



MONTANA
**State
Library**

**Natural
Resource
Information
System**



*Montana's source for
natural resource information*

NRIS Service Goals

Serve as Montana's source for natural resource information

NRIS accomplishes this through the inventory, acquisition, storage, and dissemination of natural resource information

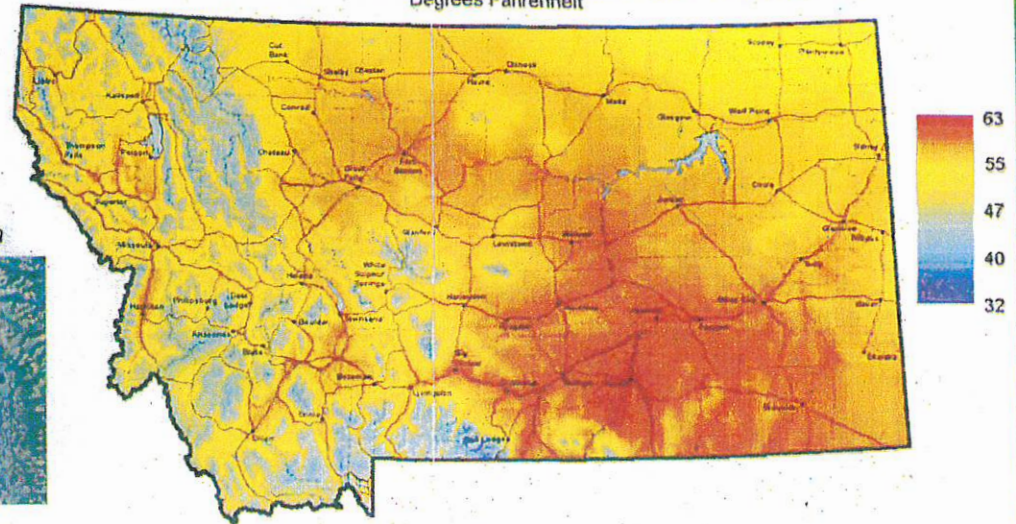
Facilitate agency data coordination

To effectively operate and provide accurate data, NRIS promotes interagency coordination, sharing of information, and the development of data standards.

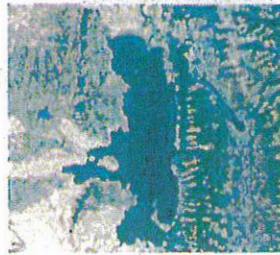
Provide user support and tools

NRIS helps patrons make the best use of natural resource information by providing technical assistance and developing information access, analysis, and interpretation tools.

Average Daily Maximum Temperature (1971 - 2000)
Degrees Fahrenheit



Flathead Lake
color aerial photograph



NRIS Components

User Services and Support

NRIS staff develop and manage Montana's primary discovery point and access for GIS data. NRIS staff also develop specialized information access, display and analysis tools.

Natural Heritage Program (NHP)

Our scientists collect, manage, and disseminate biological information emphasizing plant and animal species of concern and high quality natural communities, such as wetlands.

Water Information System (WIS)

The Water Information System is the starting point for locating water resources information in Montana such as data on surface water, ground water, water quality, riparian areas, water rights, climates, and much more.

The top screenshot shows the search results page for 'Montana GIS Portal'. It features a search bar, a 'Search Results' section with a table of results, and a 'Metadata Results' section. The table includes columns for 'Title', 'Author', 'Year', 'Coverage Area', and 'Download Data'. The bottom screenshot shows the home page of the portal, which includes a search bar, a 'Home' section, and a 'Metadata Results' section.



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