

2024 Big Sky GeoCon Poster/Map Guidelines and Policy:

The Map Gallery exhibit is reserved for student, professional and agency projects and work. It is not intended to be a venue for private industry promotion. Posters are not to exceed Arch E size (36" X 48"), portrait orientation preferable to fit correctly on display boards. This year we will be utilizing easels to display the posters/maps. **Please mount poster on a sturdy surface (i.e. foam core).** If you don't have access to foam core or something similar, let us know and we can provide it for you.

Paper Map Guidelines:

- No vendor or product advertisements. Vendors may submit posters as long as it is a product of work and not an advertisement.
- All submitted maps and web mapping applications must contain a list of products used to produce it and contact information. This information list will be displayed with the map and on the web mapping display.
- Awards: \$100 for People's Choice, \$75 for first place in 3 categories (Research and Applications, Effective Cartography, and Web Mapping) with prizes for both professional and student and \$25 for second place.
- Maximum size of the map is Arch E (36" X 48")
- **Posters must be mounted on a sturdy surface so they will stand on an easel.**
- Do not submit the same map for different categories – please choose the best fit. Anyone may submit a variety of maps/posters in appropriate categories.
- If you carry your map(s) with you to the conference, please drop off at the conference registration desk by 12:00 pm on Tuesday, April 16, 2024.

All submitters are encouraged to spend some time at their display to answer questions, especially from the judges, during the Poster/Map Gallery and Exhibitor Social which is held on Tuesday, April 16th beginning at 4:30 pm.

Web Mapping Applications:

- During Tuesday evening's social, a special area and dedicated time will be set aside for presentations to be made.
- Every submitter will have 5 minutes to present their web mapping application to the judges. Screenshots, PowerPoint, or a live demo will be accepted. If the submission is a live demo and the application does not launch correctly, the submitter will use slides to illustrate the functionality of their website.
- All submitters must supply 5-7 slides that will demonstrate the functionality of their website.

- Web mapping applications must operate from a conference supplied computer. Additional software, specific to the application and not part of the conference's standard tool suite, will not be allowed.

Submit web mapping application links and slides no later than **April 9th, 2024** to brandersen@mt.gov or be prepared to have the link ready onsite.