How to download USGS Land Cover Data

Tutorial Summary:

Learn how to download USGS land cover data for Continuum modeling.

1) Go to USGS' MRLC viewer: <u>https://www.mrlc.gov/viewer/</u>



1) Zoom in to area of interest and click 'Open Data Download Tool' draw bounding box on map that covers modeled area. Enter the latitude and longitude ranges in textboxes in right panel. Select 'Land Cover' – '2021 Land Cover ONLY'. Enter email address and click 'Download'

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- 2) Open email and download Zip file. Extract contents of Zip file.
- 3) Open Continuum file. Click 'Select/View/Modify Land Cover Key' and select 'US NLCD'

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4) Click "Import Land Cover / Roughness data". Select Datum NAD83 (and enter UTM zone (check Google Earth if unsure)



