

**Montana Natural Heritage Program  
Annual Funding Requirements for Core Services**

<b>Staff Positions</b>	<b>Needed for Core Functions</b>	<b>Currently Supported by Core Contract</b>
Director	1 FTE	0.8 FTE
Finance Manager	0.5	0.5
Zoologist	1-1.5	0.4
Botanist	1	0.4
Terrestrial Ecologist	1	0.4
Aquatic Ecologist	0.5	0
Services Manager	1	0.7
Database Specialist	1	0.65
Web Applications Specialist	1	0
Biological Data Technician (processi	1	0
Data Assistant (requests & entry)	1	0.65
<b>Total</b>	<b>10 - 10.5 FTE</b>	<b>4.5 FTE</b>
<b>Total Staffing Costs</b>	<b>\$568,000 - 603,000</b>	<b>\$268,000</b>
<b>Operating Costs</b>	<b>\$65,000</b>	<b>\$35,000</b>
<b>Total Costs</b>	<b>\$633,000 - \$668,000</b>	<b>\$303,000 provided by core contract</b>

**MTNHP**

**Current Annual Core Funding & Proposed Goals for FY 08-09 Biennium**

Annual MSL Contract Funding

RIT: \$160,000  
DEQ: \$36,000  
FWP: \$28,000  
GenFund: \$28,000  
DNRC: \$20,000  
University System: \$18,000  
MDT: \$13,000

Current Annual Funding, MTNHP Core Services: *Approx. \$430,000*

Supplemental Core Funding

BLM: \$55,000  
MT-Dept of Ag: \$7,500\*  
BPA: \$5,000  
NatureServe: \$5,000 - \$15,000  
TNC: \$10,000  
MFWP: \$23,000\*  
USFWS: \$5,000  
USFS: \$16,000?\*

**Amount Needed for Full Core Funding: \$633,000 - \$668,000**

Current MSL Contract: \$303,000

**Proposed Goal: Additional \$150,000**

Current Suppl \$: about \$125,000

**Proposed Goal: Additional \$90,000**

Notes:

- o \$10,000 retained by MSL for agency expenses
- o Figures represent 41% of all sources to overall NRIS funding of \$742,000
- o Reflects \$18,750 reduction from funding level in FY02-03 biennium.

\* Increased since last summary in 8-05

State Agency Reliance on MTNHP Services (Based on Request Tracker, web survey and NHP staff contacts)

Agency	Data Request/Reviews	Web Resources	Expertise/Consultation	Uses	Units & Programs Using
<b>DNRC</b>	<b>Very High</b> * 339 logged in past 12 months year * highest of any single user group	<b>Moderate</b> * Staff and public served by NHP Stewardship Data on state lands * Survey reported heavy use of website resources	<b>Moderate</b> * Several programs in survey report NHP staff expertise & consultation "Essential" or "Very Useful" * Significant support to Forest Management and Yellowstone River Committee	Environmental reviews & assessments Land management Species/habitat management Conservation planning Permitting Monitoring Remediation/Restoration	Water Resources Division Conservation Districts Bureau Real Estate Management Bureau Minerals Management Bureau Water Management Bureau Forest Management Bureau Lewistown Regional Office Missoula Regional Office Dillon Unit Kallispell Field Office Glasgow Regional Office Helena Regional Office Northwestern Land Office Eastern Land Office Bozeman Regional Office Havre Regional Office Billings Regional Office
	<b>High</b> * 189 logged in past year	<b>High</b> * Major use of Website resources reported in survey	<b>High</b> * Survey reported several programs consider NHP staff expertise & consultation "Essential" * Extensive support to wetlands and water quality programs	Environmental reviews & assessments Land management Species/habitat management Conservation planning Permitting Monitoring Remediation/Restoration Education Research	Permitting & Compliance Water Protection Bureau Industrial & Energy Minerals Waste & Undergr Tank Mgt Water Protection Bureau Director's Office -MEPA Air & Waste Management Planning, Prev & Asst Division Technical & Financial Asst Bureau
<b>MDT</b>	<b>High to Very High</b> * 111 logged in past year, but that figure does not include private consultant requests related to highway projects	<b>Moderate</b> * Significant reliance on Field Guides	<b>Moderate</b> * Consultation on wetland and wildlife issues	Environmental reviews & assessments Land management Species/habitat management Conservation planning Permitting Monitoring Remediation/Restoration Education Research	Environmental Services Bureau Great Falls District Missoula District Butte District Billings District
	<b>High</b> * 37 logged in past year in Request Tracker, but there is also extensive direct use of NHP databases through on-site access, due to co-located offices at NHRIS.	<b>Very High</b> * Animal Field Guide served jointly with NHP to agency staff and public	<b>Very High</b> * Extensive consultation from NHP staff on CWCS planning, data coordination, aquatic & nongame species & habitats, status/list revisions web resource development, etc. * Botany input on Invasive Species	Environmental reviews & assessments Land management Species/habitat management Conservation planning Permitting Monitoring Education Research	Wildlife Division Parks Division Fisheries Division Information Management Division Planning Coordinator Bozeman Office Billings Office
<b>University System</b>	<b>Low</b> * Some use related to environmental assessments reported in survey	<b>Moderate?</b> * Significant web use reported in survey	<b>Moderate?</b> * support for many graduate & undergraduate students on University research projects * support to Avian Science Center	Research Outreach/Public information Education Planning Environmental Assessment	UM-Missoula MSU-Bozeman others on occasion
	<b>Moderate</b> * Assist Weed Grant Applicants with SUC reviews	<b>Low</b> * Important benefits but not high volume of use	<b>Low</b> * Important benefits but not high volume of use	Noxious Weed Grant or Project	Helena State Office Noxious Weed Program Numerous County Weed Supervisors

NOTES: Additional 99 requests from other/unspecified state agencies.  
88 requests from county governments  
205 requests from private sector  
Data on University use is very limited

**Scenarios for Increase Request in  
NHP State Core Contract Appropriation**

Source:	Current total NRIS Contribution	Current NHP Contribution	Option A: Obtain increase half from GF and half from agencies, shared equally	Other Options?
General Fund	\$68,000	\$28,000	\$103,000	
DEQ	89,000	36,000	43,000	
FWP	69,000	28,000	43,000	
DNRC	49,000	20,000	43,000	
MDT	32,000	13,000	43,000	
University System	44,000	18,000	18,000	
RIT Fund	391,000	160,000	160,000	
<b>Totals</b>	<b>\$742,000</b>	<b>\$303,000</b>	<b>\$453,000</b>	