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Happy new year, dear volunteers!

We hope 2020 has some wonderful things in store for you, and if you've made any resolutions, we hope helping out The National Map Corps is among them!

Thanks again for all the hard work you put in to make this a successful project, we truly couldn't do it without you!

Sincerely, The National Map Corps Team



We hope you'll contribute to TNMCorps in 2020!



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TNMCorps has a New Project Page!

You may have noticed some new URLs affiliated with our newsletters and mapping challenges.

This is because The National Map Corps now has a new project page! Check it out

at <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/tnm-corps>.

You'll find these notices on the [Confluence page](#), which is no longer being maintained:

NOTICE!
 TNMCorps is migrating its project page to a new platform. Please visit us at our new website: <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/tnm-corps>

Project Updates

12/12/19 -----

EXCITING NEWS!! Mapping Challenges are Moving!

Please note that, after today's updates (see below), Mapping Challenge updates will no longer be posted on this website. For the most recent information, visit our new website at <https://www.usgs.gov/core-science-systems/ngp/tnm-corps>.

Mapping Challenge updates will appear either in the News section or on a designated [Mapping Challenges](#) page:

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Mapping Challenges
 Mapping Challenges are a fun program that is Any volunteers who edit this feature type with websites and social media pages. Areas chos production.

Ongoing Challenges
 We currently have two Mapping Challenges taking place. o Refer to the news updates in the Related Content section.

On this new page, you'll find all the same pertinent information that our previous page contained:

- **Project Updates** are in the [News](#) section
- **Status Maps** can be found under [Volunteers > Volunteer Contributions](#)
- **Mapping Challenges** are under [Resources > Mapping Challenges](#)
- **Newsletters** are located under [Resources > Newsletters](#)
- **Tips and Tricks** are located under [Resources > Tips and Tricks](#) and in our [newsletters](#)
- **Structures Definitions** can be found under [Structures](#)

Other pages, such as our FAQs, are currently being updated and will be migrated shortly. In the meantime, our [Q&A platform](#) provides answers to many of our most popular questions.

In light of this migration, our [previous project page](#) is no longer being maintained. So, update your browser's bookmarks and check our new platform frequently for project updates and other announcements!

Reach out to us at nationalmapcorps@usgs.gov with questions and comments.

