

## **NSIDC DAAC Cloud Early Access Overview**

As part of the NASA Earth Science adoption of commercial cloud (specifically AWS), NSIDC DAAC is establishing a NASA Earthdata Cloud environment and populating it with data. NSIDC DAAC is providing access to data in the Earthdata Cloud system as it is ingested and before it is made generally available. NSIDC DAAC refers to this as Early Access.

Users are identified and approved for inclusion in the Early Access group by the ICESat-2 Project Office and NSIDC DAAC management. Access to the Earthdata Cloud system requires an Earthdata Login.

## **Conditions of Use**

- The NSIDC DAAC Earthdata Cloud system is in development and is not fully operational.
  - The system should not be used for operational purposes.
  - The system does not have the same capabilities as the current, operational DAAC system.
  - While the system has been quite stable and reliable, it is subject to changes, delays, downtime, and inconsistencies in behavior.
- NSIDC DAAC is actively ingesting data into the NSIDC DAAC Earthdata Cloud system. The data available may not represent the latest version or the entire time series of the data product.
- Support for accessing and working with the Early Access NSIDC DAAC data in the Earthdata Cloud system is limited.
  - Response time to questions is variable.
  - Dedicated, operational support staff are not supporting Early Access users.

## **Feedback**

NSIDC DAAC is interested in your feedback and suggestions. Please use [this form](#) to submit feedback and suggestions to NSIDC DAAC.

**Early access for ICESat-2 2022 Hackweek participants will end on April 30, 2022.**