

## About the Cover

This edition's cover shows 2 USGS 1:250,000 topographical maps of the South Florida region, one published originally in 1956, and the other in 1988. We can clearly see the changes that have occurred over this 30 plus year time span; the growth of the city of Miami, and most noticeably, the loss of woods/brushwood (indicated in green), particularly in the Everglades, and south of Miami in the Homestead area.

“In 2009, USGS began the release of a new generation of topographic maps (US Topo) in electronic form, and in 2011, complemented them with the release of high-resolution scans of more than 178,000 historical topographic maps of the United States. The topographic map remains an indispensable tool for everyday use in government, science, industry, land management planning, and recreation.

Historic maps are snapshots of the nation's physical and cultural features at a particular time. Maps of the same area can show how an area looked before development and provide a detailed view of changes over time.” (From <http://nationalmap.gov/historical/>)

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