

# National Geodetic Survey: Why the Four Corners Monument is in Exactly the Right Place

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Dear Utah Surveying and GIS friends ---

As you probably know, numerous web, print, and broadcast "news" items appearing in the past month claimed that the Four Corners survey monument - marking the intersection of AZ, CO, NM, and UT - is in the wrong place. These stories also suggested that the National Geodetic Survey (NGS) is the source of this "discovery." Because these stories contained numerous inaccuracies and erroneously cited NGS as the source, NGS management felt it was important that we issue some clarification/correction information. I was asked to put this together, and I have done so.

The resulting document is now posted on the NGS Web site, at <http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/INFO/fourcorners.shtml> (note: I'm hoping we can add some photos as well).

I am providing this to you for your own information and also to help you in responding to any inquiries you might have received or will receive regarding this (non) issue.

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions regarding this effort to get out the real story of the Four Corners monument.

Thanks very much!

Sincerely, Bill Stone - National Geodetic Survey