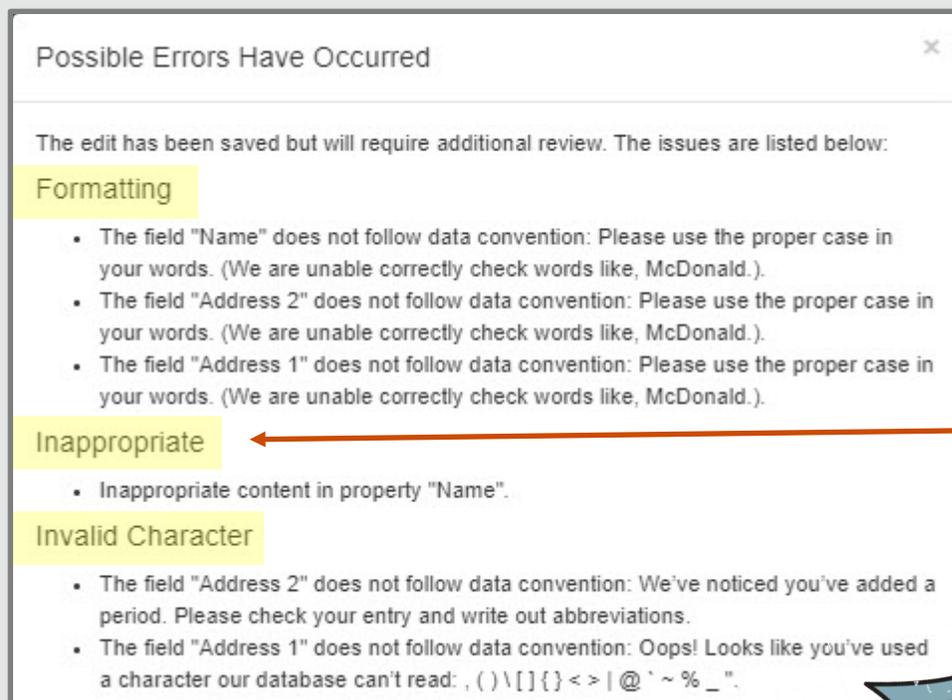
Review of Common Editing Error Messages

While editing you may see an error message pop up on your screen and wonder what it means. When the editor was first launched, we set up filters that use established guidelines to detect potential errors. If one or more of those guidelines is violated, the filter will send out a pop-up message to alert you to possible issues with a point. However, keep in mind that our filters won't detect every error, and they can't replace human judgement. If you know you've correctly edited a point and an error message pops up, simply close out the pop-up window and keep editing. If you're really confused or concerned about one of these messages, feel free to [reach out](#).

Formatting

Meaning: This message is notifying you of potential spelling or case issues. When editing, please spell out words that denote direction or are abbreviations for a road type (e.g. Rd = Road, Ln = Lane, St = Street, Pl = Place).

Exception: This message will also pop up if the filter detects capital letters in the middle of a word, even if that word is spelled correctly, for example: McDonald, MacKenzie, or DeKalb. This error message will not appear if McDonald is spelled Mcdonald, which is incorrect. You can always refer to our [Name and Address Formatting Guide](#) when you need clarification.



Inappropriate

Meaning: This message pops up if the filter detects a possible inappropriate word. It may be only a portion of a name that is interpreted by our dictionary as inappropriate content, and no change is needed if the name has been entered correctly.

Invalid Character

Meaning: This message pop up if a special character was entered in the Address 1 or 2 fields. Make sure any special characters have been removed from the attribute fields.



Review of Common Editing Error Messages (Continued)

Naming

Some error messages may refer to a missing descriptive word in the name field:

Error Message for Cemeteries: Please include one of the following in the "Name" field: Cemetery, Memorial Garden, Memorial Park, Plot, Grave, Graveyard, Columbarium, Burial Ground.

Meaning: Make sure to include specific words to designate the feature type in question. The error message lists the most common words we expect for naming specific types of features.

Error Message:

The field "Address 1" does not follow data convention: Please add an address descriptor, such as 'street'.

Meaning: The address field expects a word like "Street" or "Road," "Highway", or something similar. Add this information if the correct road designator can be verified.

Naming

- Please include one of the following in the "Name" field: Cemetery, Memorial Garden, Memorial Park, Plot, Grave, Graveyard, Columbarium, Burial Ground
- The field "Address 1" does not follow data convention: Please add an address descriptor, such as 'street'.

Review

- Text is uppercase in property "Name".

Spatial

- There are conflicting features of the same type nearby.

Review

- The field "Address 1" does not follow data convention: Data field can not be blank.
- The field "Zip-code" does not follow data convention: Data field can not be blank.

Review

Error Message:

Text is uppercase in property "Name."

Meaning: This message refers to names that are written in all caps (e.g., WEST MESA HIGH SCHOOL). Please change to Title Case, so only the first letter of each principal word is capitalized (i.e. West Mesa High School). This isn't required but is greatly appreciated.

Spatial

Meaning: This message is just a warning that there are similar features nearby that you might want to check to make sure they aren't duplicates of the feature you are editing. This message pops up frequently if you're editing in a dense area with many similar features. Please review the section titled "[Cleaning up Stacked Points](#)" from our [User Guide](#) and this [Q&A post](#) for more information on handling duplicate points.

Error Message:

1.) The field "Address 1" does not follow data convention: Data field cannot be blank.

2.) The field "Zip-code" does not follow data convention: Data field cannot be blank.

Meaning: The Address 1 and Zip Code fields should be filled out if the information can be verified. However, we only expect our Peer Reviewers and Advanced Editors to enter address information.

Please note that address, city and zip code are not required for [cemeteries](#).

Colorful City Halls in Puerto Rico

While researching city and town halls around Puerto Rico, I couldn't help but notice that the buildings are beautiful, colorful, and full of character. The [colorful buildings of San Juan](#) have been written about on numerous occasions, however colorful buildings, including city halls, can be found in other areas of Puerto Rico as well.

