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### Do you have any comments or questions regarding the NRIS Website design?

I think the template is a terrible idea from the perspective of the same look and feel for all agencies, causing confusion to the user and reducing the individuality and branding of an agency.

I get locked in certain routines that do not get me to the information I want, sometimes. When that happens, rather than take the time to figure out how to get what I want from NRIS, I go to other web based resources. The advantage of staying in NRIS is that everything is sort of linked and has a relationship; which is sometimes faster, and sometimes more pertinent.

As GIS is used more by the social sciences, I would like to see more data that these sciences use available for download.

Easy to use and very helpful.

I haven't used it since the change. I only use it seldomly.

I am new to my position and came on board in the last three weeks, so I am new to the website. So far, I find it fairly easy to navigate as there is a learning curve involved with finding what I need.

I don't use it however if I found out more about it maybe it would be of some use.

Great site. I wish other States had a centralized location for all the information as you do. Maybe serving more orthophotography would be an area to investigate in.

It's very good

Ease and speed due to new format

Still learning the ropes of the new design but everything seems better.

I haven't used the new website yet.

There are features in Topo 1 that should be incorporated into the Topo 2. Let's focus on improving one and scrapping the other.

It works great.

I use the topofinder programs an awful lot. I wish that the search capability with Topo I was combined with the measuring capability of Topo II. If you could somehow combine the best of both into one it would be absolutely wonderful! I know! I know! I'm asking for the world!

I can't remember what it looked like before but it looks great now!

I think that all of the new State Library websites are a bit monocromatic and print busy which make them hard to get used to.

The browse feature on the GIS data layers is clunky and much more difficult to browse through.

no

No

Having access to NRIS web site saves me countless hours of research through county records, and photocopying of documentation. It also offers me the ability to produce more professional documents to use with the public. I really appreciate the good work with the NRIS web site.

Nearly all of the NRIS websites that I access are listed in my 'Favorites' on my internet browser so I rarely go to the NRIS homepage as a starting point to find the information. Because of this, I am not able to answer the survey questions thoroughly.

Honestly haven't been back recently, I certainly will soon though. Thank you keep up the good work - your service is very helpful.

Things that are most well used should be highest on page. Like now have to scroll down to get to GIS data access. Ouch.

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I think it is only a matter of getting used to the newness. Opening page seems busy. But, again, just need to get used to how things are set up. A bit of scrambling is worth the effort because of the great information available. Thank you for all you do and provide!

No--I like it and find it really user friendly.

Metadata could automatically come with data, labeled to indicate the correlation. Love the data bundler! Wish more layers were accessible with it. Say I want the NAIP for Gallatin National Forest, Hebgen unit. At least let me overlay the boundary to select tiles to download.

I haven't been on the site since it was redesigned.

I really appreciate the work that goes into the website, its a valuable resource. thanks

This site is a valuable resource to our work. Thank you and keep up the good work.

Not sure, as I haven't used it for the last several months.

No

The web site is very useful but as any change, I get confused so not to worry, probably just the operator, me. When or if I have any specific ideas, I will send them in.

A lot of the difficulty in finding what you're looking for is due to the unfamiliarity of the new format. I imagine it will improve with time.

as long as it functions I am satisfied, regardless of appearance or how pretty it looks. If an ugly web site worked faster, I guess that would be ok, but the bottom line for me is function, not fluff.

So far, have been very pleased with the website. One improvement, NAIP imagery would serve better in blocks than county county.

I haven't needed to use the new site recently, but may need it in the future.

Only comment I have is for (of course) additional data. Are there other sources of GIS data that could be placed on the website? Perhaps more site (city / county) specific data?

I wish all the NW states had the same service.

Get more of it to work with Macs, please! (EG, Topofinder)

I frequently utilize the "Digital Atlas of Montana" to find information for permitting, environmental assessments, and etc. The digital atlas has great information; however, the presentation of the printed data is not very good for reports as they do not fit on standard paper sizes and are not very clear. Presentation of material printed from the site is by far the biggest weakness of the existing site.

