

Introduction to the New Natural Heritage MapViewer

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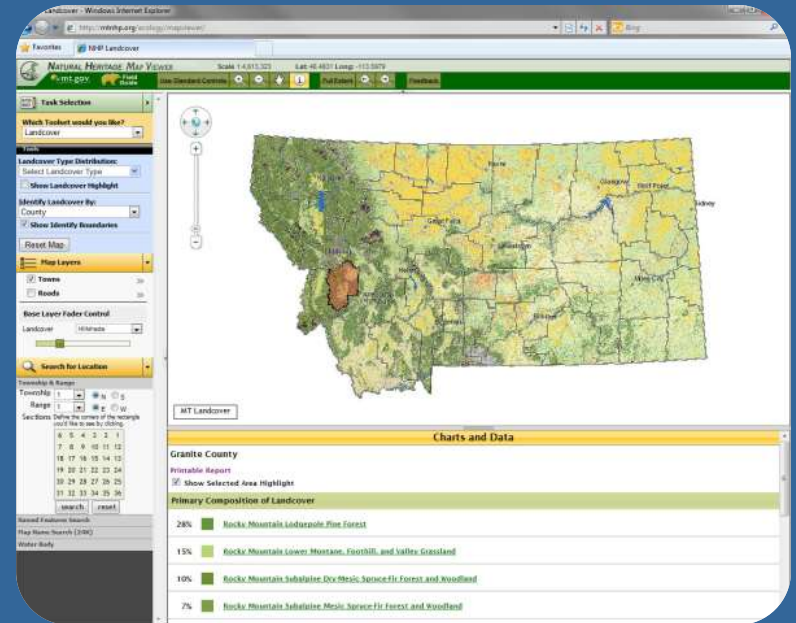
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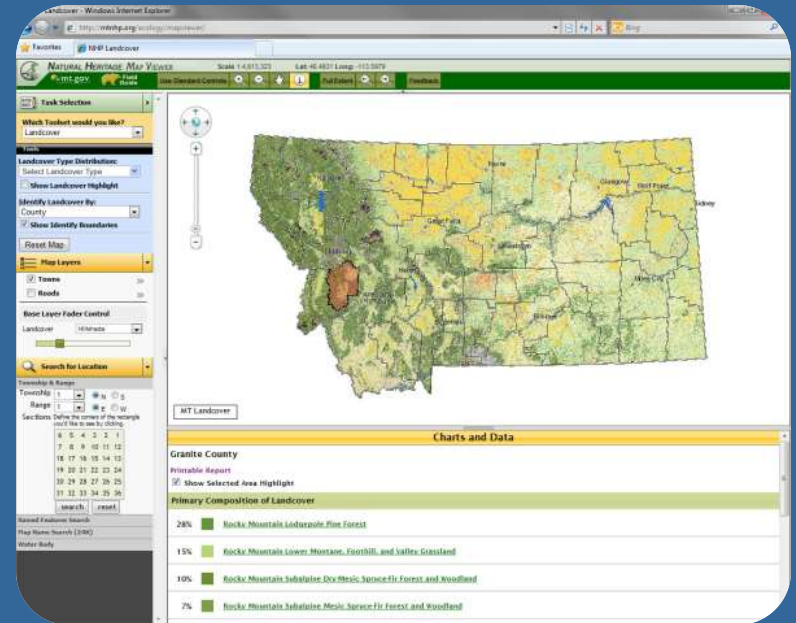
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A Montana Species of Concern



Marsh Felwort *Lomatogonium rotatum*

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Natural Heritage MapViewer

Land Cover Tools

The screenshot displays the Natural Heritage MapViewer interface. The main map shows land cover data for Montana, with a specific area in Granite County highlighted in brown. The interface includes a sidebar with various tools and a 'Charts and Data' panel.

Task Selection

Which Taskset would you like?
Landcover

Landcover Type Distribution:
Select Landcover Type
 Show Landcover Highlight

Identify Landcover By:
County
 Show Identify Boundaries

Map Layers
 Towns
 Roads

Base Layer Fader Control
Landcover: Hillslope
[Slider]

Search for Location
[Search Box]

Township & Range
Township: 1
Range: 1
Sections: [Grid]

Named Features Search
Map Menu Search (20K)
Water Body

Charts and Data

Granite County

Printable Report
 Show Selected Area Highlight

Primary Composition of Landcover

28%	Rocky Mountain Lodgepole Pine Forest
15%	Rocky Mountain Lower Montane, Foothill, and Valley Grassland
10%	Rocky Mountain Subalpine Dry-Mesic Spruce-Fir Forest and Woodland
7%	Rocky Mountain Subalpine Mesic Spruce-Fir Forest and Woodland

Natural Heritage MapViewer

Demo: Georgetown Lake Area

The screenshot displays the Natural Heritage MapViewer interface. The main map shows landcover data for Montana, with a search box labeled "MT Landcover" and a "Charts and Data" panel on the right. The panel shows the "Primary Composition of Landcover" for Granite County, with a list of landcover types and their percentages.

Task Selection

Which Taskset would you like?
Landcover

Landcover Type Distribution:
Select Landcover Type
 Show Landcover Highlight

Identify Landcover By:
County
 Show Identify Boundaries
Reset Map

Map Layers
 Towns
 Roads

Base Layer Fader Control
Landcover: Hillslope
[Slider]

Search for Location

Township & Range
Township: 1
Range: 1
Sections: Define the corners of the rectangle you'd like to see by clicking.

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13	14	15	16	17	18
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Search: [input] Reset

Printable Reports
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Natural Heritage MapViewer

Demo: Georgetown Lake Area

The screenshot displays the Natural Heritage MapViewer interface. The main map area shows a satellite-style view of the Georgetown Lake area. A semi-transparent blue box is overlaid on the map with the text: "Identify land cover types and associated wildlife for T5N R13W S8".

The interface includes several panels:

- Task Selection:** A dropdown menu set to "Landcover".
- Landcover Type List:** A list of land cover types with checkboxes.
- Identify Landcover:** A section for identifying land cover by county.
- Map Layers:** Checkboxes for "Towns" and "Roads".
- Basic Layer Folder:** A folder for "Landcover".
- Township & Range:** A grid for selecting townships and ranges.
- Search for Landcover:** A search box.
- Charts and Data:** A panel showing the primary composition of landcover for Granite County.

The "Charts and Data" panel displays the following data:

Percentage	Landcover Type
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15%	Rocky Mountain Lower Montane, Foothill, and Valley Grassland
10%	Rocky Mountain Subalpine Dry-Mediterranean Spruce-Fir Forest and Woodland
7%	Rocky Mountain Subalpine Mesic Spruce-Fir Forest and Woodland

Task Selection

Which Toolset would you like?
Landcover

Tools

Landcover Type Distribution:
Select Landcover Type

Show Landcover Highlight

Identify Landcover By:
County

Show Identify Boundaries

Reset Map

Map Layers

Towns

Roads

Base Layer Fader Control

Landcover Hillshade

Search for Location

Feedback

Welcome to our new Map Viewer! This is an early release version that's fully functional but there may still be some bugs here and there.

If you have questions or comments, [send us an email](#)

Or if you'd like to help us improve this Map Viewer, [take a quick survey](#) to let us know your initial impressions.

MT Landcover

Charts and Data

Identify Results display here

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County

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Reset Map

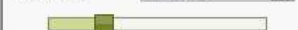
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Search for Location



MT Landcover

Charts and Data

Identify Results display here

Task Selection

Which Toolset would you like?
Landcover

Tools

Landcover Type Distribution:

Select Landcover Type

Show Landcover Highlight

Identify Landcover By:

Section

Show Identify Boundaries

Reset Map

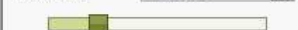
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Search for Location

