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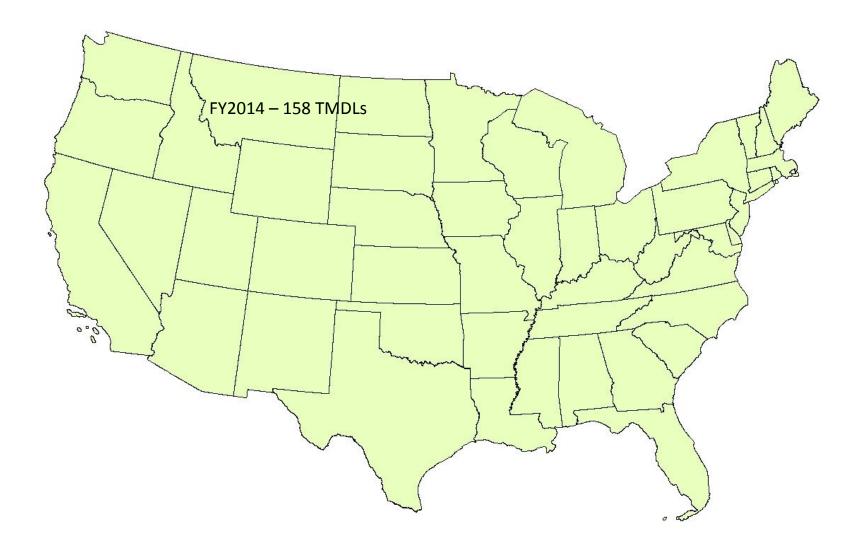
2015 National Training Workshop on CWA 303(d) Listing & TMDLs

Session #5 Updates on the measures
April 8, 2015

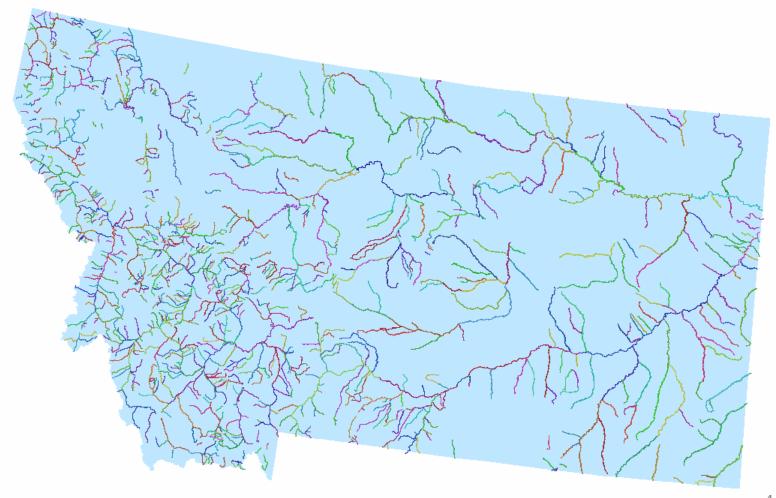
Overview of Wednesday

- Session #5: Oh the Awesome work we will now be able to show – CWA 303(d) Measures "WQ-27 and WQ-28"
- Session #6: Bringing It All Together: ATTAINS Redesign and CWA 303(d) Measures "WQ-27 and WQ-28"
- Session #7: Live Demonstrations of Measures Calculations
- Murie Lodge Lounge Area (5:00 to 6:00)
 - Draft Marine Catchments
 - Recovery Potential Screening Tool Example KS
- Informal Evening Session: Murie Lodge Lounge Area (7:30 to 8:30)
 - Discuss Priorities Data Entry Tool

From Past...



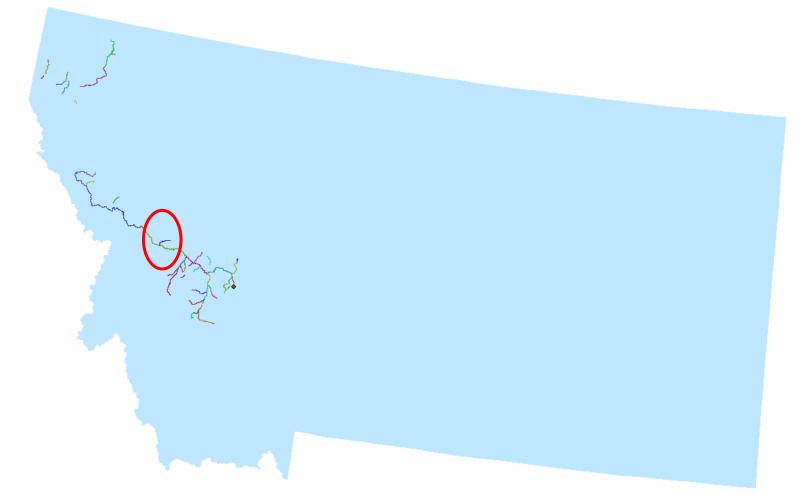
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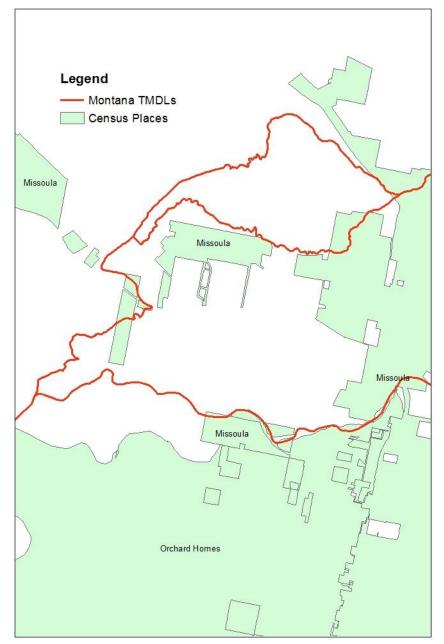
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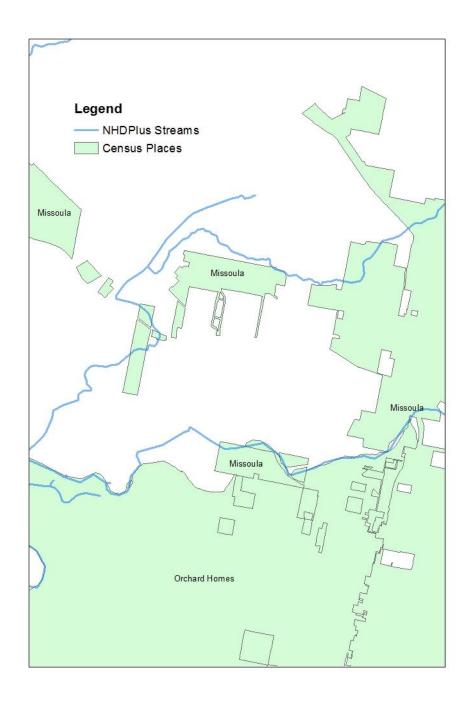