Did have some temporary trouble opening up some downloaded winzip files, but thanks to Gerry Daumiller, I believe the problem has been fixed. You should give your staff a pat on the back for their courteous and friendly service. You're a valuable resource to our business. Thank you, Linda Pierce mcvey@wispwest.net

none, I think you guys provide a great service

Searching for property is more difficult. Requires more time and is a bit confusing.

No. I haven't used the site since it was redesigned.

I use the MT Natural Heritage Program web site pages and that seems to be the same. It has a lot of features I like - including access to maps which I hope have not changed.

I use the data bundler quite a bit and it seemed after the changes I had to hunt for it more. Now I'm used to finding it so it's OK.

none

I think if I had had time to look at all the features of both site, I have a chance to look into various areas I might have a better feel for this. I know there are treasures I haven't looked into on the site. I've noticed more information, but I'm not sure if its because of the new website or just the addition of the info. Maybe it was there previously and due the changes I noticed it.

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I rely heavily on NRIS for water right research. Lately when I choose owner reports, source reports, etc. I have been sent to the DNRC water right query rather than getting the table I need. The DNRC water right query is not a user friendly webpage and has limited applications for me and other DNRC staff. However, the tables are excellent when available. I download the information from these tables and manipulate the data using ARCView or excell. Please keep the links to the tables.

links to referenced citations in plant species of concern (published or unpublished) would be nice to have access to...

Great, when requesting information very responsive

at first i did not like the change -- i never do since i have to learn where to find things again. But after I found the things that I usually use, I did not mind it so much. But the home page certainly is not as attractive as it used to be. So much wasted white space. Why not have the image swell or shrink to fit the available screen?

Haven't used it in a while but have respect for the progress MT has made in the GIS arena that most states have not.

It's not particularly user friendly. It usually takes some time stumbling around to finally get what I want. It's difficult to access some of the information. Sometimes I can't even get in to the stuff I want. And most of the maps are not of publication quality, or useful for presentations. It would be great to improve their looks.

I haven't tested it out yet.

Give yourselves more white space within the context of the state template. It will be easier to read.

no

I really don't like all the windows opening up when I want to download something. If I want a particular layer, by the time I get it on my desktop, I have three (or more) windows open

No Comments

The disruption was minimal. The website design is quite functional.

I have not used the home website so cannot comment on it. The majority of the time I use Montana Location Finder and the Data Bundler. Change is hard but usually the changes are for the better once you get used to them. I looked at the home page and it looked like it would be easy to find information.

It was a good decision to put the aerial photographs front and center. Even people who are nervous about using this type of data will be relieved at how simple it is to find and access this data.

No

Quit changing the links to stuff so much. It seems like every time you turn around, the links to where you need to go or be have changed.

Difficult to find things and looks more like a website for just state library services. GIS services should be more prominent.

Accommodating the State of Montana template has reduced the ease of use of the NRIS site and has confused many of the users in our agency that rely on NRIS for webservices and information.

I much prefer the old site to the new state template. Your previous site was designed very well in addition to incredible data content. The new one just doesn't have the same aesthetic.

No

The change was confusing to me, however change is always slows things down initially.

It is always frustrating to see something different than what you've become accustomed to. As a clearinghouse user for the past 10 years, I was frustrated with the changes and sad to see them go. I haven't used it "enough" since then to know whether it is better or worse.

No

No offense, but the redesign seemed like it was done just for the sake of change.

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Only comment is that the site is incredibly helpfull and the staff is top notch. Other than that....!

All of the state websites were required to move to the new template. While the template isn't beautiful we are all working off the same thing. When your site originally went up it seemed like it was only partially converted. To me that was the biggest problem. Now five months later it's looking better just because it has continuity and most of the pages have returned to the old layout. I think having more of it converted when it originally went up would have caused less confusion.