Township & Range

Township 5 N S

Range 13 E W

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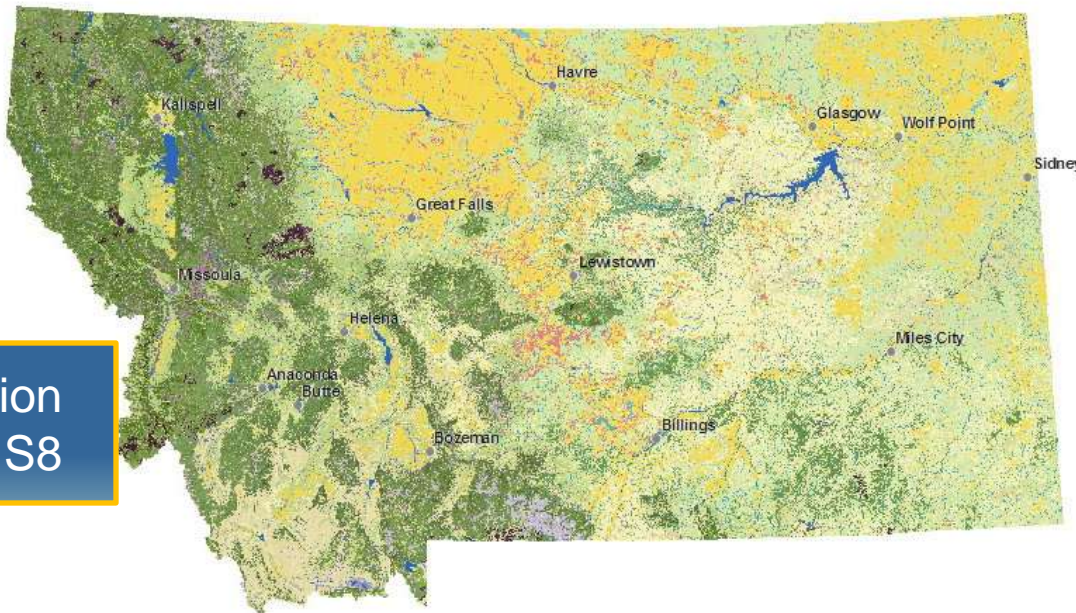
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search reset

Named Features Search

Map Name Search (24K)

Water Body



Enter Location
T5N R13W S8

MT Landcover

Charts and Data

Identify Results display here

Task Selection

Which Toolset would you like?
Landcover

Tools

Landcover Type Distribution:
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Section
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Reset Map

Map Layers

Towns >>
 Roads >>

Base Layer Fader Control
Landcover Hillshade

Search for Location

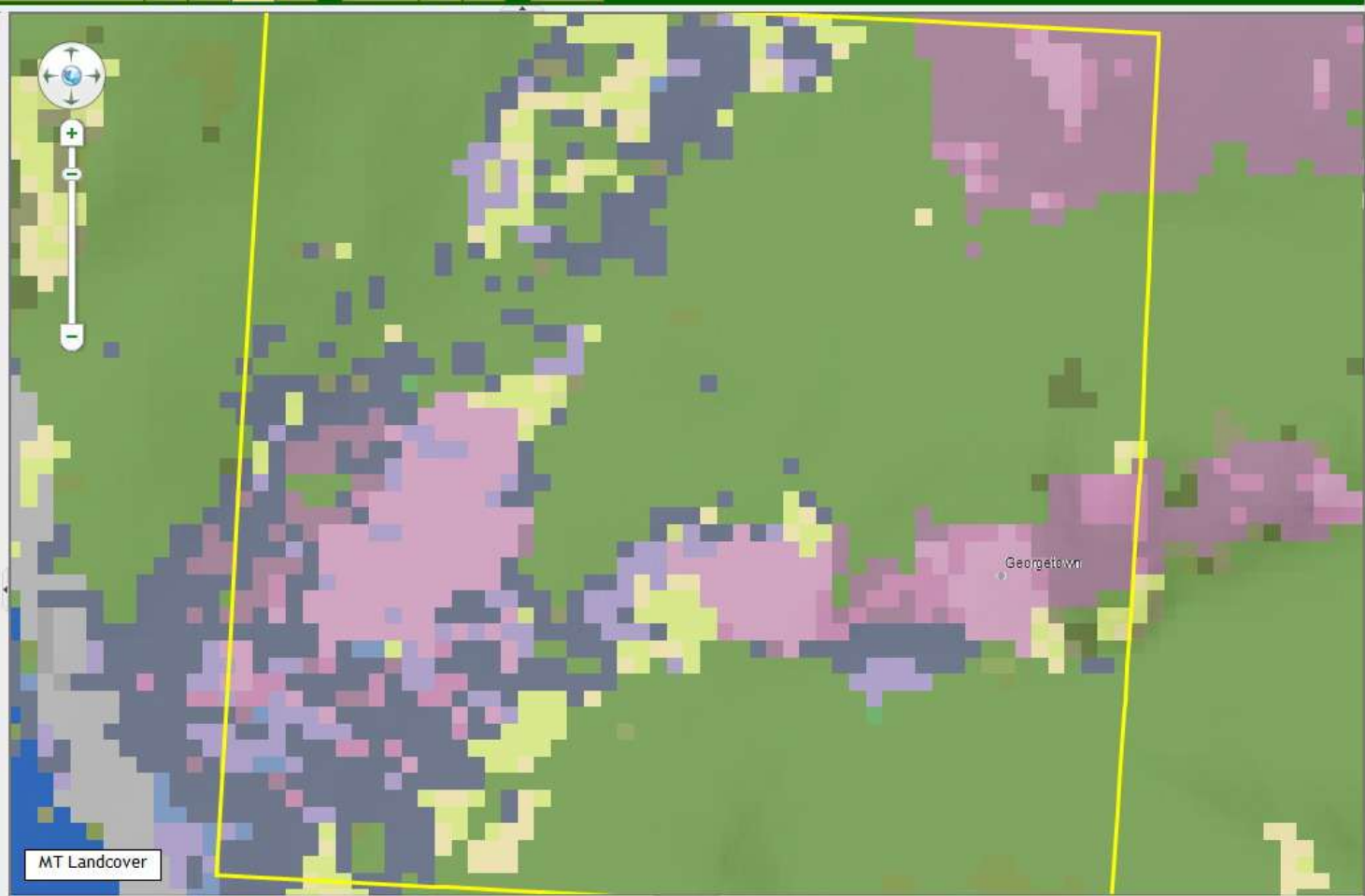
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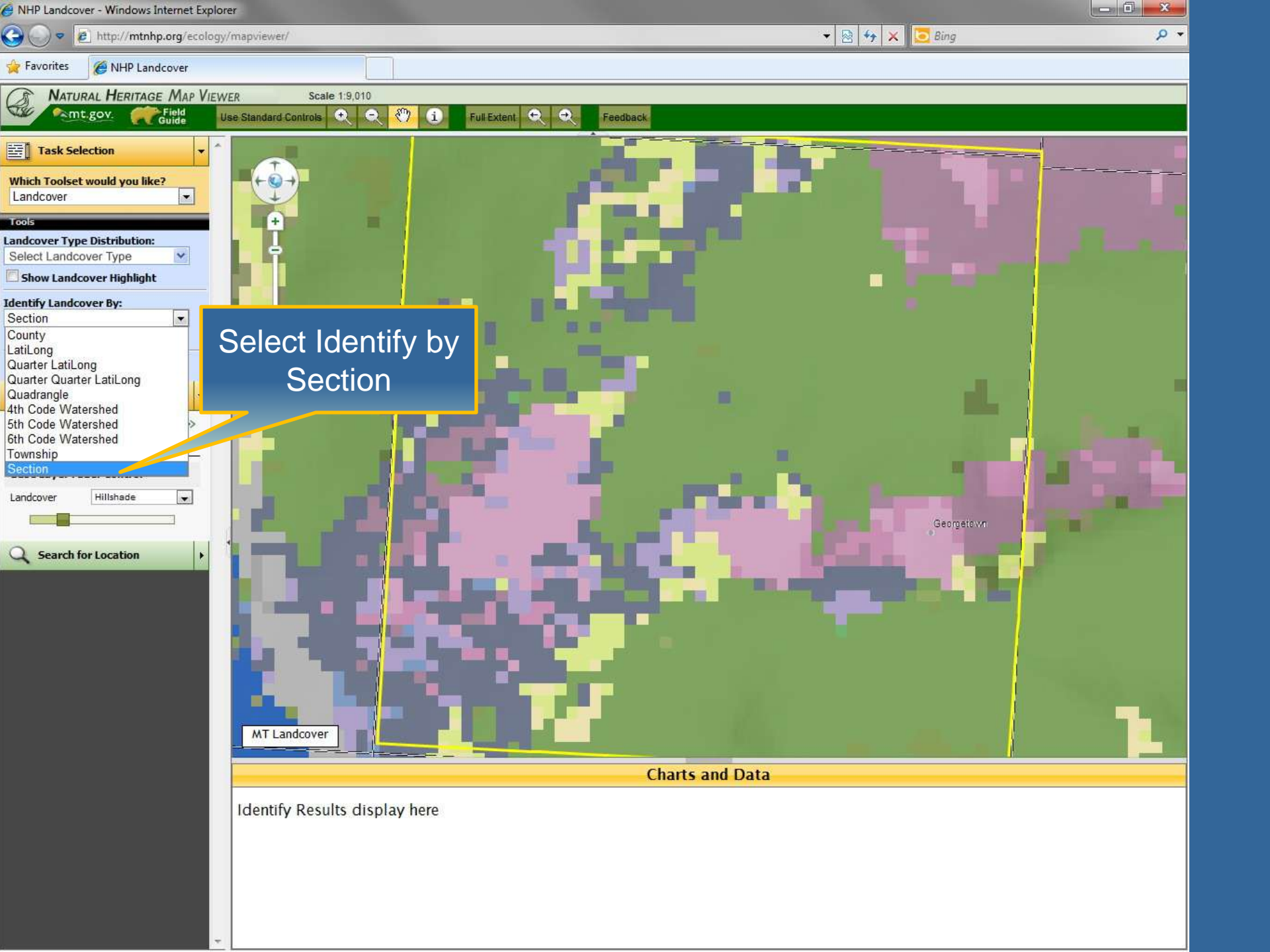
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Named Features Search
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Charts and Data