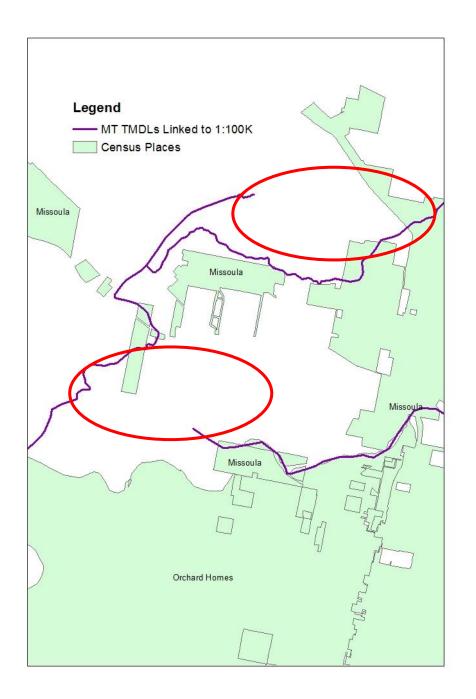
Then we looked at using the state's original source data conflated to 1:100,000 NHDPlus

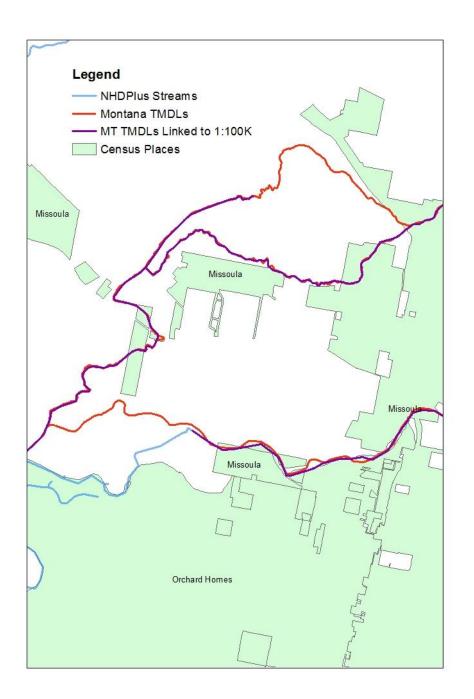


Example of a Montana TMDL that doesn't correlate well with 1:100K Surface Water (slides 8 to 11)



