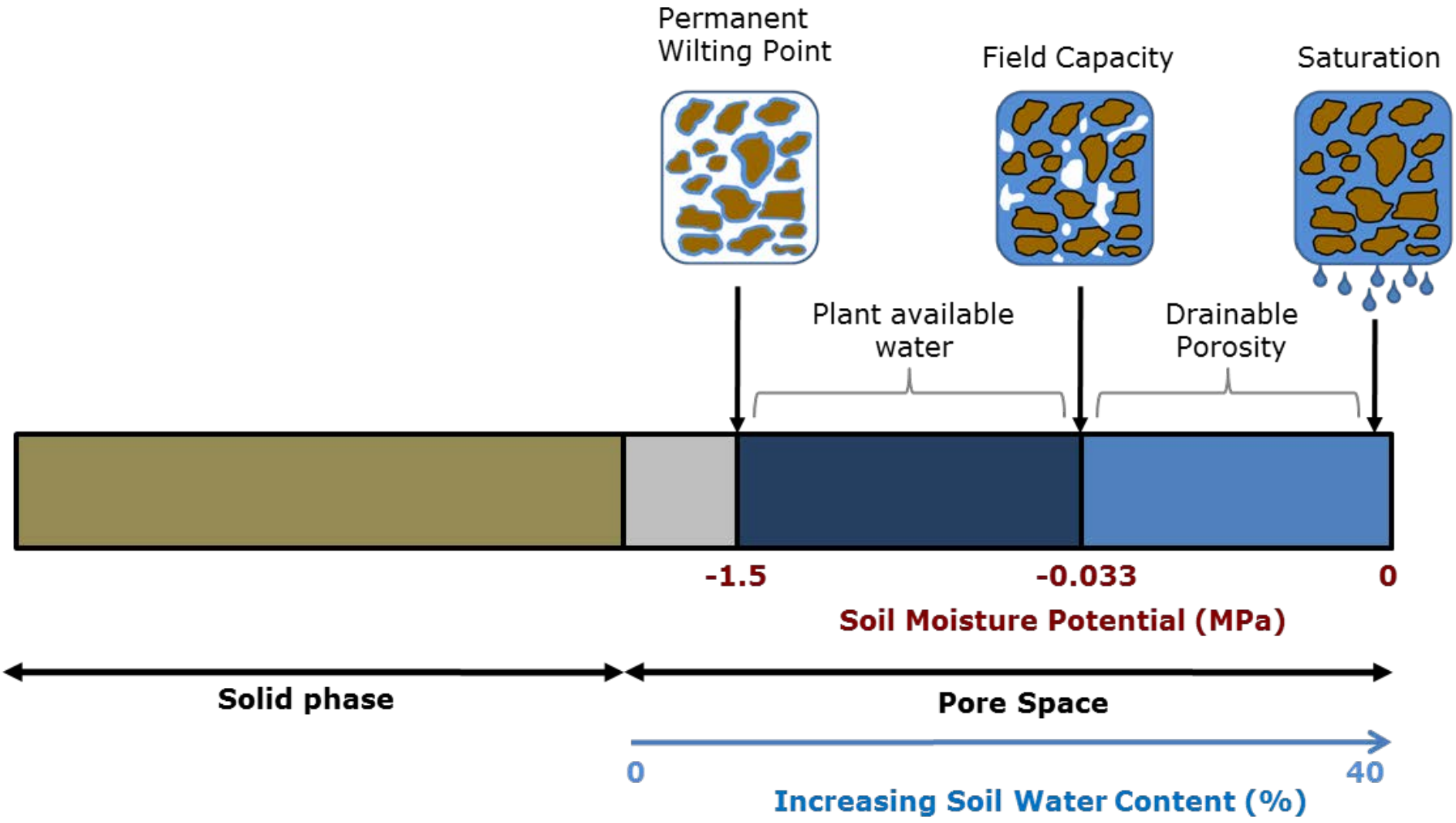


Is my soil contaminated?