Identify Results display here



Select Identify by Section

MT Landcover

Charts and Data

Identify Results display here

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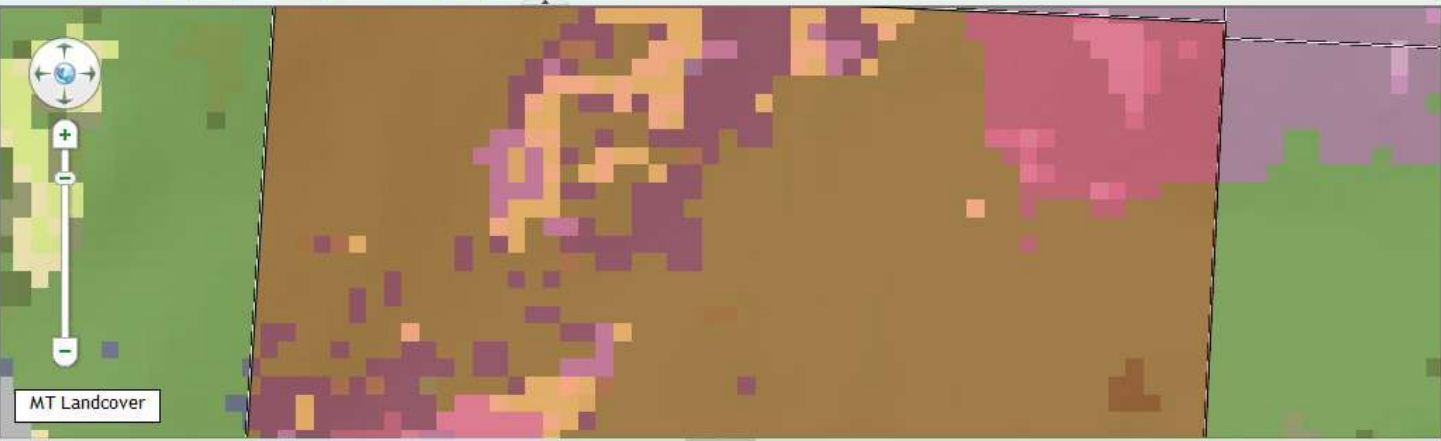
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Landcover Hillshade

Search for Location



Charts and Data

Section 005N013W008

Printable Report
 Show Selected Area Highlight

Primary Composition of Landcover

56%		Rocky Mountain Lodgepole Pine Forest
14%		Northern Rocky Mountain Lower Montane Riparian Woodland and Shrubland View Full Description
8%		Harvested forest-grass regeneration
7%		Harvested forest-tree regeneration
4%		Rocky Mountain Subalpine-Upper Montane Grassland
4%		Alpine-Montane Wet Meadow
2%		Montane Sagebrush Steppe
2%		Harvested forest-shrub regeneration

Additional Limited Landcover

Task Selection

Which Toolset would you like? Landcover

Tools

Landcover Type Distribution:

Select Landcover Type

Show Landcover Highlight

Identify Landcover By:

Section

Show Identify Boundaries

Reset Map

Map Layers

Towns

Roads

Base Layer Fader Control

Landcover Hillshade



Search for Location



Section 005N013W008

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Additional Limited Landcover

Click on System Name to View Detailed Information in Ecological Systems Field Guide



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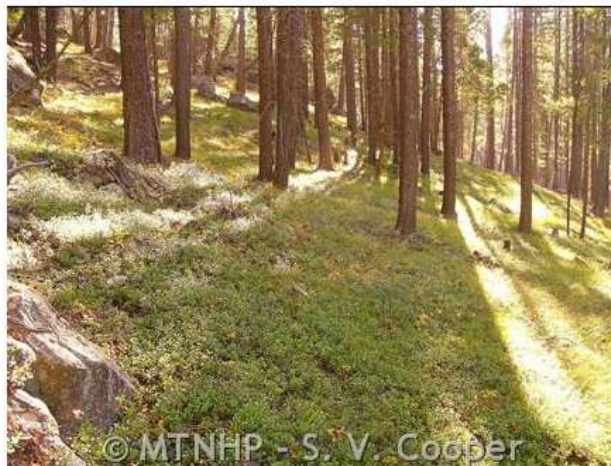
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Rocky Mountain Lodgepole Pine Forest

Provisional State Rank: [S3](#)

General Description

This forested system is widespread in upper montane to subalpine zones of the Montana Rocky Mountains, and

Diagnostic Characteristics

forest and woodland, acidic, shallow ustic soils, organic A horizon greater than 10 cm, *Pinus contorta*

Similar Systems

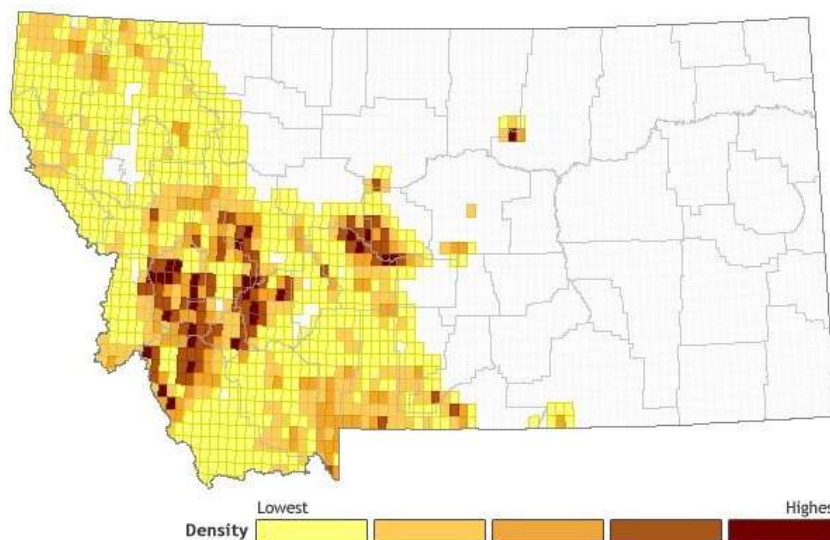
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Range

This system occurs throughout the Montana Rocky Mountains and the island ranges from valley bottoms west of the Continental Divide to upper subalpine forests.

Ecological System Distribution

Approximately 12,817 square kilometers are classified as Rocky Mountain Lodgepole Pine Forest in the 2009 Montana Land Cover layers. *Grid on map is based on USGS 7.5 minute quadrangle map boundaries.*



Montana Counties of Occurrence

Big Horn, Blaine, Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Chouteau, Deer Lodge, Fergus, Flathead, Gallatin, Glacier, Golden Valley, Granite, Jefferson, Judith Basin, Lake, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Meagher, Mineral, Missoula, Park, Phillips, Pondera, Powell, Ravalli, Sanders, Silver Bow, Stillwater, Sweet Grass, Teton, Wheatland

Spatial Pattern

Matrix

Environment

This system generally occurs on dry to intermediate sites with a wide seasonal range of temperatures and

Species Associated with this Ecological System

Details on how we associated these species with this Ecological System

Species Commonly Associated with this Ecological System

Mammals

Masked Shrew (*Sorex cinereus*)

Vagrant Shrew (*Sorex vagrans*)

Dwarf Shrew (*Sorex nanus*) **SOC**

Pygmy Shrew (*Sorex hoyi*)

Long-eared Myotis (*Myotis evotis*)

Long-legged Myotis (*Myotis volans*)

Western Small-footed Myotis (*Myotis ciliolabrum*)

Big Brown Bat (*Eptesicus fuscus*)

Spotted Bat (*Euderma maculatum*) **SOC**

Mountain Cottontail (*Sylvilagus nuttallii*)

Least Chipmunk (*Tamias minimus*)

Red-tailed Chipmunk (*Tamias ruficaudus*)