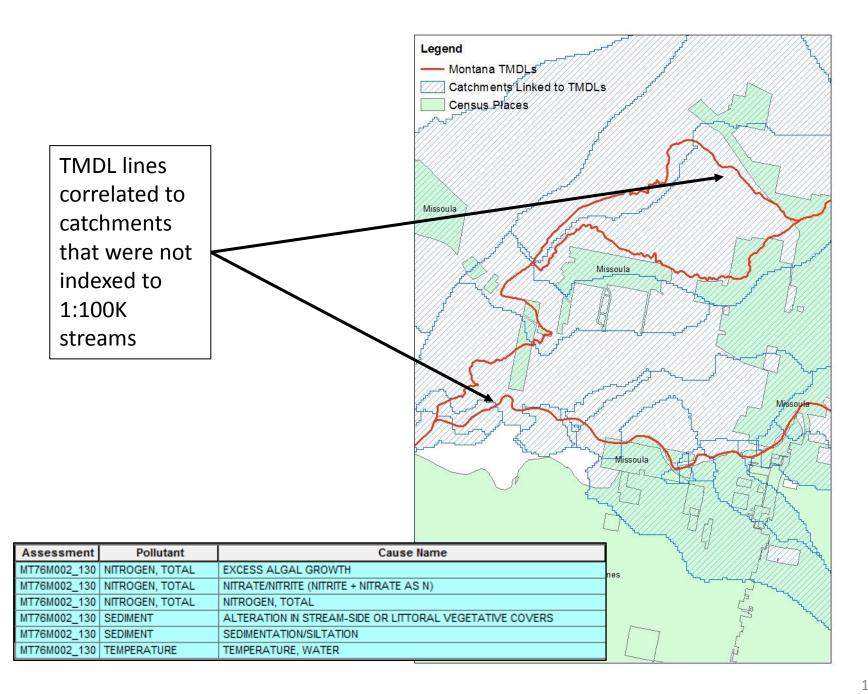






To Present: Why Catchments Make Sense

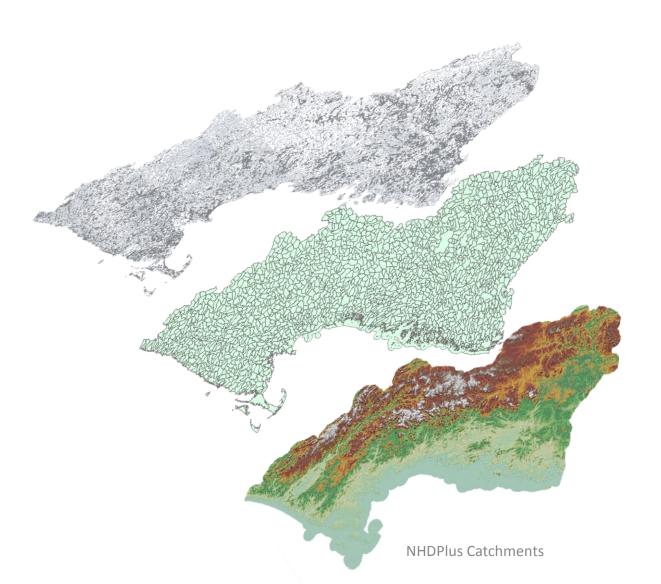




What are NHDPlus Catchments?

- Introduction to NHDPlus with a focus on NHDPlus Catchments
- Discussion of concerns about the use of NHDPlus catchments

NHDPlusV2 is the integration of 3 national datasets.

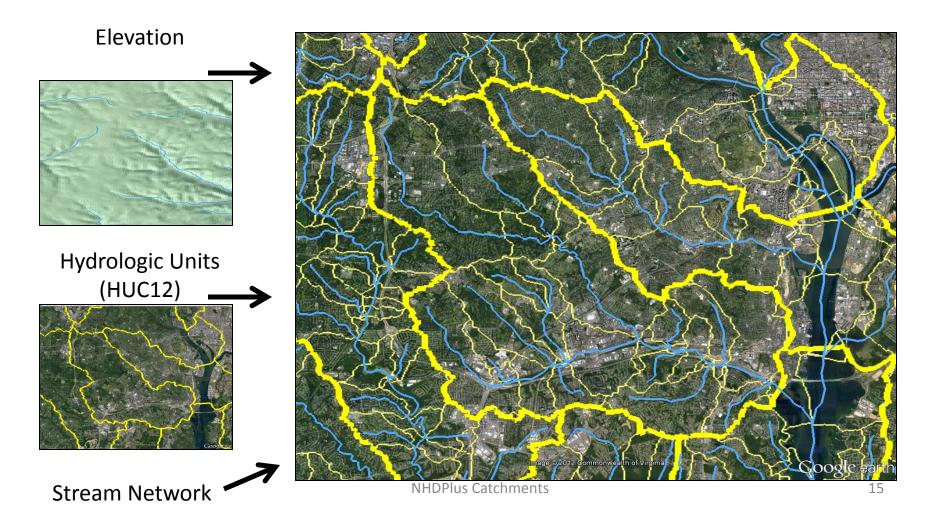


National Hydrography Dataset (NHD) (1:100K and better)

Watershed Boundary Dataset (WBD) (1:24K)

National
Elevation
Dataset (NED)
(10 meter and better source resampled to 30 meter)

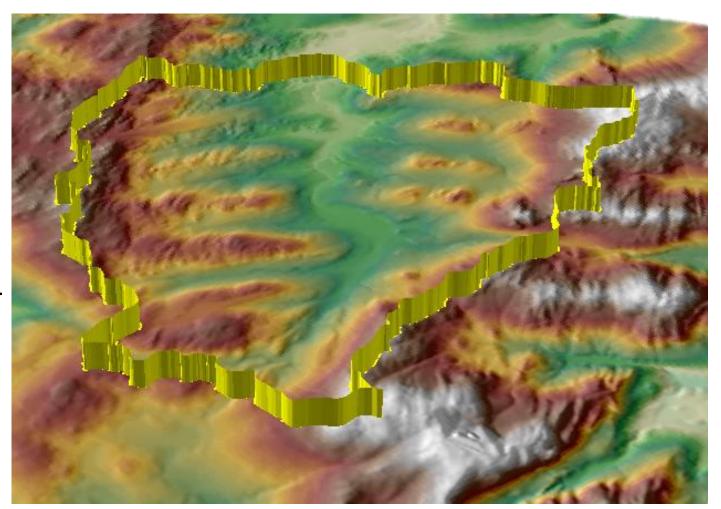
NHDPlusV2 catchments (light yellow lines) tie the landscape to the stream network forming a 'surface water geofabric'



NHDPlus V2 catchments correspond well to HUC12s and here is why.

WBD HUC 12 Boundaries

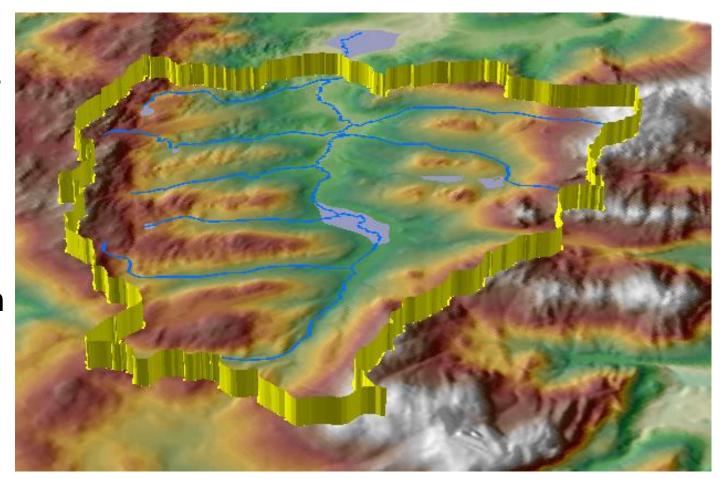
Used To Build Walls



NHDPlusV2 catchments correspond well to the stream network and waterbodies and here is why.