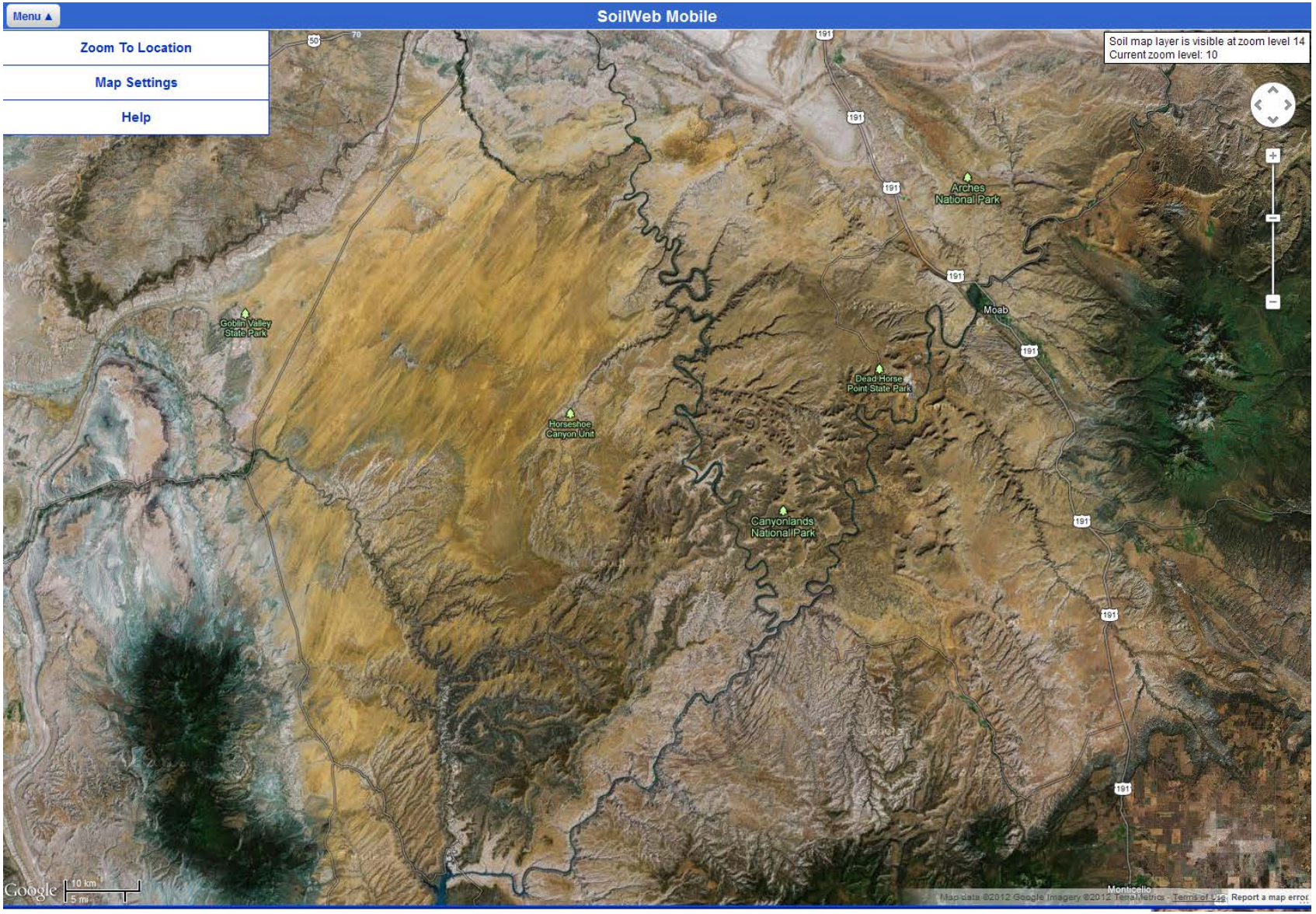
What can I do to my soil to make plants grow better?

How can I irrigate wisely?

Step 5. Bring More Ingenuity to the Process of Soil Survey Education



Step 6 Remember Step 1, Information Delivery Mechanisms Should Continuously Evolve



Crowd Sourcing:
Develop Creative Data Exchange Programs

Create a social network data exchange site through GPS enabled smartphones and Google mapping products allowing users to send spatially explicit information (weeds, erosion, perc tests, yields, fertilizer rates, soil obs. etc.) that can be summarized and stratified by soil landscapes.

Could some version of this be applied to dynamic soil property inventories, Global Soil Map Project, or urban soil surveys?