Columbian Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus columbianus*)

Red Squirrel (*Tamiasciurus hudsonicus*)

Northern Pocket Gopher (*Thomomys talpoides*)

Bushy-tailed Woodrat (*Neotoma cinerea*)

Heather Vole (*Phenacomys intermedius*)

Montane Vole (*Microtus montanus*)

Water Vole (*Microtus richardsoni*)

Porcupine (*Erethizon dorsatum*)

Gray Wolf (*Canis lupus*) **SOC**

Black Bear (*Ursus americanus*)

Raccoon (*Procyon lotor*)

Fisher (*Martes pennanti*) **SOC**

Least Weasel (*Mustela nivalis*)

Wolverine (*Gulo gulo*) **SOC**

Canada Lynx (*Lynx canadensis*) **SOC**

Mountain Lion (*Puma concolor*)

Mule Deer (*Odocoileus hemionus*)

Moose (*Alces americanus*)

Prebble's Shrew (*Sorex preblei*) **SOC**

Dusky or Montane Shrew (*Sorex monticolus*)

Water Shrew (*Sorex palustris*)

Little Brown Myotis (*Myotis lucifugus*)

Fringed Myotis (*Myotis thysanodes*) **SOC**

California Myotis (*Myotis californicus*)

Silver-haired Bat (*Lasionycteris noctivagans*) **PSOC**

Hoary Bat (*Lasiurus cinereus*) **SOC**

Townsend's Big-eared Bat (*Corynorhinus townsendii*) **SOC**

Snowshoe Hare (*Lepus americanus*)

Yellow-pine Chipmunk (*Tamias amoenus*)

Yellow-bellied Marmot (*Marmota flaviventris*)

Golden-mantled Ground Squirrel (*Spermophilus lateralis*)

Northern Flying Squirrel (*Glaucomys sabrinus*)

Deer Mouse (*Peromyscus maniculatus*)

Southern Red-backed Vole (*Myodes gapperi*)

Meadow Vole (*Microtus pennsylvanicus*)

Long-tailed Vole (*Microtus longicaudus*)

Western Jumping Mouse (*Zapus princeps*)

Coyote (*Canis latrans*)

Red Fox (*Vulpes vulpes*)

Grizzly Bear (*Ursus arctos*) **SOC**

Marten (*Martes americana*)

Short-tailed Weasel (*Mustela erminea*)

Long-tailed Weasel (*Mustela frenata*)

Striped Skunk (*Mephitis mephitis*)

Bobcat (*Lynx rufus*)

Elk or Wapiti (*Cervus canadensis*)

White-tailed Deer (*Odocoileus virginianus*)

Mountain Goat (*Oreamnos americanus*)

Birds

Barrow's Goldeneye (*Bucephala islandica*) **PSOC**

Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*)

Northern Goshawk (*Accipiter gentilis*) **SOC**

Rough-legged Hawk (*Buteo lagopus*)

Dusky Grouse (*Dendragapus obscurus*)

Flammulated Owl (*Otus flammeolus*) **SOC**

Northern Hawk Owl (*Surnia ulula*) **PSOC**

Barred Owl (*Strix varia*)

Boreal Owl (*Aegolius funereus*)

Common Nighthawk (*Chordeiles minor*)

Vaux's Swift (*Chaetura vauxi*)

Broad-tailed Hummingbird (*Selasphorus platycercus*) **PSOC**

Lewis's Woodpecker (*Melanerpes lewis*) **SOC**

Red-naped Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus nuchalis*)

Hairy Woodpecker (*Picoides villosus*)

American Three-toed Woodpecker (*Picoides dorsalis*)

Hooded Merganser (*Lophodytes cucullatus*) **PSOC**

Cooper's Hawk (*Accipiter cooperii*)

Red-tailed Hawk (*Buteo jamaicensis*)

Spruce Grouse (*Falcapennis canadensis*)

Ruffed Grouse (*Bonasa umbellus*)

Great Horned Owl (*Bubo virginianus*)

Northern Pygmy-Owl (*Glaucidium gnoma*)

Great Gray Owl (*Strix nebulosa*) **SOC**

Northern Saw-whet Owl (*Aegolius acadicus*)

Black Swift (*Cypseloides niger*) **SOC**

Calliope Hummingbird (*Stellula calliope*)

Rufous Hummingbird (*Selasphorus rufus*) **PSOC**

Williamson's Sapsucker (*Sphyrapicus thyroideus*)

Downy Woodpecker (*Picoides pubescens*)

Black-backed Woodpecker (*Picoides arcticus*) **SOC**

Northern Flicker (*Colaptes auratus*)

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| Long-eared Myotis (<i>Myotis evotis</i>) | Fringed Myotis (<i>Myotis thysanodes</i>) SOC |
| Long-legged Myotis (<i>Myotis longipes</i>) | |
| Western Small-footed Myotis (<i>Myotis californicus</i>) PSOC | |
| Big Brown Bat (<i>Eptesicus fuscus</i>) | |
| Spotted Bat (<i>Euderma macdonaldi</i>) SOC | |
| Mountain Cottontail (<i>Sylvilagus montianus</i>) | |
| Least Chipmunk (<i>Tamias minimus</i>) | |
| Red-tailed Chipmunk (<i>Tamias r. l. r. r.</i>) | |
| Columbian Ground Squirrel (<i>Spermophilus lateralis</i>) | |
| Red Squirrel (<i>Tamiasciurus harrisi</i>) | |
| Northern Pocket Gopher (<i>Thomomys talp.</i>) | |
| Bushy-tailed Woodrat (<i>Neotoma f. f.</i>) | |
| Heather Vole (<i>Phenacomys hillebrandi</i>) | |
| Montane Vole (<i>Microtus montanus</i>) | |
| Water Vole (<i>Microtus richardsoni</i>) | Western Jumping Mouse (<i>Zapus princeps</i>) |
| Porcupine (<i>Erethizon dorsatum</i>) | Coyote (<i>Canis latrans</i>) |
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| Black Bear (<i>Ursus americanus</i>) | Grizzly Bear (<i>Ursus arctos</i>) SOC |
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| Mule Deer (<i>Odocoileus hemionus</i>) | White-tailed Deer (<i>Odocoileus virginianus</i>) |
| Moose (<i>Alces americanus</i>) | Mountain Goat (<i>Oreamnos americanus</i>) |

Click on Species Name to View Information from the Animal Field Guide

Birds

- | | |
|---|---|
| Barrow's Goldeneye (<i>Bucephala islandica</i>) PSOC | Hooded Merganser (<i>Lophodytes cucullatus</i>) PSOC |
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| Northern Goshawk (<i>Accipiter gentilis</i>) SOC | Red-tailed Hawk (<i>Buteo jamaicensis</i>) |
| Rough-legged Hawk (<i>Buteo lagopus</i>) | Spruce Grouse (<i>Falcapennis canadensis</i>) |
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Species - Wolverine - *Gulo gulo*

Wolverine - *Gulo gulo*



Species of Concern

Global Rank: [G4](#)
State Rank: [S3](#)

Agency Status
USFWS: [none](#)
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BLM: [SENSITIVE](#)
FWP Conservation Tier: [2](#)


Montana Observations


Species Report

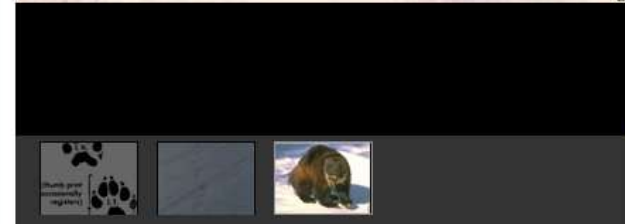

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Recording of a wolverine in a research trap by Brenna Forester



yellowish markings are often present on the throat and chest. The tail is bushy. The feet are relatively large (4.4 to 11.2 centimeters total length), with robust claws. Wolverine weigh between 7 and 22 kilograms and range from 0.9 to 1.1 meters in length. Females average about 10% less than males in linear measurements and 30% less in mass (Ingles 1965, Hall 1981, Nowak 1991).

Diagnostic Characteristics

Wolverines are most similar to Martens (*Martes pennsylvanica*) but are nearly twice as large. Martens also lack the light colored lateral markings of the Wolverine and the tail is less bushy. Badgers have shorter legs and are much lighter colored with a distinctive black and white pattern on the face.