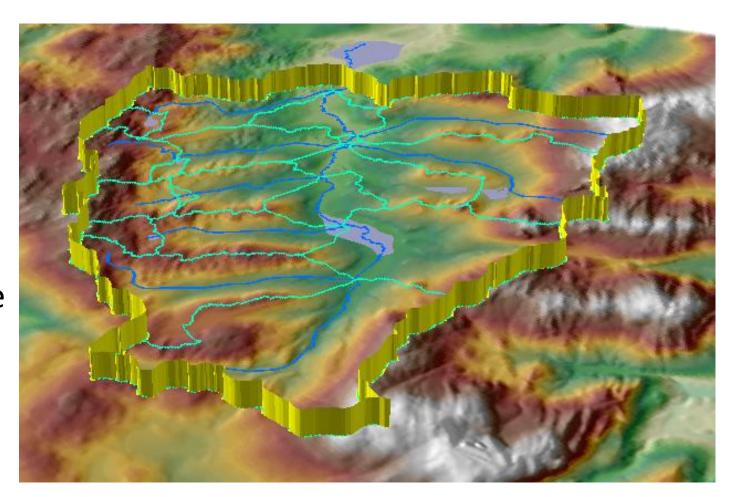
NHD Flowlines and Waterbodies (Blue)

Used to Trench
And Scoop
Into the
Elevation



NHDPlusV2 catchments are local drainage areas.

Catchment
(green lines)
for each NHD
Network
Segment (blue
lines)



Concerns raised about the use of NHDPlus Catchments

- How do catchment boundaries relate to higher resolution hydrography?
- Catchments for a lake do not capture the problems from upstream, and how will watershed-based priorities translate to catchments?

Question Raised: How do catchment boundaries relate to higher

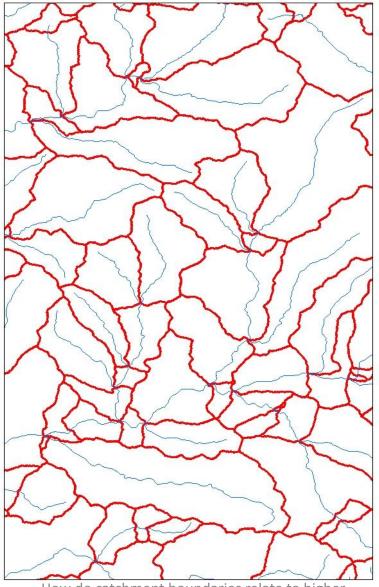
resolution hydrography?



Legend

- NHDPlus Streams (1:100K)

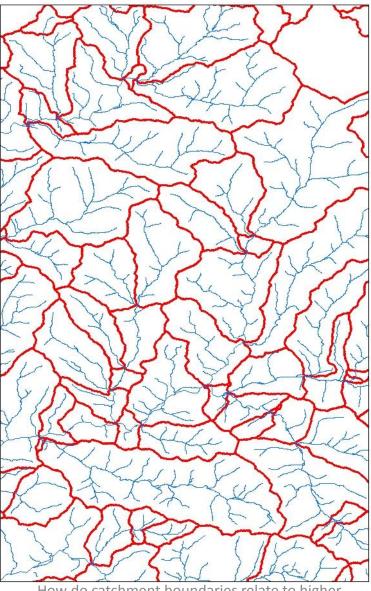
NHDPlus Catchments



How do catchment boundaries relate to higher resolution hydrography?

Legend

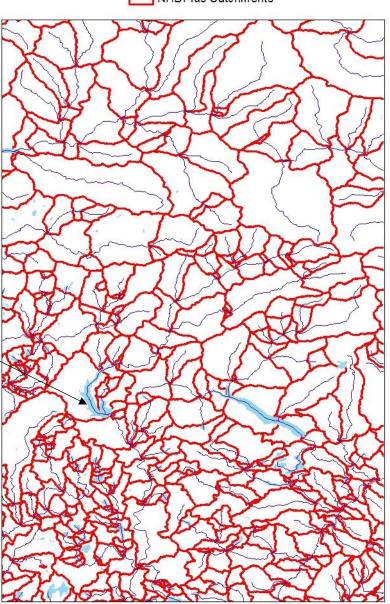
NHD Streams (1:24K)
NHDPlus Catchments

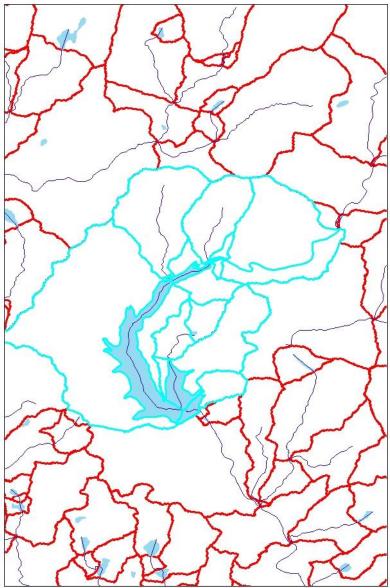


How do catchment boundaries relate to higher resolution hydrography?

