

Montana AIS Update



Team AIS Montana

- **FWP Staff**
 - Prevention
 - Early Detection
 - AIS Labs
 - Outreach / Education
- **Partners**
 - Tribes
 - Conservation Districts
 - Counties / Cities
 - Federal Partners
 - NGO's



AIS Prevention

- 17 Stations.
- 15,000 inspections.
- Updated training.
- QA/QC focus.
- More than just mussels.
- FWP and partner managed stations.



AIS Mussels Fouled Boats

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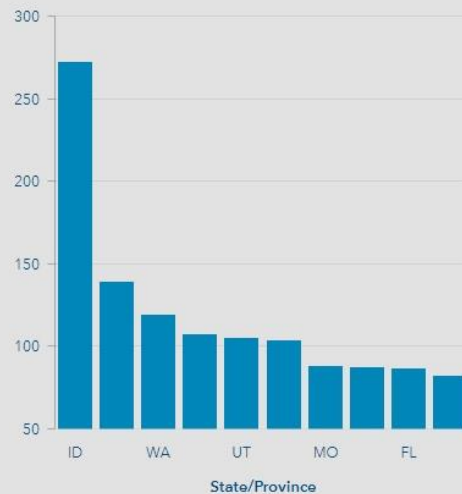
Statewide Total

*Data does not filter by month

Inspection Station Locations



Out-of-State Boats Inspected



AIS Fouled Boats

Inspection Station - Broadus
Date: May 20, 2023
Water Last Launched:
State of Origin: KY

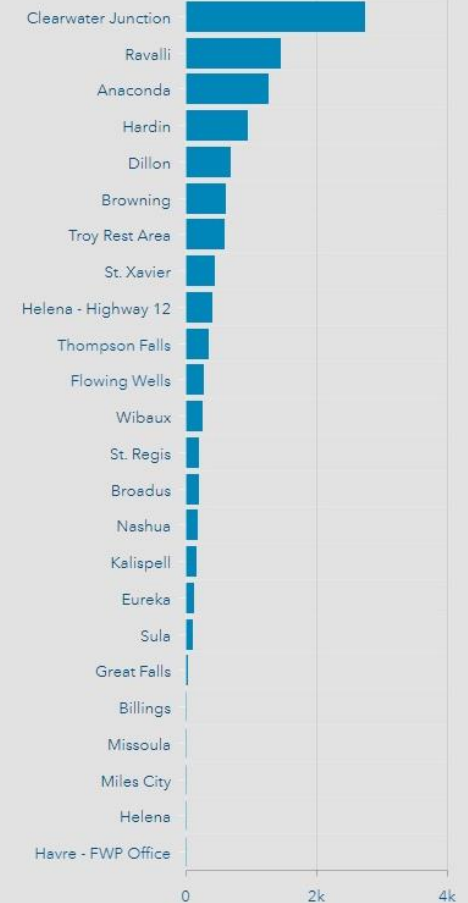
Inspection Station - Clearwater Junction
Date: May 18, 2023
Water Last Launched:
State of Origin: NY

Inspection Station - Wibaux
Date: May 16, 2023
Water Last Launched:
State of Origin: MN

Inspection Station - Dillon
Date: May 15, 2023
Water Last Launched:
State of Origin: AZ

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Inspections by Station



Count | Alphabetical

High Risk Boats

2,744

*Boats last launched in states with known AIS infestations

Total Watercraft Inspections

10,802

updated every Monday afternoon



Inspection Station Partners

Partners (Contracted):

- Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes (Ravalli & Thompson falls)
- Blackfeet Nation (Browning)
- Missoula County (Clearwater Junction)
- Garfield Conservation District (Flowing Wells & Wibaux)
- McCone Conservation District (Nashua)
- Beaverhead Conservation District (Dillon)
- Bighorn Conservation District (Hardin & St Xavier)
- Powder River Conservation District (Broadus)