General Distribution

Montana Range



Western Hemisphere Range

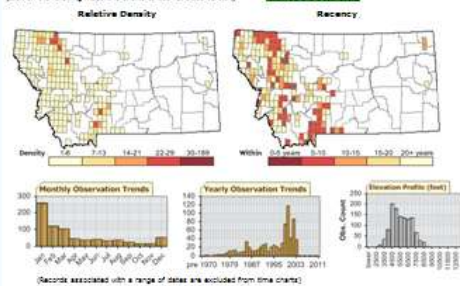


Summary of Observations Submitted for Montana

Number of Observations: 1304

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Migration

Wolverines in northwestern Montana and Alaska tended to occupy higher elevations in summer and lower elevations in winter (Hornocker and Hall 1981, Whitman et al. 1995). Seasonal ranges were all within a large home range; dispersal movements of more than 200 kilometers are known (Nagoun 1995, Gardner et al. 1995).

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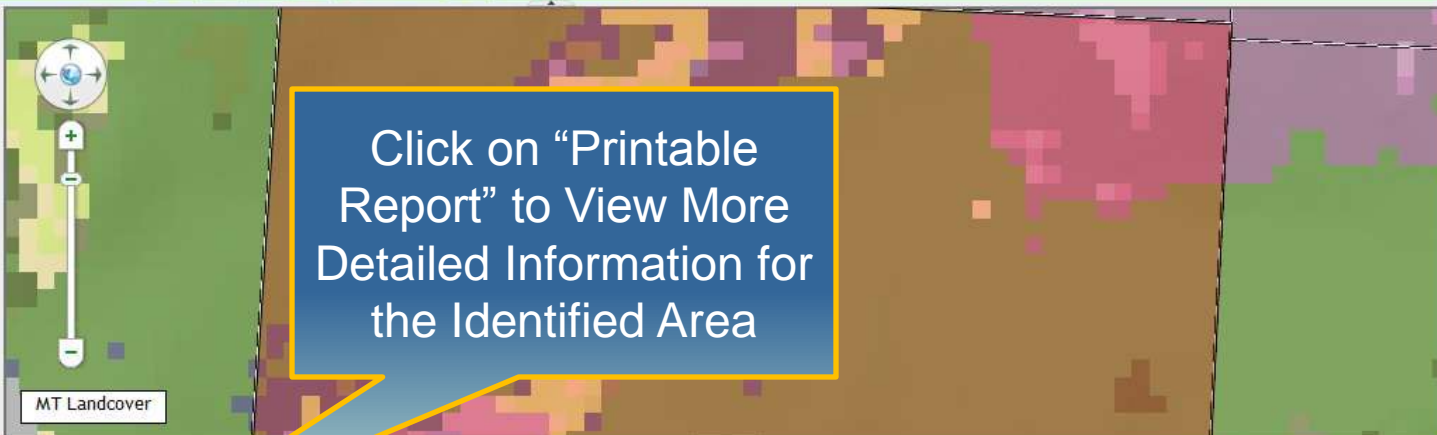
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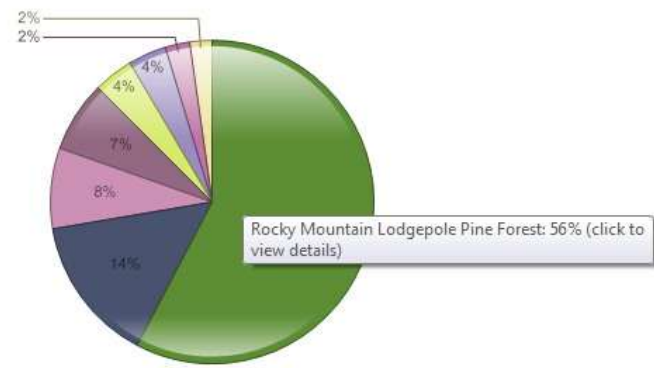
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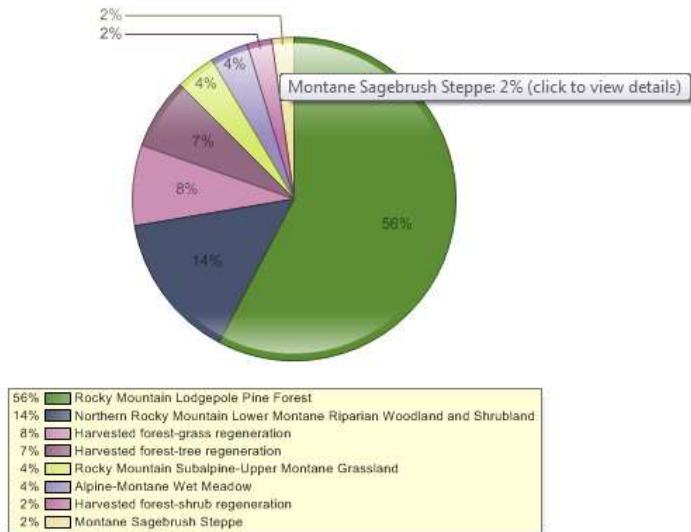
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4%

Alpine-Montane Wet Meadow

These moderate-to-high-elevation systems are found throughout the Rocky Mountains, dominated by herbaceous species found on wetter sites with very low-velocity surface and subsurface flows. Occurrences range in elevation from montane to alpine at 1,000 to 3,353 meters (3,280-11,000 feet). This system typically occurs in cold, moist basins, seeps and alluvial terraces of headwater streams or as a narrow strip adjacent to alpine lakes (Hansen et al., 1996). Wet meadows are typically found on flat areas or gentle slopes, but may also occur on sub-irrigated sites with slopes up to 10 percent. In alpine regions, sites are typically small depressions located below late-melting snow patches or on snowbeds. The growing season may only last for one to two months. Soils of this system may be mineral or organic. In either case, soils show typical hydric soil characteristics, including high organic content and/or low chroma and redoximorphic features. This system often occurs as a mosaic of several plant associations, often dominated by graminoids such as tufted hairgrass (*Deschampsia caespitosa*), and a diversity of montane or alpine sedges such as small-head sedge (*Carex illota*), small-winged sedge (*Carex microptera*), black alpine sedge (*Carex nigricans*), Holm's Rocky Mountain sedge (*Carex scopulorum*) shortstalk sedge (*Carex podocarpa*) and Payson's sedge (*Carex paysonis*). Drummond's rush (*Juncus drummondii*), Merten's rush (*Juncus mertensianus*), and high elevation bluegrasses (*Poa arctica* and *Poa alpina*) are often present. Forbs such as arrow-leaf groundsel (*Senecio triangularis*), slender-sepal marsh marigold (*Caltha leptosepala*), and spreading globeflower (*Trollius laxus*) often form high cover in higher elevation meadows. Wet meadows are associated with snowmelt and are usually not subjected to high disturbance events such as flooding.

Recently Disturbed or Modified

2%

Harvested Forest

Harvested forest-shrub regeneration

Land cover has been modified by logging. New growth is primarily shrubs.



Shrubland, Steppe and Savanna Systems

Sagebrush Steppe

2%

Montane Sagebrush Steppe

This system dominates the montane and subalpine landscape of southwestern Montana from valley bottoms to subalpine ridges and is found as far north as Glacier National Park. It can also be seen in the island mountain ranges of the north-central and south-central portions of the state. It primarily occurs on deep-soiled to stony flats, ridges, nearly flat ridgetops, and mountain slopes. In general, this system occurs in areas of gentle topography, fine soils, subsurface moisture or mesic conditions, within zones of higher precipitation and areas of snow accumulation. It occurs on all slopes and aspects, variable substrates and all soil types. The shrub component of this system is generally dominated by mountain big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *vaseyana*). Other co-dominant shrubs include silver sagebrush (*Artemisia cana* ssp. *viscidula*), subalpine big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *spiciformis*), three tip sagebrush (*Artemisia tripartita* ssp. *tripartita*) and antelope bitterbrush (*Purshia tridentata*). Little sagebrush (*Artemisia arbuscula* ssp. *arbuscula*) shrublands are only found in southwestern Montana on sites with a perched water table. Wyoming big sagebrush (*Artemisia tridentata* ssp. *wyomingensis*) sites may be included within this system if occurrences are at montane elevations, and are associated with montane graminoids such as Idaho fescue (*Festuca idahoensis*), spike fescue (*Leucopoa kingii*), or poverty oatgrass (*Danthonia intermedia*). In areas where sage has been eliminated by human activities like burning, disking or poisoning, other shrubs may be dominant, especially rubber rabbitbrush (*Ericameria nauseosa*), and green rabbitbrush (*Chrysothamnus viscidiflorus*). Because of the mesic site conditions, most occurrences support a diverse herbaceous undergrowth of grasses and forbs. Shrub canopy cover is extremely variable, ranging from 10 percent to as high as 40 or 50 percent.