Legend NHDPlus Streams Lakes NHDPlus Catchments

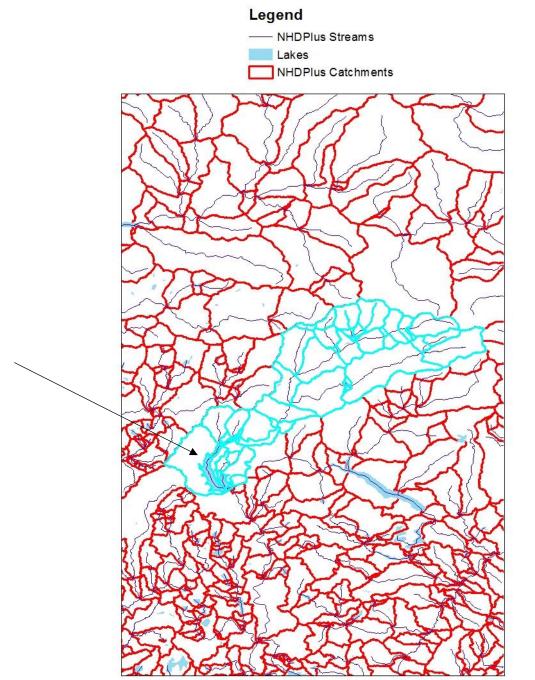
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Legend --- NHDPlus Streams Lakes Lake Local Drainage NHDPlus Catchments



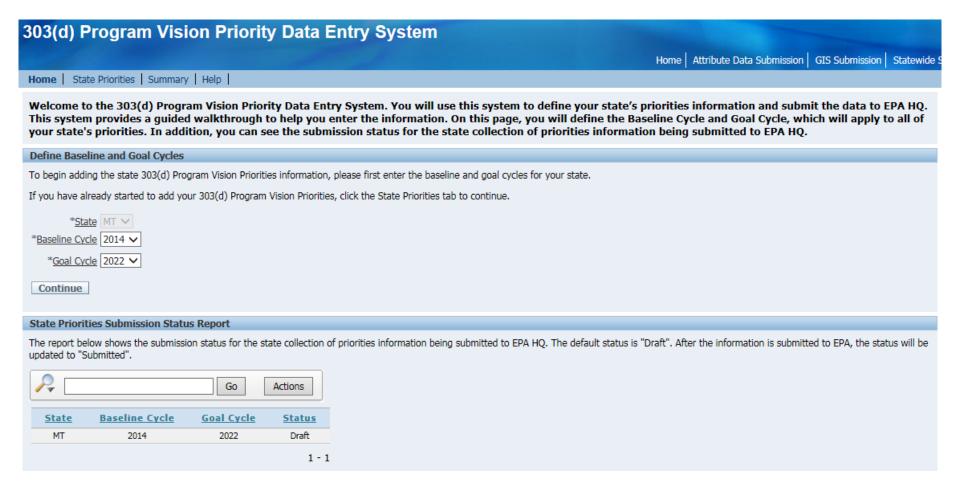
Legend --- NHDPlus Streams Lakes Lake Watershed NHDPlus Catchments

Questions

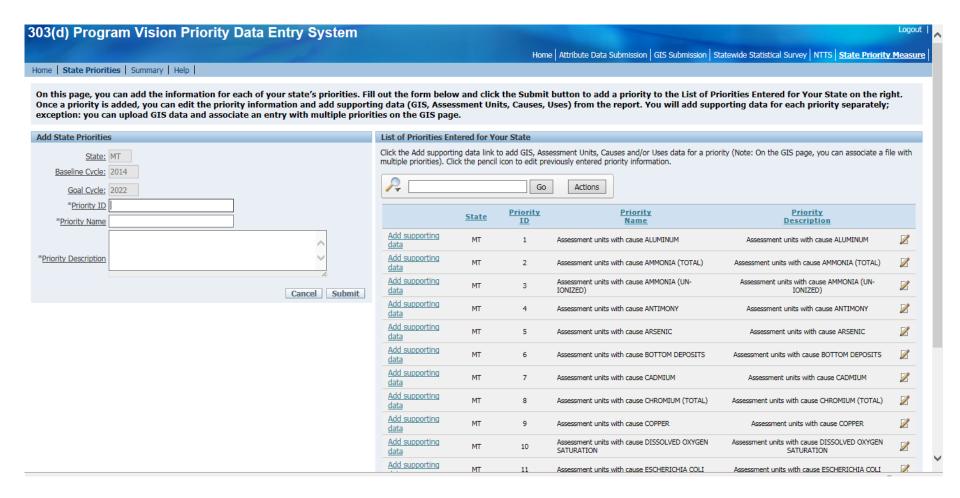
WQ-27 and WQ-28 Discussion

- Quick glance at the Draft Priorities Data Entry Tool
 - More discussion later today
- Quick glance at the Catchment Indexing Process
- WQ-27
 - Kansas
 - Montana
- WQ-28
 - Kansas
 - Montana