"if it ain't broke, don't fix it"

The NRIS applications tend to use a lot of pop-up windows as you drill down into the data. For example, drilling down into GIS data for download you sometimes end of with three or four different windows open. Use of tabs, frames, or other page organization would be much easier for the user. I use the downloads all the time and still find it difficult to navigate to what I am looking for.

**Please describe any problems or difficulties you have had with the specific products and services listed above (Montana Maps, Montana Digital Atlas, Topofinder I and II, Water Information System, Geographic Information Clearinghouse)**

I still have a hard time finding what I need in the digital atlas; I seem to put in parameters incorrectly. I would like one Topofinder with the best of both.

I am usually looking for UST related sites. Sometimes I just want to see where a specific address is relative to a UST or other local landmark. Sometimes I cannot get to a detailed map of an area from the Digital Atlas, or I cannot get an overlay once I get to the map. Mostly it is probably my fault. I need to train myself more completely.

None

None

It would be nice to define your area of interest down to the section instead of the general township and range. It would help conservation planning efforts to know exactly where things have been indentified.

None so far, but like I said I am still new to this.

It would be nice if the interface and controls for the Digital Atlas were updated to be similar to Topofinder II.

None that I can think of off the top of my head.

None

Regular down time of the raster service is becoming a problem.

Occasionally slow downloads especially at home even though I have DSL.

I would like to see the raster service include the color photos from 2004.

The raster service goes down on occasion. It stalls much of my work for a time.

No problems.

With Topofinder II, since some of the website reorganization occurred, I have had to click on the map every time I wanted to use a tool or change tools. For example, if I am trying to zoom in and find a particular farm on the aerial photo, each time I try and zoom to a different location I have to first click on the map, then use the zoom tool. This added step makes the site more cumbersome to use.

Some of the GIS data and information is dated. Also, several of the applications use similar data, but the data sets are not consistent or kept up-to-date.

A lack of user information available without searching make it difficult for newbies.

I mostly use the data bundler to gather information. On occasion there is difficulty with the downloads. With an email to the support staff this is generally taken care of very quickly.

Some web based answers are too generic

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Topofinder II service is unreliable. I almost always use Topofinder I, as it is always working & available.

A very BIG THANK YOU for keeping Topofinder I up and going. I noticed some recent changes with "I", but I still find it much easier to use than "II". One suggestion: Is there a way when entering the "view other map data..." to be able to layer the data? Ex. when laying ownership over a topo or ortho plat, it would be very helpful to be able to still see the ortho. Right now ownership (and all the other selections) totally blanks out the topo and ortho plat for all areas except private ground. Ag

No problems. NRIS staff is very helpful if problems arise.

Raster Service goes down regularly.

Very prompt replies to info requests

The only problems I have with the information provided is purely machine errors, such as site being down or the information provided to NRIS by the counties.

none

Topofinder II has been difficult/impossible to use over the last few years.

I did not know you guys had all of that stuff!

Could not get work done without these services. They are fantastic!

Not sure of the difference between topofinder I vs II. Re: GIS info list -- Difficulty finding topic desired since the list is so long and not in alphabetical order. But since I know things are there I keep looking.

None.

Saving or printing map files(jpeg or tiff) from topofinder 1 and 2 is not straight forward.

Previously, I had difficulty getting around and finding what I was looking for. The new design may help with this.

Only that the Topofinder II does not work with Mozilla Firefox. Therefore I do not use it.

Montana Rare Plant Guide is difficult to navigate and many rare species are difficult to identify, since the general geology of the soil types is ignored. Many rare plants sp. appear to be associated with the local geological conditions as well as geography and climate. Include the geology, as the major rock formations where these plants are growing(i.e. Precambrian, Cambrian limestones, Spokane Argillites, Cretaceous shales etc..) in the photos along with the descriptions of where the plant is found. The geochemical association of where rare plants reside seems to be fatally ignored not only here, but everywhere. Since I have been working in the field for 20 years, I have noticed a strong association of rare and other plant species growing in specific geological formations.

