

Memo

To: Montana Land Information Advisory Council

**From: Troy Blandford, Water Information System Manager & MSDI
Hydrography Steward
Erin Fashoway, State GIS Coordinator**

Date: November 10, 2022

**Re: U.S. Geological Survey National Geospatial Program - Stewardship of
the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) – Editing Freeze**

The USGS announced a freeze in editing the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD). Please see the USGS Letter to the MSDI Hydrography Steward, Troy Blandford. This freeze is scheduled to take place on December 31, 2022.

We would like to discuss the impact of the freeze and inability for states to make needed changes to the national dataset with the Council.