



Life Cycle Support Policy: MSL Web Map Services

Purpose: To provide advance notification of planned changes to services offered by the Montana State Library.

POLICIES

Routine Maintenance: Routine maintenance of web services does not require notification. Notice will only be given for planned disruptions greater than 2 hours. Routine maintenance includes data edits (feature/row adds, deletes, modifications) and adding fields.

Removal of Services: MSL will give **30-days notice** prior to removal of a service. The notice will recommend alternative sources when applicable. Notices will be sent out through MSL's GovDelivery. [Sign up/login to MSL's GovDelivery.](#)

Substantive Changes to Services: MSL will give **30-days notice** prior to substantive changes to services. Notices will be sent out through MSL's GovDelivery. [Sign up/login to MSL's GovDelivery.](#)

Substantive changes include removal of objects (feature classes, tables, rasters, relationships, raster templates) and/or fields associated with these objects from a service. Service name changes and directory changes also constitute a substantive change. MSL assigns version numbers to its services. The original service is assigned version 1 (v1), with any subsequent versions incremented by 1 (e.g., v2, v3) when substantive change is made. The previous version will then be removed per the "Removal of Services" policy above; therefore, the previous version and the current version will be available concurrently for 30-days. Note: Adding a field to an object does not constitute a substantive change. Data edits to features or attributes do not constitute a substantive change.

Notification frequency: Notifications will be sent at 30 days, weekly for the two weeks prior to the change, and one day before the change is implemented.

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