None

I believe I had trouble with Topofinder II when it first came out and haven't tried it since.

None - service has been great.

Data being the most current available and being consistent with the other MT gov. agencies.

It would be great if all layers available in the Digital Atlas would be available for larger scale download in the GIS Clearinghouse, I have noticed a couple of instances where that wasn't the case and the data needed to be scanned to and downloaded in smaller chunks from the Atlas

the IMS viewer is a little clunky even on a T3 connection

Only reason I don't use Topo II is that I have a Mac.

Printed material from the Digital Atlas is poor.

I get shape files to make my own maps and it can be hard to find the right file. When I search for "roads" on the GIS data list, it brings up all kinds of files about antelope migration. The road files don't come up until 10th and lower on the list.

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Converting from default decimal degrees to any other format (decimal minutes / seconds) is awkward, and requires cutting and pasting, and going back and forth between the map screen to the conversion screen. Recommend defaulting current map pointer position into the conversion screen (instead of a worthless default number that must always be changed to use the converter)

None

I don't think I have really consistently encountered any problems. Although it seems like I do not use the sites very much, when I do use them it is often intensive and I may look at some pages daily for a week or more.

Plotting roads or streets on the Cadastral survey.

none

Some of the layers don't match very well. For example, the land ownership sections do not align with the federal land grid. They are off 80 to 200 feet sometimes.

I appreciate having the specific dates on the aerial photos in Topofinder I. I have come across a few instances where two photos from different years have been put together in Topofinder II. Unless a person is aware of this, particularly when looking at the rivers or other waterways, they may not notice that the photo covering the east half of the township range has features under water because it was taken in June 1995, where the features in the west half of the township range show more prominently because it was taken in October 1991 at a lower water discharge.

none

see previous narrative. The link to the water right information tables, whether you are using digital atlas or topofinder, sometimes takes you to the DNRC water right query page, which isn't useful at all. The tables contain the information we need at DNRC.

I am not very informed on what I can download and use for various purposes. I get very confused with the different files.

Any problems that I have ever had have been quickly resolved by NRIS's excellent staff.

I have completed my project in MT but found all of the above listed features useful.

Its hard to specify a reasonable area to get information for. Other comments on the maps are listed on the previous question.

From time to time they can be down first thing in the morning.

Very well put together from a database standpoint.

none

Data sets are generally incomplete and can not be relied upon without other verification.

Have not encountered any problems.

None really.

None.

None

None

No problems

none

None as of late.

Problems: offset / poorly justified layers poor / slow data provided from Agencies to NRIS

See my comment on #7. Also, please include projection files for all your gis data.

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### **Please describe additional GIS datasets or GIS clearinghouse services that would be of use to you.**

Data sets related to the agriculture production for crops (small grains, speciality, forage) and livestock of all types.

NOAA and other climatic data (Precip, min/max temperature, snowfall, ET, precipitation chemistry) - other sources: RAWS, METAR, COOP etc...daily, hourly+ see <http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/mso/newrgl.php> ); USGS & other agencies - daily and peak streamflow data & water chemistry, station cross sections

orthophotos

More orthophotography, higher res, CIR and/or TC format.

I don't expect it, but I would love to see further coverage in 1-foot natural color orthophotos. The existing coverage is very useful.

all water quality data

Aerial photos

Hi resolution NHD data

Land use/land cover

3D images showing cross-section view of aquifer substrate and water table for Flathead Valley

Water resource and irrigation water use time series information for use in water adjudication

Cadastral data and parcel maps. Irrigation districts and irrigation channels. Conservation District water projects and permit types and sites. Conservation easement sites with access to the easement document to know specific purpose and plan of easement.

Hillshade grids of entire state, smaller color orthophotos (Quad size).

A comprehensive stream layer with major ditches (by county) would be nice. The best stream layer seems to be the TIGER data, but roads are included in the same dataset, so not as useful.