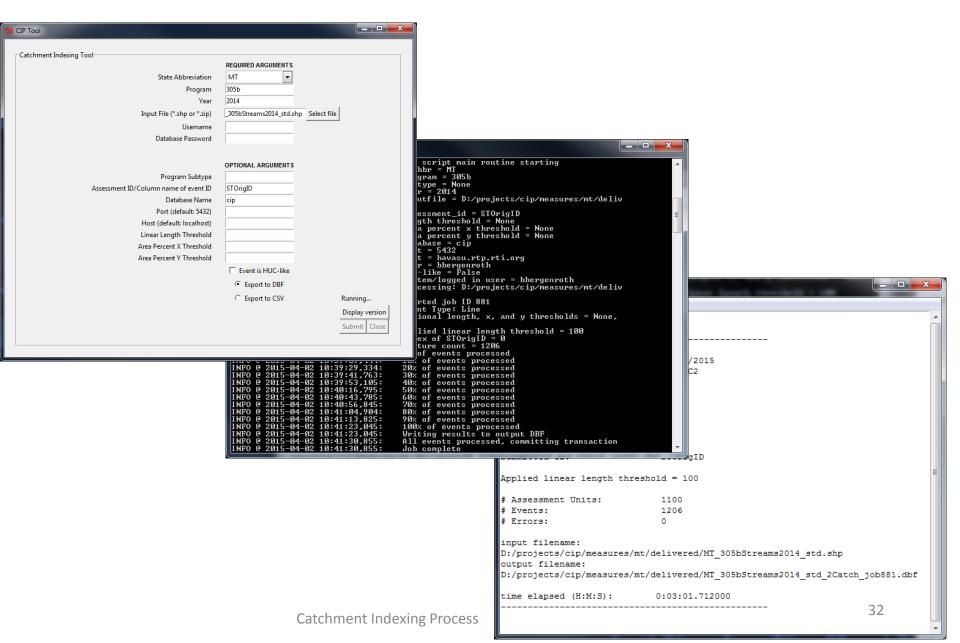
Draft Priorities Data Entry Tool



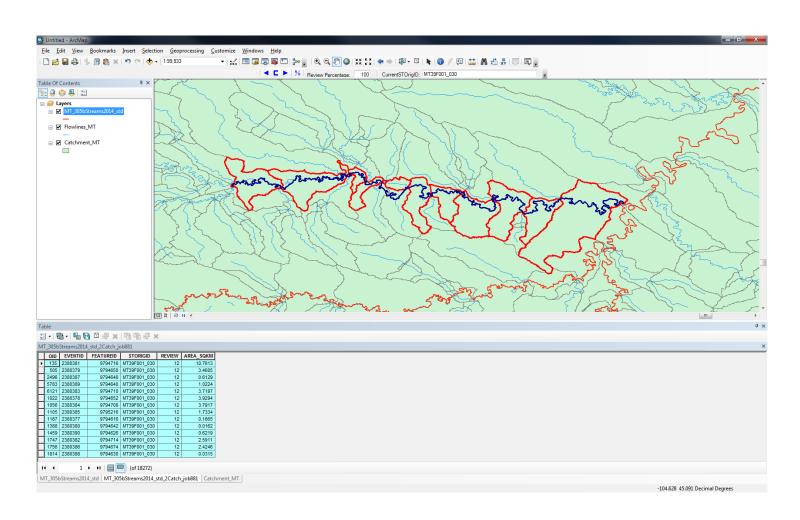
Draft Priorities Data Entry Tool (Cont.)



Catchment Indexing Process



Catchment Indexing Process QA



Calculating WQ-27

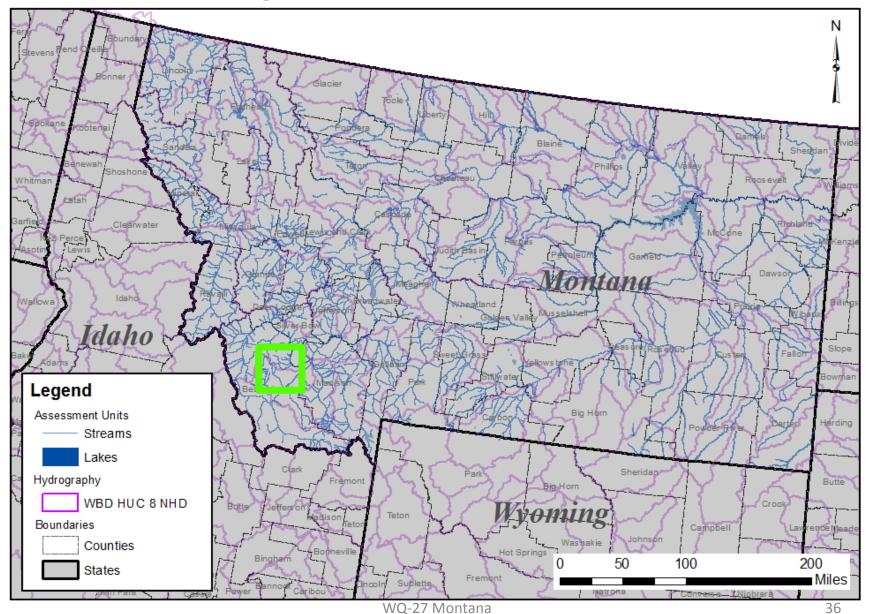
- Tracks "Plans in Place" for state Long-Term Priorities from 2016 to 2022
 - Priorities: Defined by state (assessment units, watersheds, ecoregions, or basins; pollutants; or designated uses)
 - Plans: TMDLs, Alternatives, Protection
 - Alternatives: Category 5-alt; Category 4b, Category 4c
 - Protection: Waters supporting designated uses
 - Flexibility to change long-term priorities
- Goal of 100% "Plans in Place" by 2022
 - Set annual targets/commitments
 - Report progress annually (end of each fiscal year)
 - Priority recognized under measure when all plans in place