- [Additional Limited Landcover](#)

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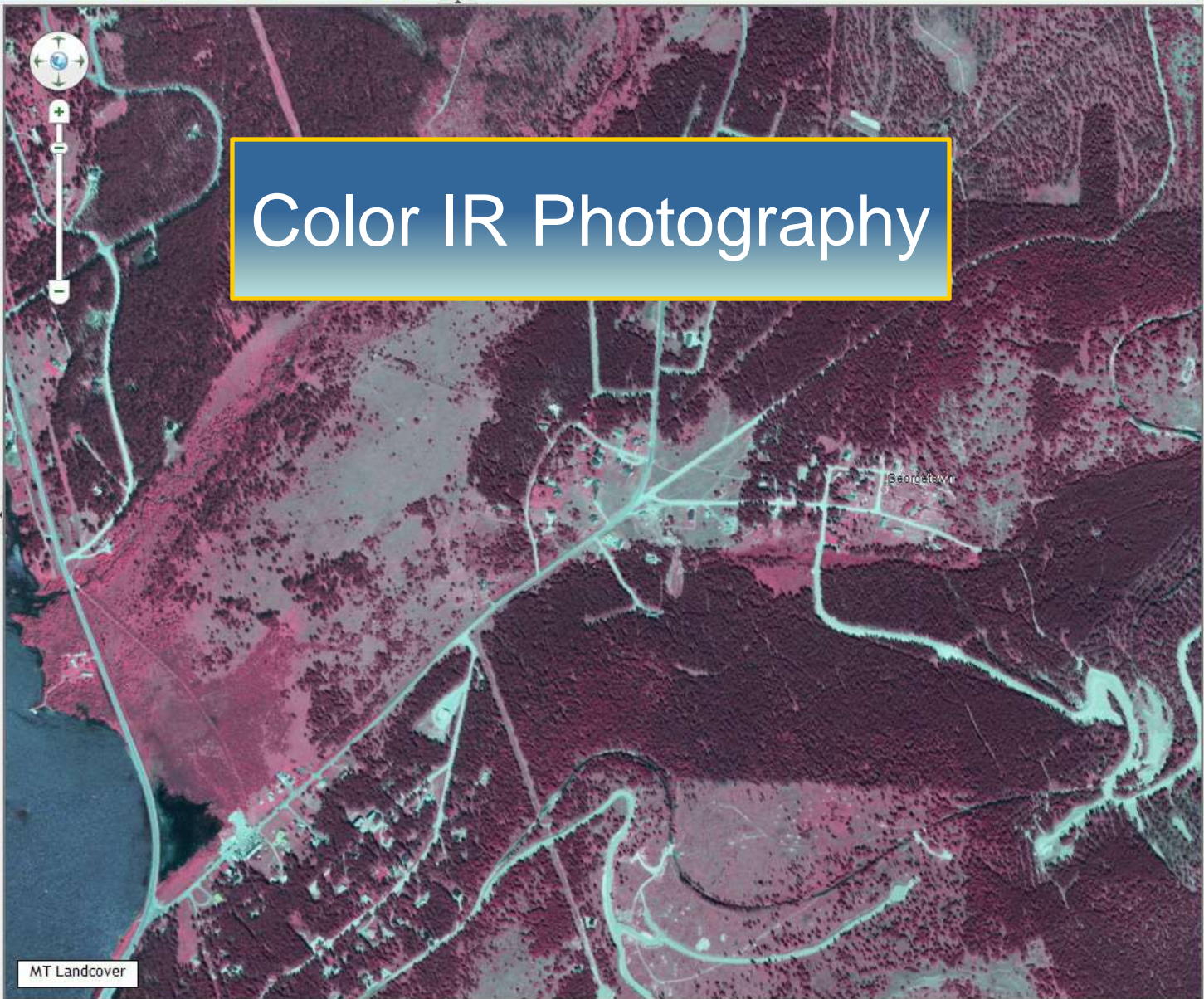
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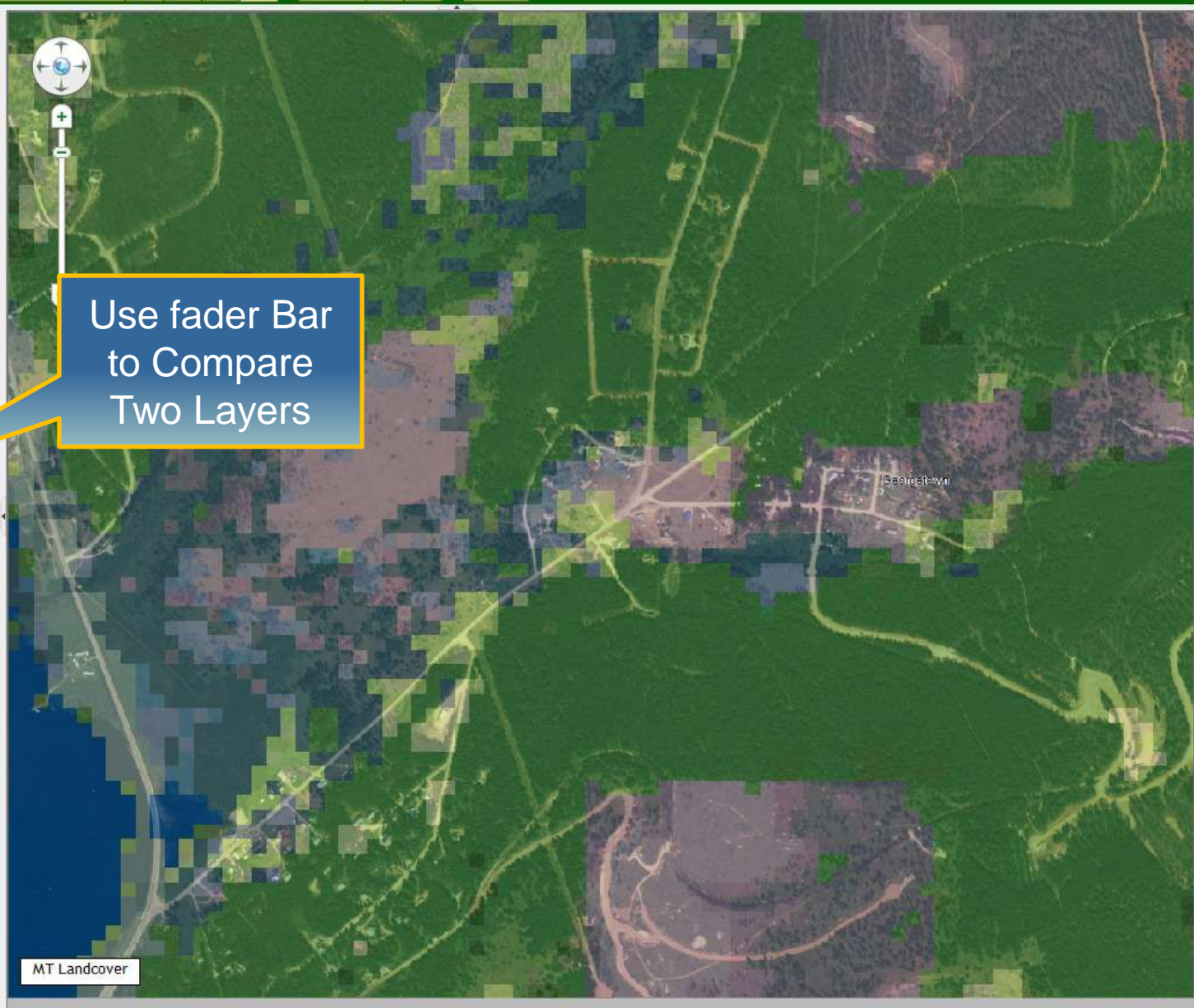
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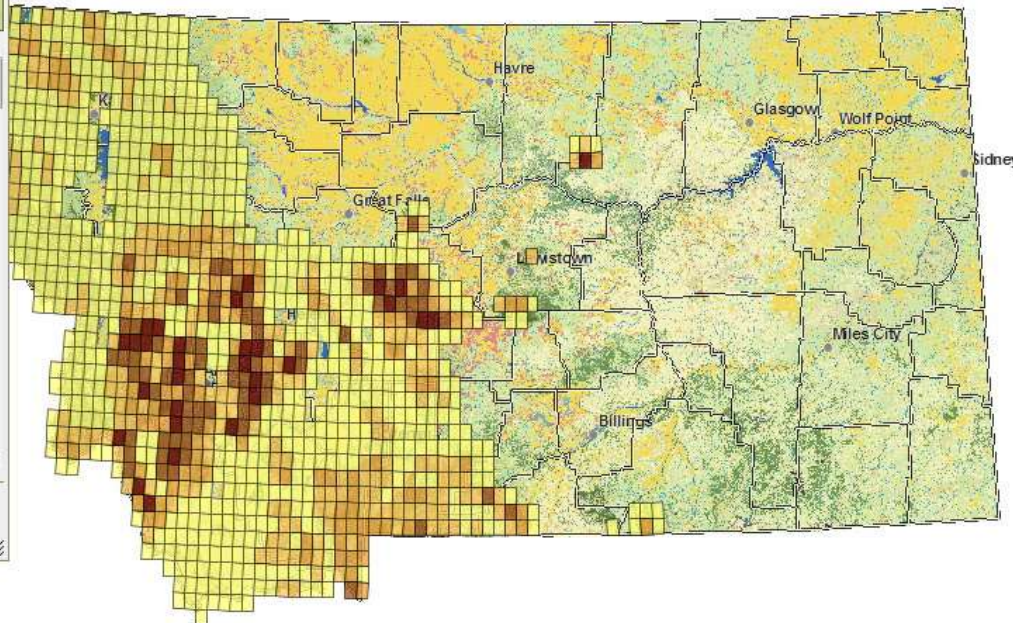