Satellite images with good descriptions or perhaps thumbnails so as to not waste time downloading and unzipping pictures of clouds. Spatially linked images of all kinds. If doing a project about Lewistown, for example, it would be nice to have links to photo archives of all kinds with reference to the area.

Things that are temporal in nature-- changing rainfall and climatic variables, changes in developments like houses and roads, changes in known animal ranges.

Most of the metadata I have seen is too long and boring to even read. NRIS could lead the State with an Information Resource Management online database to hold data about data. One could simply enter a keyword e.g. "state lands" and get information about all sources of GIS and tabular information about State lands instead of reading through reams of metadata.

Cadastral

river channels

Road Right-of-Way added to cadastral Maps

stream flow, well hydrographs/chemistry

How do you use DEM data in ArcGIS? Set up a dummy project or cookbook of some sort.

time series of land use/land cover change, water quality, air quality, etc

1930's aerial photos along river corridors with specific date info for each frame. There may be some other years of interest as well. Detailed geologic information.

n/a

time series of land use and cover. animal & plant species ranges recent stream flows -- you can see the past month of flows, and you can see up to the end of the last complete hydrologic year. But the gap in between cannot be seen. I know that is the way the USGS does it, but just pointing out that it would be good to have access to that gap of info

I never know what data I will need to research; but having a library of digital data saves the taxpayers

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and me a lot of time and money getting my job done.

Times series of Census data and road data would be very useful.

A cohesive and accurate state-wide roads layer.

MT State Plane Georeferenced Historical Photography

Historical aerial photos, any pre 90's, would be very useful. Some way to bring in the Water Resources Survey irrigated areas and ditches as shapefiles and overlay onto an aerial photo. I need a way to trim the white edge from the 90's aerial photos in Arcview 9 and above so overlapping aerial photo's are seamless. Model builder samples of repetitive tasks a lot of people use, like setting the spatial reference on topos and orthophotos.

LandSAT

Easier to understand (and use) soils data.

Census Data. A snapshot of cadastral data.

Orthophotos, roads, hydrology, CAMA!!!, ownership, easement, aerial photos!

Time Series archives would be useful for any datasets that depict aspects of land use such as aerial photography, cadastral, census, conservation easements, irrigated areas, land use, etc.

CIR orthophotos would be useful in a time-series archive.

Anything related to water quality

I am interested in seeing more services. While I don't know how this would actually work from a practical stand point, I think it might be useful to focus on services for larger dataset such as the water rights or cadastral. Large datasets are difficult to download and store. Point of diversion and boundary property boundaries would be easy to symbolize. I also like the idea of a metadata portal.

it would be useful to have the MDT aerial photos available

Time-series archives of land cover, cadastral, orthophotos, stewardship datasets.

### **We welcome any additional comments or suggestion you may have regarding NRIS products and services.**

NRIS is a unique and valuable service to the state of Montana. It needs to focus on getting its web services updated and more user friendly in order to be successful in an ever changing technical world. I am probably not a very good respondent. I do not use your services very extensively. When I do, I sort of muddle around trying to find what I need. Usually, I am successful and thankful for the service. Sometimes I am frustrated by my lack of expertise with the web site.

This is a very good service, especially to someone relatively new to the adoption of GIS technology.

NRIS provides a great resource.

Thanks and keep up your good efforts Please update the High Resolution NHD datasets - USGS has them, but in Geographic coordinates Historic airphotos would be excellent! the older the better It would be helpful to include a website corner about information on terrain analysis/products/data/tools, e.g. - the USGS EDNA synthetic watershed and streamlines are a start(not great yet, but have potential); and almost anything by the Australians A moderated web forum with stickies, FAQ's etc would be a very useful tool for all How many repeated questions do you get? How much does the collective group know? Some good examples of group-think in recent MAGIP list servings - but also some lessons - some of the multiple related posts are of little interest to larger group, but could be sought out in a forum (my workmate unsubscribed to the general MAGIP email posting because it was overwhelming).

