

Draft Montana State Library Preferred Vision

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The Montana State Library (MSL) is Montana's leader for GIS data management, supporting the natural and cultural geographic data needs of all Montanans.

Preferred vision:

Data Management

MSL is the statewide leader for **GIS data management** in Montana:

- Data are efficiently **collected, integrated, and maintained**;
- Data are easily **discoverable** via the Montana GIS Portal and other discovery systems;
- Data are readily **accessible** to both **GIS professionals** and the **public** through web map services, web mapping applications and downloadable data as appropriate;
- Data are **preserved** for future use;
- MSL develops **best practices** for data management for Montana GIS Professionals.

GIS Leadership

MSL ensures that the GIS community and the public fully benefit from the information resources we provide through:

- **Data coordination** both to enhance Montana Spatial Data Infrastructure (MSDI) and the broader MSL data collection;
- **Education, outreach and advocacy** for **geographic literacy**;
- **Business planning** that integrates GIS into **public and private sector industries**;
- GIS **training** and **technical support** to GIS professionals;
- Geographic **reference services** offered by professional staff members that respond to all matters of inquiry, including GIS data and map requests.

Organization

MSL is an efficient and well run organization:

- Staff are encouraged to **collaborate** in **areas of interest** to leverage **expertise**;
- **Talent, infrastructure, and monetary resources** are leveraged through a **coordinated team approach** to efficiently deliver information and necessary GIS services.