Ceiba is on the eastern side of Puerto Rico and was founded in April of 1838. It is home to the [Ceiba State Forest](#) and reserve, which is home to a wide variety of birds as well as turtles and manatees. [Ceiba Town Hall](#) is a delightful Maya-blue that stands out in the landscape.



Simon Spitz



Gerardo Vicil

Canóvanas, which is further inland on the east side of the island, was founded in 1909 and is known as "[a Ciudad de las Carreras](#)", or [Horse Race Town](#), because it's the only town in Puerto Rico that has horse racing. The main entrance of the [city hall](#) is strongly influenced by Spanish architecture.

Patillas, also known as the [Emerald of the South](#) due to its green mountains, often flies under the radar. In addition to its mountains, this town is also located near some [beautiful beaches](#). This town was founded in 1811, and the striking green of this [city's town hall](#) makes this government building stand out against its surroundings. The large name on the side of the main entrance made it very easy to verify.



Ricardo Rodriguez

TNMCORPS PUZZLE

Our recent [mapping challenges](#) focused on city and town hall data in Washington, Oregon, Utah, New Mexico and Arizona. After searching for the cities listed below, match each one to its state! Write the state abbreviation on the line next to each city. (Keep in mind that some of the city names might belong in more than one state).

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 ARTESIA _____
 ASHLAND _____
 BEAVERTON _____
 BELLINGHAM _____
 BORING _____
 CLOVIS _____
 HEBER CITY _____
 LAS CRUCES _____
 MEDFORD _____
 MOAB _____
 OGDEN _____
 PARK CITY _____

PHOENIX _____
 PORTLAND _____
 PUYALLUP _____
 SANTA FE _____
 SCOTTSDALE _____
 SEDONA _____
 SPOKANE _____
 SPRINGVILLE _____
 TEMPE _____
 VANCOUVER _____
 YAKIMA _____
 YUMA _____

SOLUTION - ARIZONA: Heber (Overgaard); Phoenix; Scottsdale; Sedona; Tempe; Yuma NEW MEXICO: Albuquerque; Artesia; Clovis; Las Cruces; Santa Fe OREGON: Ashland; Beaverton; Boring; Medford; Portland UTAH: Heber City; Moab; Ogdens; Park City; Springville WASHINGTON: Bellingham; Puyallup; Spokane; Vancouver; Yakima

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Have a story or photo you'd like to share?

We want them! This could be anything from a photo of you verifying a structure or an interesting story that you discovered while editing.

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Please email them to nationalmapcorps@usgs.gov



New Recognition Category Members



Squadron of Biplane Spectators (6000-6999)



Family of Floating Photogrammetrists (3000-3999)

- Karen



Theodolite Assemblage (2000-2999)

- LB2019gis
- Buz Hopper



Stadia Board Society (500-999)

- mapChica
- Frank_Z_NJ
- smk



Ring of Reconnaissance Rocketeers (5000-5999)



Flock of Winged Witnesses (4000-4999)

- genovt



Alidade Alliance (1000-1999)

- Vy Phan Tuong Le
- gracebrill
- smk



Circle of the Surveyor's Compass (200-499)

- mapChica
- ScottMc
- smk
- dcubua
- JS126



Pedometer Posse (100-199)

- dcubua
- Jabo911
- ScottMc
- JB1301
- jluckhardt
- JS126
- smk
- DevOpp
- J S Ellis
- andrsonk
- starsrunner1350



Society of the Steel Tape (50-99)

- Anton Guo
- JKorzak
- ScottMc
- heidimarie
- Corp Of Discovery
- CHester
- Matias Cabeza
- andrsonk
- Angela.M.Anthony
- J S Ellis
- starsrunner1350
- hjk10
- smk
- kkuhn7



Order of the Surveyor's Chain (25-49)

- ChrisK
- andrsonk
- cornelisonandan
- smk
- Anna_Y
- CHester
- ankitnegi
- claraapt246
- jaredcampbell
- Angela.M.Anthony
- J S Ellis
- kkuhn7
- starsrunner1350
- stevieba
- pcrodriguez2021
- darkstar

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