An excellent resource.

Request Tracker - When requesting info on species of concern, the map and associated information sent to me is loaded with too much stuff and is very hard what goes where or what some of the info means.



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make everything available to the public as well as state employees.

I would use your site if the need arose and I knew about the info you have to offer.

I think your site sets the bar for State-wide GIS information dissemination. I wish other States would follow suite. Having one centralized site for all products is much more user friendly. I very frequently use your data for both professional and private pursuits. Great site! The only thing I would like to see more of is the aerial imagery.

You provide great a great service to us. Thanks

NRIS is an essential asset for doing my job at the DEQ.

Overall, I'm very pleased by the services offered by NRIS.

Keep up the good work.

GOOD JOB! GREAT SITE!!

Thanks for putting this together. I've learned of several features that I simply haven't taken advantage of but plan to do so.

You need to market what you have better. You do such good work and not many people know all the resources that you have. For Example, I had no idea the Sun River Watershed Group Home page was through you. Best

Provide email notification of updated datasets

There are a number of NRIS services and products of which I was unaware. I use the service mostly for work with the Petroleum Board. I will keep some of the other services in mind for personal use, such as the plant and animal products. Thanks for the work you do.

NRIS is not essential in my work but without it the time it takes me to accomplish my tasks would be greatly increased.

I am mostly a CAD user with just enough understanding of GIS to be dangerous and get into big binds...

Your doing a great job!!

I was born in Flathead Valley, always will consider myself Montanan first and foremost, though haven't lived there since 1985 when I graduated from CFHS. I love going back to look at maps, and look through the information that you offer. I do appreciate your site.

It's a great service!!!

I have done workshops in five other states, and it is extremely difficult to find geographic data for the state, let alone find it in one place. NRIS is by far the best site I have found in my work for geographic information as it relates to the state. A gold star operation!!!

NRIS is a great resource and Daumiller is very nice about honoring info requests!!!!!!!

Keep up the good work!

none

New collected data on streams and hydrology in certain basins of Montana in Sweetgrass county.

I appreciate all the information you have made available on the web site. Chances are, I would not perform the research I do if it were not as readily available. The information is valuable to me and the ease of access makes it easily available as well.

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Get the word out about all the wonderful information that you have. Set up a work shop for agency folks to show them what you have to offer.

The service you provide is quite valuable for helping care for the state's resources. I think your idea of a metadata education session would be good to help us make the most of what NRIS has available.

I have found ways of viewing data in google earth. I think much of this data would be very usable to the public using the free google earth 3D viewer. I have looked at hunting districts, etc for that. There is an extension for ArcGIS that will export data to Google Earth (.kml files). Just a suggestion. Email me if you have additional questions in this regard. Thanks, dcoople@mt.gov

Great website--thank you :)

Need better metadata to show the limitations of the information you do have.

Having conducted GIS/mapping/environmental projects in a number of states, my opinion is that Montana NRIS has the best information available, both in terms of content and ease of access -- Thanks!

Thanks for the great service you provide!

Keep up the good work!!

I appreciate the prompt responses I've received in the past. You provide a valuable service!

Thanks! MRIS make me feel good where my tax dollars are going.

Overall I think you guys do a great job!

THANKS THANKS THANKS. It is a real treat to have NRIS as a resource for GIS users. You have also been very friendly and helpful with individual requests. Much appreciated.

Great job - THANKS for your help

addition of aerial photography is very handy. we could never afford photos for educational purposes but now we have them thanks

The efforts of NRIS personnel are significant to the management of State School Trust Lands. From the original stewardship layer built by Cedron Jones, NRIS data has become invaluable. If I could offer any constructive criticism at all, it would be for NRIS to form closer ties with Stu Kirkpatrick's group to get us to enterprise GIS quicker. I am seeing some duplication of effort and maybe even some slight turf problems which isn't the best thing for us "end users" Please keep up the good work! Montana is so lucky to have NRIS!