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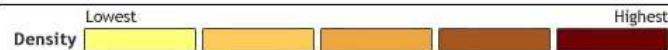
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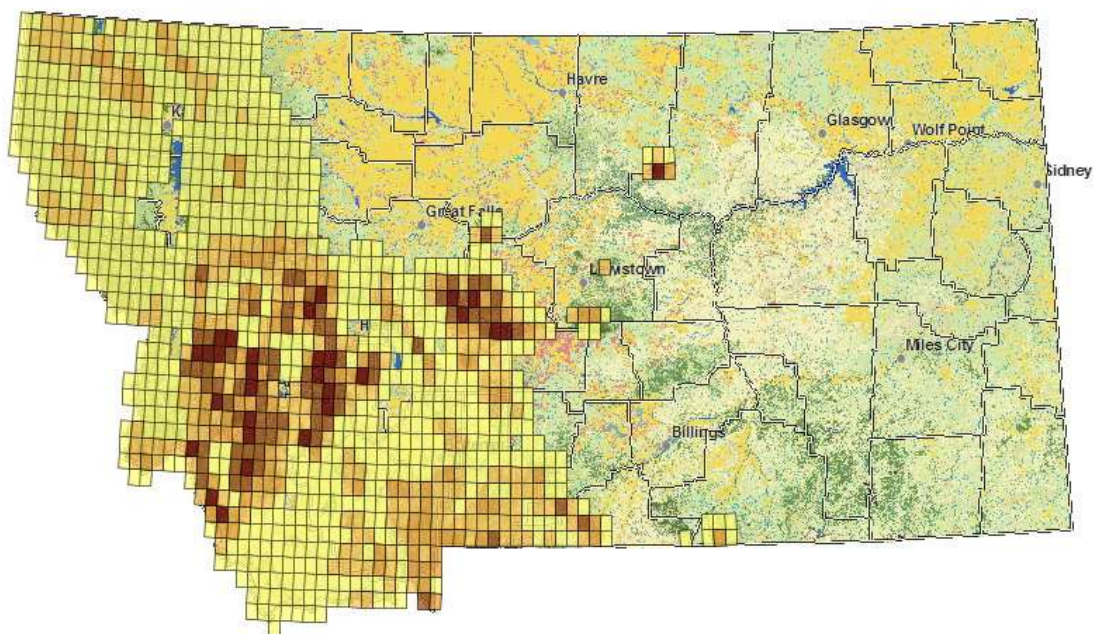
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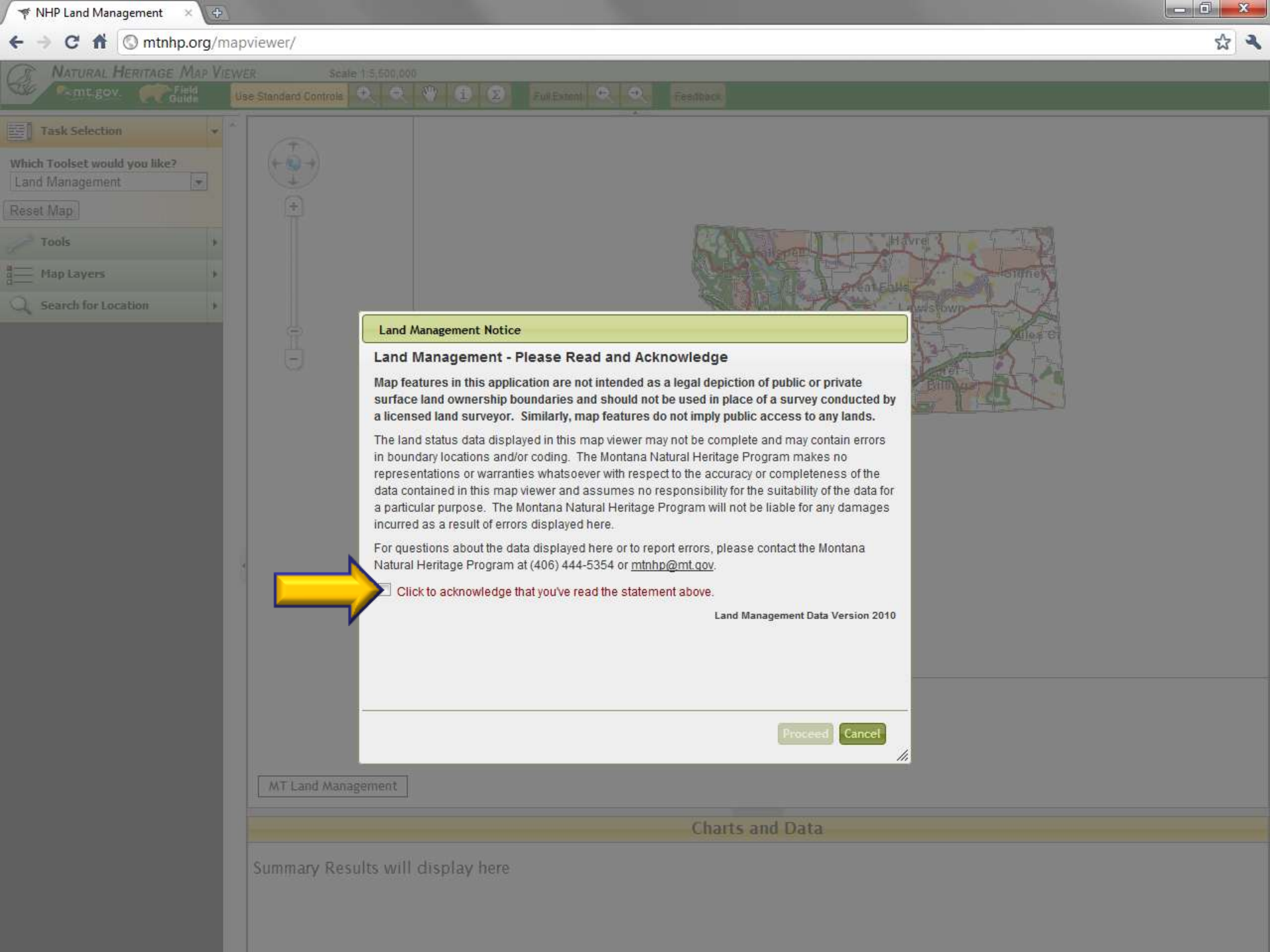