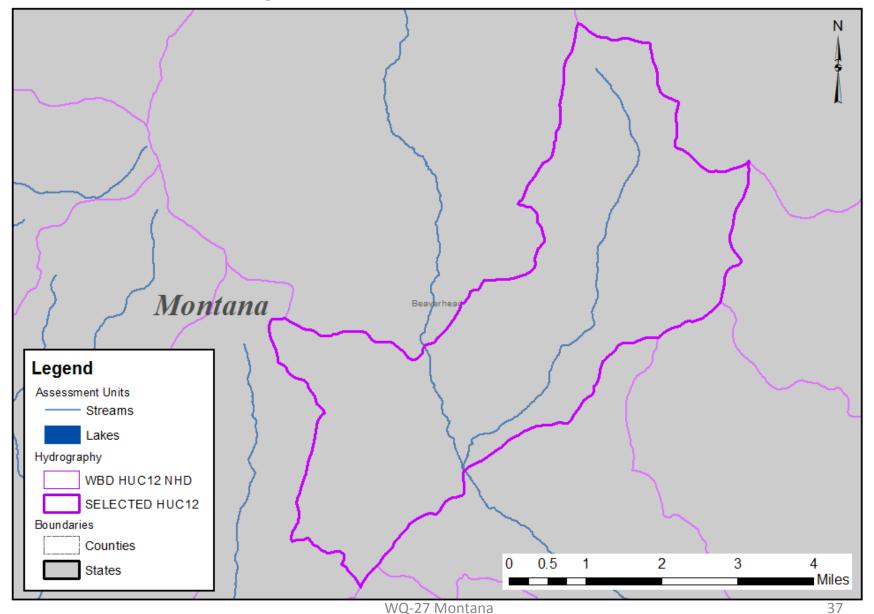
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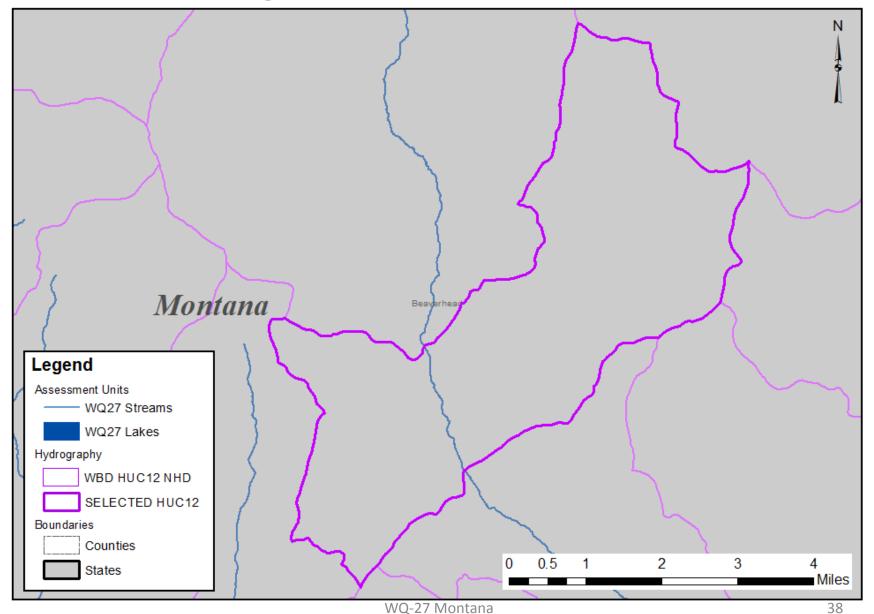
Montana

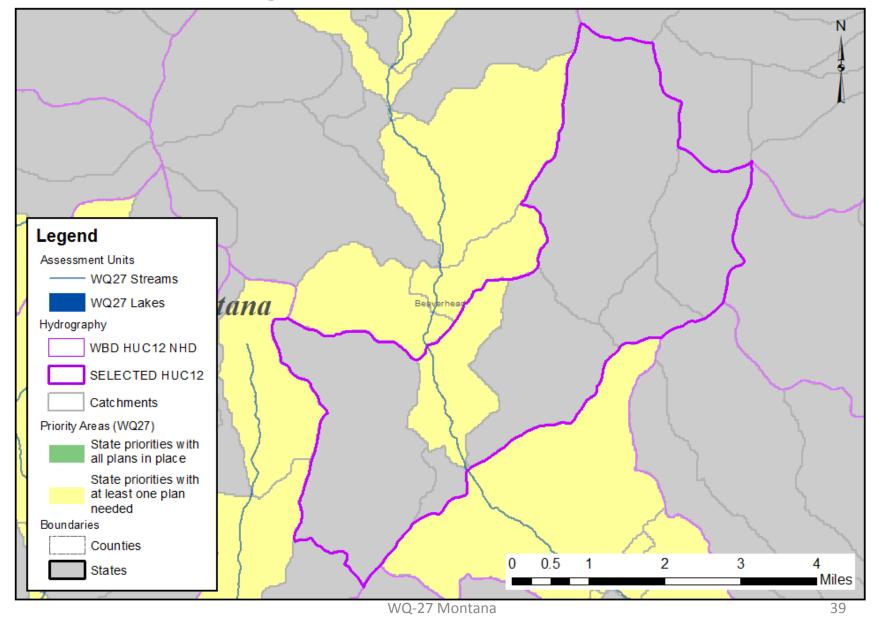
- Priorities: Assessment Unit / Cause of Impairment Combinations
- Used 2014 Integrated Reporting Cycle Geospatial Information for Baseline Cycle

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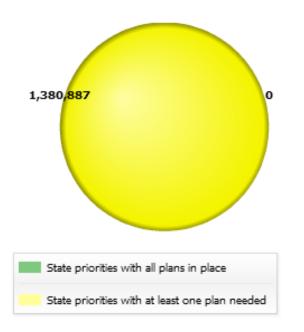