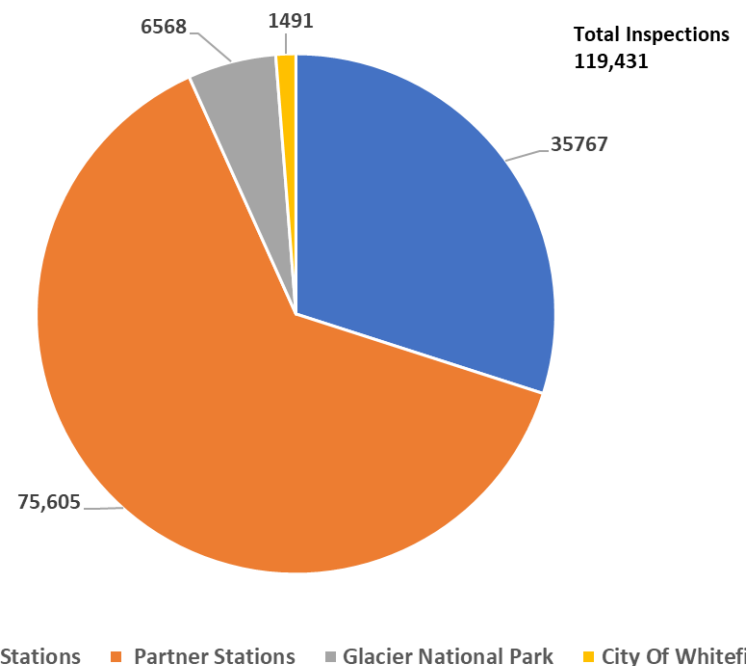
○ **Lincoln Conservation District**

Other Inspection Station Partners

- City of Whitefish
- Swan Lakers
- Glacier National Park
- Yellowstone National Park



Total Inspections by FWP and Partner Stations, 2022



Mussel Fouled Vessels May 2023



Boat Origin	
Boat Destination	

AIS Outreach



MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS



ATTENTION FORT PECK
RECREATIONISTS

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LEARN MORE!



**CLEAN.
DRAIN.
DRY.**



HELP STOP THE
SPREAD OF AQUATIC
INVASIVE SPECIES



MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS



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FOR A HEALTHY
GALLATIN RIVER



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Come Clean Leave Clean



Outreach Partnerships

- Central & Eastern MT Invasive Species Team
USACE, USFS, USFWS, BOR
- Irrigation districts, Utilities, TU, WU, CDs, lake associations, watershed districts, NGOs.
- AmeriCorps Volunteers
- Marketing Campaign
- Industry Outreach
- Outreach Events



Ballast Decon / Outreach Trailer



Dumping aquarium pets is illegal.



Releasing a pet in the wild is never the right thing to do.

Released pets and plants can become invasive, harm native plants & animals, and be expensive to remove. Instead, contact a pet store or shelter.

DontLetItLoose.com



Call 1-800-TIP-MONT to report illegal dumping.



Anglers Can Stop Aquatic Invasive Species

Take these simple steps every time you fish to be sure you're not moving invasive species from one waterbody to another.

CLEAN

all plants, mud and debris from fishing gear, waders and boots before leaving the water. Use a scrub brush if needed.

DRAIN

any standing water from gear. A sponge can help.

DRY

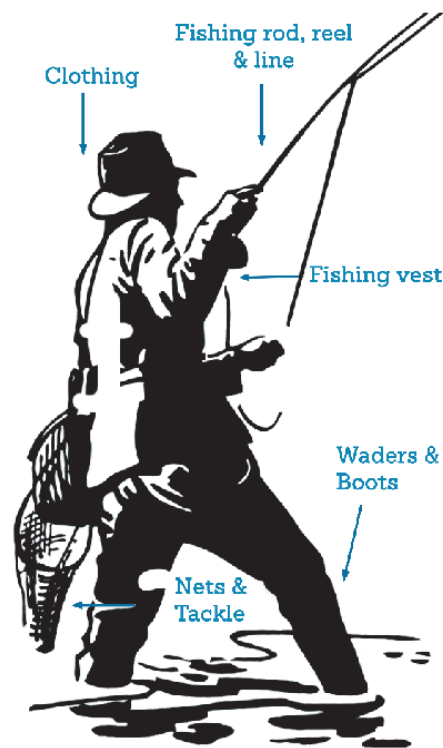
everything before using it again. Gear should be dry to the touch. When possible use **different waders for different waterbodies.**

DISPOSE

of unwanted bait in the trash, not on land or in the water.

NEVER

transport plants, fish or animals into a different body of water.



Fishing Outfitters Association of Montana



**MONTANA FISH,
WILDLIFE & PARKS**

CleanDrainDryMT.com

Social Media



Pedro Pascal may be a delight, but aquatic invasive species are not! To protect Montana's waters from these aquatic invaders, remember to clean-drain-dry your gear after every use and don't release aquarium plants or pets into the wild. To learn more, go to FWP.mt.gov/AIS."



2023 Focus Areas

- Consistency at inspection stations
- QA/QC focus at inspection stations
- Expanded eDNA sampling
- Promote Community Science
- Expand partner involvement
- Try new AIS outreach strategies



MONTANA FWP

PROTECT OUR
WATERS

Clear

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