



## Important announcement regarding Hydrography (NHD and WBD) Editing

Editing of the National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) and Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) will soon be ending. USGS announced an end to NHD/WBD editing in order to focus resources on the development of the 3D Hydrography Program (lidar, elevation-derived hydrography).

### Upcoming Deadlines:

- USGS NHD Job Checkouts will end December 31, 2022.
- USGS WBD Job Checkouts will end June 30, 2023.
- If you have any pending edits of the NHD or WBD, please contact the State NHD Steward, Troy Blandford, [tblandford@mt.gov](mailto:tblandford@mt.gov), as soon as possible. We anticipate needing incoming edits by **December 5<sup>th</sup>** in order to complete the edits before lockdown.

Going forward, static versions of the NHD, WBD, and NHDPlusHR will remain available. Static versions are scheduled to be published Sept. 30, 2023.

### Additional information:

- [The 3D Hydrography Program \[website\]](#)
- [The 3D National Topography Model, The 3D Hydrography Program – Transition Timelines \[video\]](#)

### Questions/Concerns:

The Montana State Library follows several communities through the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) that are focused on the NHD, elevation-derived hydrography, and state needs. Please reach out with your questions and concerns and let us know about disruptions that may be caused by cessation of NHD editing.