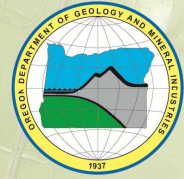


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## Oregon celebrates Earth Science Week October 12-18

*The weeklong event encourages scientific exploration and understanding*

PORTLAND, Ore. – The Oregon Department of Geology and Mineral Industries (DOGAMI) announced today that Governor John Kitzhaber has proclaimed October 12-18 as Earth Science Week.

The 2014 Earth Science Week theme of “Earth’s Connected Systems,” explores the dynamic interactions between the geosphere, hydrosphere, atmosphere and biosphere.

Focus days during the week include International Earthcache Day (October 12), Earth Science Literacy Day (October 13), No Child Left Inside Day (October 14), National Fossil Day (October 15), Geoscience for Everyone Day (October 16), and Geologic Map Day (October 17).

Geologic Map Day promotes the study, uses, and significance of geologic maps by engaging audiences through educational activities, print materials, online resources, and public outreach.

“Geologic maps tell the story of how our state’s spectacular landscape formed, and help us understand the geologic hazards and resources of today’s Oregon,” says State Geologist Vicki McConnell.

The DOGAMI website at [www.oregongeology.org](http://www.oregongeology.org) will feature themed earth science activities and resources for teachers, students and the community throughout the month of October.

For more information about Earth Science Week, visit [www.earthsciweek.org](http://www.earthsciweek.org). Additional resources for learning about geologic maps can be found on the Geologic Map Day website at [www.earthsciweek.org/geologicmap/](http://www.earthsciweek.org/geologicmap/).

*DOGAMI's mission is to provide earth science information and regulation to make Oregon safe and prosperous.*

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