

# MEPA Analysis Resource List

Many electronic resources are available for data gathering during the MEPA process. Below is a list of resources regularly used by state agencies.

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Abandoned Mines (DEQ): <https://deq.mt.gov/Land/abandonedmines/bluebook>

Agricultural Statistics (USDA):

[http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=DATA\\_STATISTICS](http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=DATA_STATISTICS)

Air Quality

- Nonattainment Areas: <http://deq.mt.gov/Air/airquality/planning/airnonattainmentstatus>
- Citizens' Guide: <http://deq.mt.gov/Air/airmonitoring/citguide>

Army Corps of Engineers: <http://www.usace.army.mil/Home.aspx>

Bureau of Business and Economic Research, UM: <http://www.bber.umt.edu/>

Cadastral (for property ownership info): <http://svc.mt.gov/msl/mtcadastral>

Census Information, MT Dept. of Commerce: <http://ceic.mt.gov>

Conservation Districts, MT: <http://macdnet.org/>

Cultural Records

- Montana Historical Society: <http://mhs.mt.gov/shpo/culturalrecords.asp>

DEQ data search tools: <http://svc.mt.gov/deq/dst/#/home>

Including Clean Water Act Info Center, Hazardous Waste Handlers, Petroleum Release Fund Claims, Unpermitted Releases, Underground Storage Tanks, Source Water Protection

EPA Enforcement and Compliance History Online <http://echo.epa.gov/>

Farmland Classification: <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/WebSoilSurvey.aspx>

Fish (Also See Wildlife)

- Montana Fisheries Information System: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishing/mFish/>
- Aquatic Invasive Species: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/species/ais/speciesId/default.html>

Floodplain Maps, FEMA: <https://msc.fema.gov/portal>

Geographic Information, Natural Resources Information System: <http://nris.mt.gov/gis>

Maps of Montana for species observations, land cover, wetland and riparian areas, land management: <http://mtnhp.org/Tracker/NHTMap.aspx>

Montana Department of Transportation Environmental Manual:

<http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/docs/manuals/env/preface.pdf>

MEPA training for state employees and other MEPA resources: <http://leg.mt.gov/mepa>

MEPA documents database, searchable index: <http://leg.mt.gov/css/Publications/MEPA/mepa.asp>

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Montana Board of Oil and Gas Conservation Information System:  
<http://bogc.dnrc.mt.gov/webApps/DataMiner/>

NEPAssist, Environmental Protection Agency: <http://www.epa.gov/nepa/nepassist>  
(a compilation of GIS data for MEPA and NEPA projects)

#### Plants

- Plant database, USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service: <http://plants.usda.gov/java>
- Plant Species, MT Field Guide: <http://fieldguide.mt.gov/default.aspx>
- Plant Species of Concern: <http://mtnhp.org/SpeciesOfConcern/Default.aspx?AorP=p>
- Threatened and endangered plants, USDA: <http://plants.usda.gov/threat.html>

#### Soils

- USDA Natural Resource Conservation Service database: <https://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>
- Montana soil and water conservation districts: <http://swcdmi.org/>

State Historic Preservation Office: <http://mhs.mt.gov/Shpo>

Tourism, UM – Institute of Tourism & Recreation Research: <http://www.itrr.umt.edu>

#### Tribal Resources:

- Blackfeet Tribal Environmental Permits: <http://www.blackfeetenvironmental.com>
- CSKT Natural Resources Department: <http://nrd.csktribes.org/>
- Montana Office of Indian Affairs: <http://tribalnations.mt.gov/>
- Tribal Historic Preservation Officer List <http://nathpo.org/wp/thpos/find-a-thpo/>

Vehicle Traffic Count (MDT): <http://www.mdt.mt.gov/publications/datastats/traffic.shtml>

#### Water

- Stream Record Extension Facilitator, USGS: [http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2008/1362/cd\\_links/WebPart.htm](http://pubs.usgs.gov/of/2008/1362/cd_links/WebPart.htm)
- Streamstats basin characteristics, USGS: <http://water.usgs.gov/osw/streamstats/>
- Water Resources Division, DNRC: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water>
- Water Rights Bureau, DNRC: <http://dnrc.mt.gov/divisions/water/water-rights>
- Water Right Query System, DNRC: <http://nris.mt.gov/dnrc/waterrights/default.aspx>

Wetlands database, USFWS: <http://www.fws.gov/wetlands/Data/mapper.html>

Wild and Scenic Rivers: <http://www.rivers.gov/montana.php>

#### Wildlife

- Animal Species, MT Field Guide: <http://fieldguide.mt.gov/default.aspx>
- Animal Species of Concern: <http://mtnhp.org/SpeciesOfConcern/Default.aspx?AorP=a>
- Aquatic Invasive Species: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/species/ais/speciesId/default.html>
- Critical Habitat Mapper, USFWS: <http://ecos.fws.gov/crithab/>
- Crucial Areas Planning System/Habitat Assessment Tool: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/conservationInAction/crucialAreas.html>
- FWP Contact Map: <http://fwp.mt.gov/gis/maps/contactUs/> (includes biologist responsibility areas)
- Maps and GIS Data, FWP: <http://fwp.mt.gov/doingBusiness/reference/maps/>
- Sage grouse management, FWP: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/management/sageGrouse/>
- Sage grouse habitat conservation program, DNRC: <http://sagegrouse.mt.gov/>
- Sage grouse habitat map: <https://sagegrouse.mt.gov/ProgramMap>

- State Wildlife Action Plan <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/conservationInAction/actionPlan.html>
- Threatened and Endangered Species:  
USFWS: [http://www.fws.gov/montanafieldoffice/Endangered\\_Species/Listed\\_Species.html](http://www.fws.gov/montanafieldoffice/Endangered_Species/Listed_Species.html)  
FWP, threatened species: <http://fwp.mt.gov/fishAndWildlife/species/threatened/default.html>  
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