



Flathead Lake Biological Station Monitoring Montana Waters

Supporting Montana's Citizen Water Quality Monitoring

Monitoring Montana Waters (MMW) is a philanthropically-funded program launched by the University of Montana's Flathead Lake Biological Station (FLBS) in 2021. Unique to the FLBS Flathead Watershed Monitoring Program, which relies predominantly on FLBS scientists conducting and directly overseeing water quality monitoring in the Flathead Watershed, MMW is an outreach training program that offers scientific, technical, and financial support to citizen-led water quality monitoring groups throughout the state.

Due to Montana's size, large number of water bodies, and limited resources, trained volunteers serve a crucial role by monitoring water quality in Montana and helping to protect our rivers, streams, and lakes. MMW's objectives are to support water quality monitoring efforts in Montana and enable community stewardship of their waters. Qualifying groups can apply for Laboratory Analyses and Field Gear Funding. Analyses are conducted at the FLBS Freshwater Research Lab, and all data are uploaded into FLBS and Montana Department of Environmental Quality's EQiS databases.

By building capacity for monitoring and ensuring that watershed groups are using scientifically sound methodologies, MMW helps citizen-led groups provide state and local stakeholders and managers the critical data needed to make sound decisions and better sustain our freshwater resources and protect our native fish populations and angling industries for years to come.

Help MMW Strengthen Citizen Monitoring of Montana's Waters:

- **Support Lab Analyses and Equipment Costs for Citizen-Led Monitoring Groups**
- **Ensure a Long-Term Impact by Endowing the Monitoring Montana Waters Fund**

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