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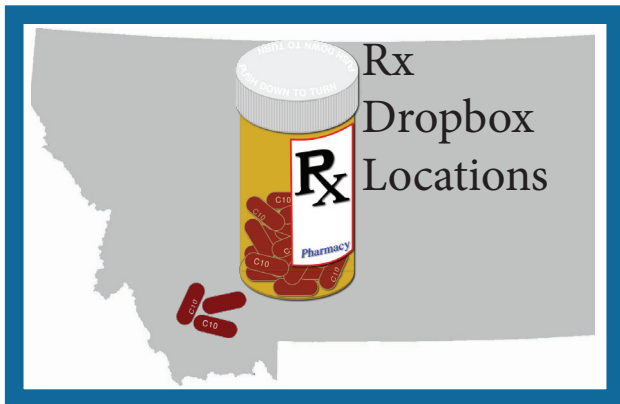
Montana State Library Map Gallery

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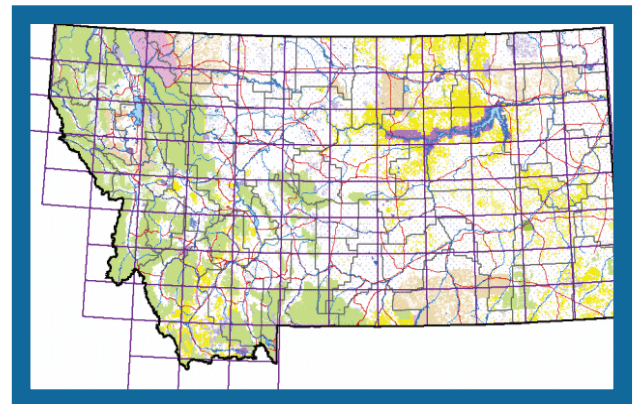
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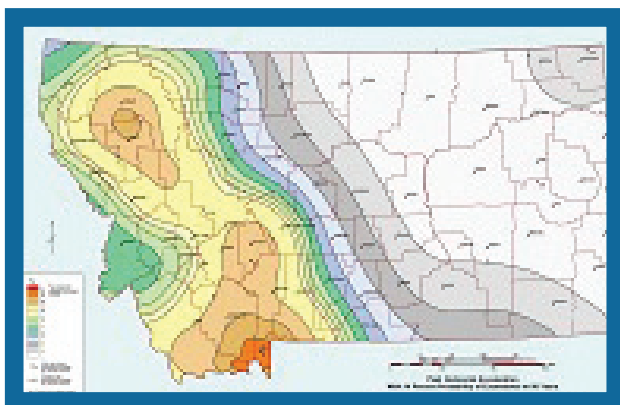
"Maps have always possessed this eerie power to stir our fantasies," Jeopardy star and avowed geography wonk Ken Jennings told Slate magazine. He adds that we are living in the golden age of maps, and technology makes checking those maps easier than ever. At the Montana State Library, through the use of Geographic Information Systems technology, you can browse our Map Gallery to find maps of seismic hazards. Maps of the public and private ownership. Maps of places to drop off unused prescription drugs.



Montana's Rx Dropbox Locations



Public and Private Land Ownership Maps



Montana Seismic Hazard Map



Montana Schools and School Districts Map

Montana State Library Map Gallery, continued

The Montana State Library curates a large collection of online maps and makes them available in different ways. The MSL Map Gallery provides easy access to the most popular maps: <http://msl.mt.gov/GIS/Maps>

- The Map of Montana serves as a great reference for the physical and cultural features within our state: <http://arcg.is/2kxFZ5I>
- The number one use of the public and private land map is during hunting season, mainly by people wanting to contact landowners to get permission to hunt: <http://geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/landownership>
- Montana Legislative Districts maps define both Senate and House districts: ftp://ftp.geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/Documents/Maps/Individual/20130701_651_leg2014a.pdf
- Wetlands provide critical biological and economic benefits such as habitat, flood attenuation, and groundwater recharge. An interactive map for exploring Montana's wetlands is available through the Natural Heritage Program's Wetland and Riparian Mapping Center: <http://mtnhp.org/mapviewer/?t=8>
- Montana State Library publishes monthly maps of moisture status (drought) by county. Being aware of moisture conditions allows counties to be proactive about drought warnings and potential impacts on crops, livestock, fish, wildlife, and livelihoods. Maps are available from 2002 to present: https://mslservices.mt.gov/Geographic_Information/Maps/drought/

The Montana State Library also coordinates with many other state agencies to curate the [Montana.gov](http://montana.gov) Interactive Map Gallery. Here are just a few of the interactive maps made available through this gallery:

- Department of Transportation's Montana Rest Area map: <http://arcg.is/2b381D7>
- Department of Agriculture's Montana Farmers Markets map: <http://arcg.is/2kxFTes>
- Department of Commerce's Historical Census County Populations – 1870 to 2010: <http://arcg.is/2kxPQst>