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Land Management Tools

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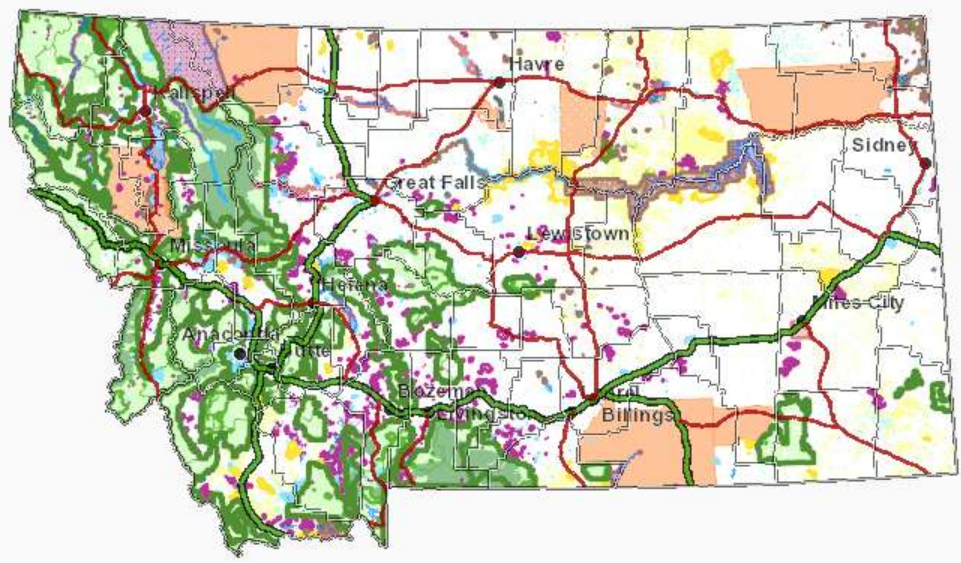
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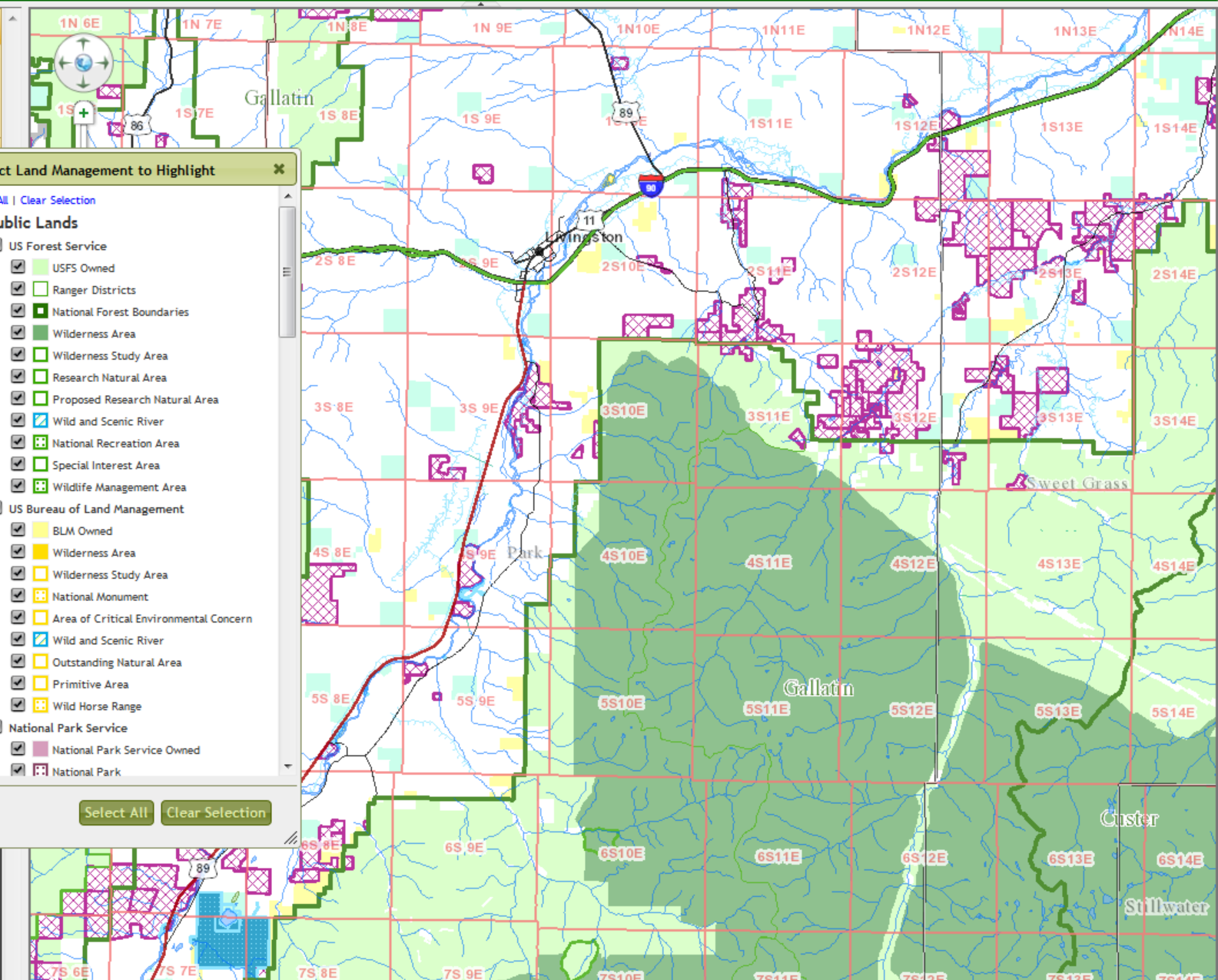
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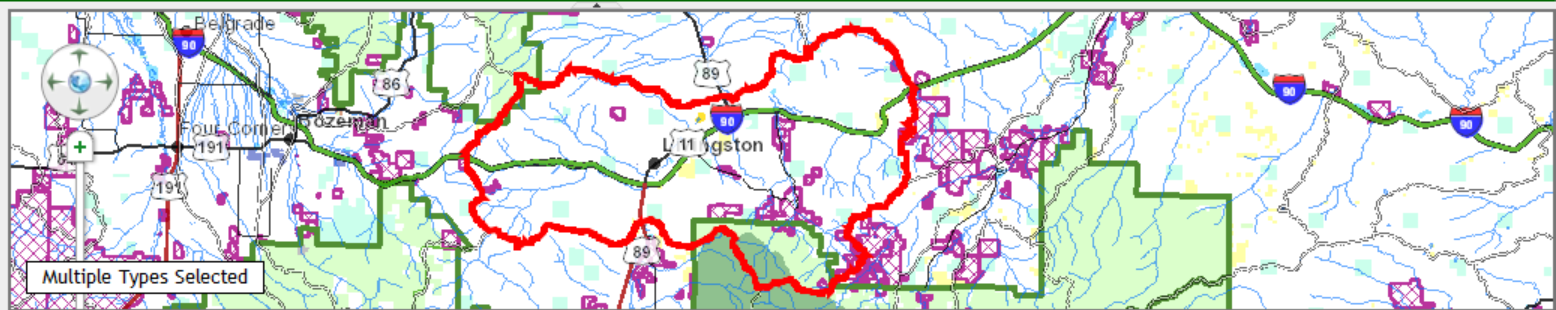
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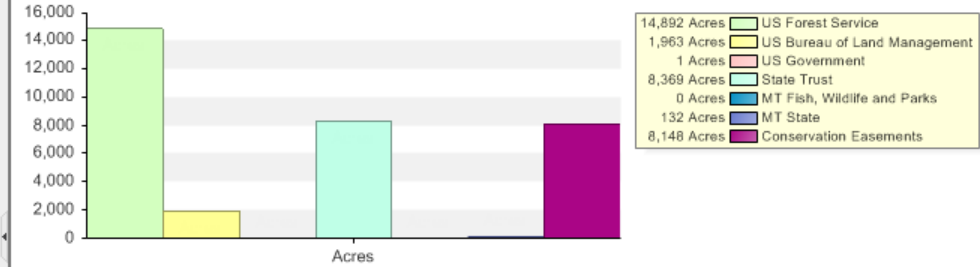
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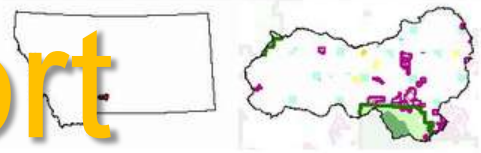
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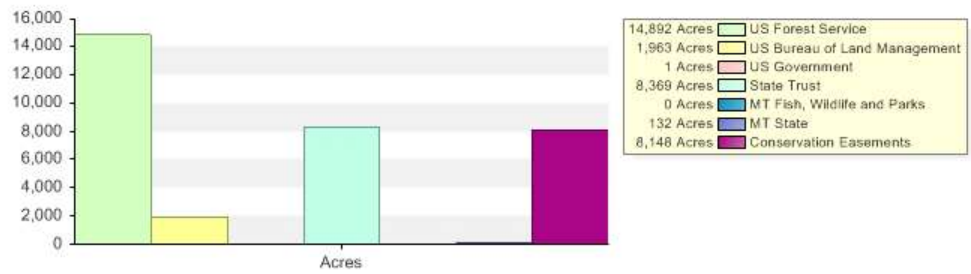
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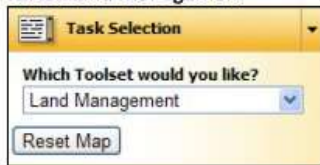
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- Open the **Tools** slider
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You will see that your current map tool has switched to the Identify Map Items tool:



- The Legend will be displayed



- Click on the check boxes to the left of a legend item to turn that item on or off on the map. The legend is a hierarchical tree, so clicking on a parent will also turn on all of the sub-categories.
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