

2017 LEGISLATIVE SNAPSHOT

Aerial Photography

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As legislators ponder the future of Montana, it's important to consider the past. See how land use has changed over time with year-by-year aerial photographs at the Montana State Library. Get started at http://geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/data/aerial_photos

Our online statewide color aerial photography collection is based on a federal program, which covers the entire state at a one-meter resolution. We are a one-stop shop for this high standard of statewide aerial photography.

As special aerial photography projects are conducted in areas across the state, we make every effort to archive and present them on our website. Some noteworthy projects included are:

- High-resolution photographs of the Flathead Basin
- United States - Canada border photography
- Helena
- Butte
- Gallatin Valley
- Photos along the Yellowstone River Corridor, including Custer, Dawson, McKenzie, Park, Prairie, Richland, Rosebud, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Treasure, Williams, and Yellowstone counties

Our aerial photography is available in the original high-resolution images, and we also make available a web-quality version. Most of our aerial photography can be downloaded for use in GIS software. Some of our statewide aerial photographs are also

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available in the “Base Maps” portion of the Digital Atlas tool, so that anyone can build interesting maps on top of actual photographs of the land, right on our website. The Digital Atlas is found at <http://msl.mt.gov/Atlas>

You can special order high-resolution aerial photography on our site as well, and our geographic information professionals will prepare the files for you. See http://geoinfo.msl.mt.gov/data/Aerial_Photos/Ordering for more information.

We also have historical statewide maps.



Source: National Agricultural Imagery Program;
Belgrade area 2005



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