Our organization is within Idaho. We use your site to fill in map areas along the Idaho border. However, information about the Nez Perce Trail and areas surrounding the trail are important to us. You have an excellent data warehouse site that should be a model for Idaho, Washington, and Oregon.

Very good service. I have been able to gather a lot of data in a very short amount of time.

Your clearinghouse is an example HOW state's should organize their data. Kudo's to you from the rest of the nation. Can't say enough good of your initiative.

Although I am not a GIS user, I do use shapefile data in AutoCAD.

Thanks for the great service.

NRIS does an unbelievably good job and provides an exceptional service. I have found no other state that provides so much free data. Keep up the excellent work!!!

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I appreciate how you are evolving.

I have definately found NRIS products and services usefull over the last few years. I know the availability of maps and different coverages was a really great surprise and has been very helpful. However, quite honestly I do not remember all the features I have used. Thanks

Thank you.

I appreciate what you are doing. Thanks.

Thank you for all your efforts to continue to provide us with quality information on Montana!

To print Topofinder II maps in color, I have to change the printer default settings in Windows. Also, the menu print comes out black; one must use the tool bar print icon, which does not allow the selection of a printer.

The Services provided by the NRIS website are valuable tools the enable me to accomplish my job in a more efficient manner in order to better serve the public - Thank you

wow! I'm excited to see the topics that you might be looking at incorporating into this site - keep up the good work!!!

Thanks for being the best state NRIS in the country.

Keep it up. I am especially impressed that MT made the state plane zone cover the whole state. Good move! I have encouraged the federal offices that I do work for to adopt the same as their standard. The data I set up for them is, then, easily used with the state data.

Upgrade the Digital Atlas web app to a more modern version with an expanded toolset...while maintaining access to statewide layers of interest.

Thank YOU

none

I think you're doing a great job in getting information out. Sometimes it's a bit difficult finding what I need but I am generally able to find it. That may be more a reflection of my level of understanding of GIS terminology and am not sure what you could do to make it easier. Keep up the good work! Thanks.

NRIS is a very valued resource. I have always had excellent customer service. You strive to provide a quality useful product and you excel at it. I am amazed at the information your orgainzation provides. For such a small populated state I am continually awed that we have such a great service available. I can't do my job without you! Thank you!

more air photos more water rights info

Great service. Keep it up!

Thanks for all the thought and good effort that goes into all your work.

None

I need a bit more time to become more familiar with what all is available. When I have used it, it has been very helpful.

Despite the minor annoyances I have with the new graphic design of the website, I continue to be extremely impressed with the quality of service and data that NRIS provides. I'd be lost without you!

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Montana is very fortunate to have this excellent service.

NRIS has been a terrific source of GIS data. Thank you for making these datasets so readily available. Staff has also been helpful in answering questions. Thanks.

Keep it up. You guys rock! We are leading the nation with this service and it makes me proud to be a Montanan. The information and data access tools NRIS provides is an essential tool for natural resource managers and planners!!!

no comments

NRIS enables our company to offer high quality GIS and natural resource consulting services to natural resource industries, landowners, conservation districts, and state and local government. Without the data that NRIS provides, our ability to provide these services would greatly diminish. Thank you!

Overall, an outstanding resource with amazing staff.

I think NRIS is going in the right direction, though on a personal level I hope that the disagreements between DoA and NRIS get resolved before it affects users. This is not a complaint, but just a helpful suggestion. Thanks for all you guys do!!

Thanks for all your hard work!

you guys are great, thanks for the superior information services

Keep up the good work! NRIS is absolutely critical to the private industry. Strive to include the private business sector in your planning and products. Montana continues to lead the way in state-wide GIS information and sets a high standard for the rest of the country!

Keep up the good work...Montana GIS data is the easiest to use of any state I've worked in.

You are doing great things, keep up the good work!

The mt.gov template is very stark and unappealing.