Geography of the United States

Cartographic Labelling and Symbology

The basemap painting is beautiful. It's importance in the visual hierarchy is significant to the purpose of the map, as the visual anchor for typographic and symbolic design.
The map is designed to meet display requirements of computer and mobile devices. It performs reasonably well when in printed color, but not in grayscale, or black and white.
Color and effects are not applied 100% consistently within feature sets. Subtle differences in hue and lightness have been applied to correct visual hierarchy where imbalances occur.
City symbol sizes merely suggestive of population either greater or less than 1,000,000 people and may also be sized according to their relationship with the basemap.

SOURCES: Cities – (Population): https://worldpopulationreview.com/us-cities; (Location) https://www.google.com/maps; Great Basin – U.S. Forest Service – Rocky Mountain Research Station - Boise Aquatic Sciences Lab; Mojave Desert – npmaps.com

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