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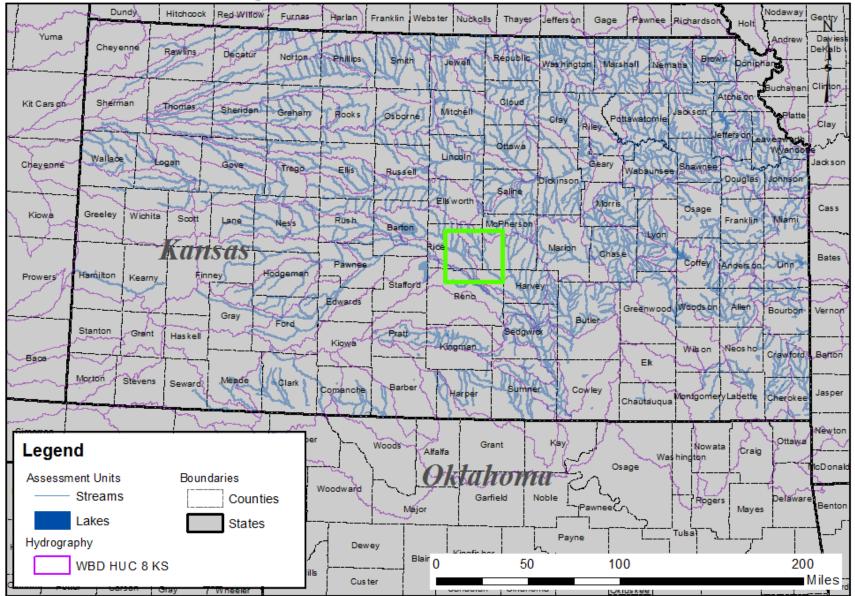
WQ-27 Universe and Baseline Info

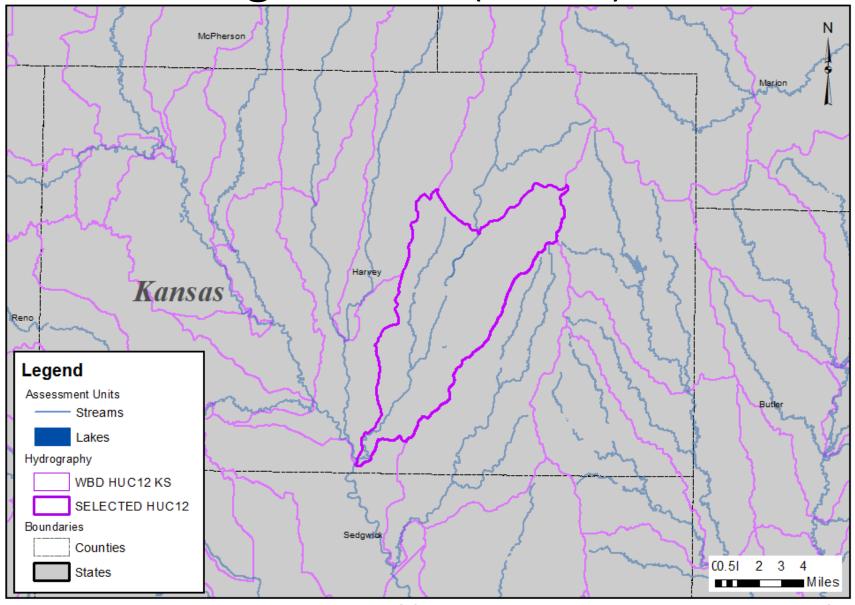
2014 IK Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	1,380,887.18
Baseline area:	.00
Baseline percent:	0%



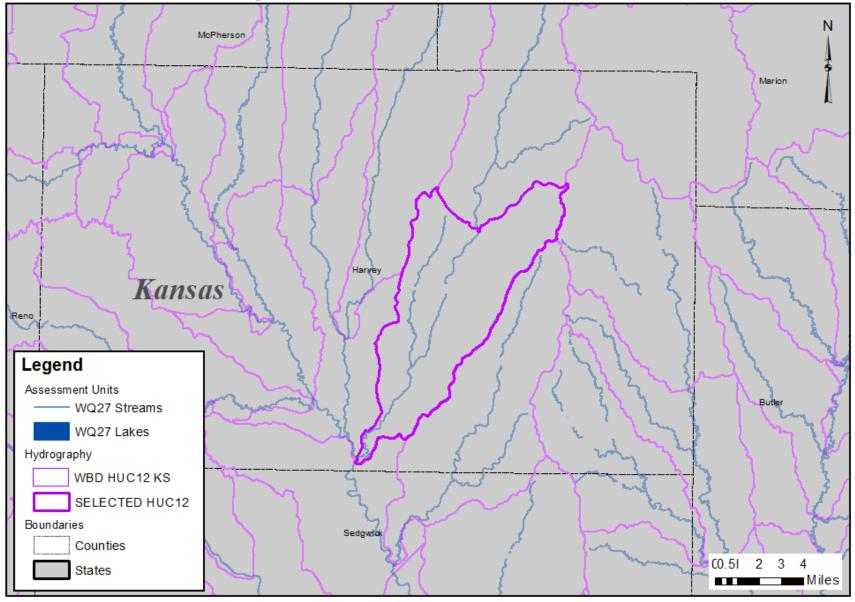
- Kansas
 - Priorities: HUC 12s
 - EPA interpreted information provided as Assessment Units with Phosphorus and Nitrate Impairments
 - Discussion Point on Plan Area
 - Priorities included waters with TMDLs "Plans in Place"
 - Used 2014 Integrated Reporting Cycle Geospatial Information for Baseline Cycle

Calculating WQ-27

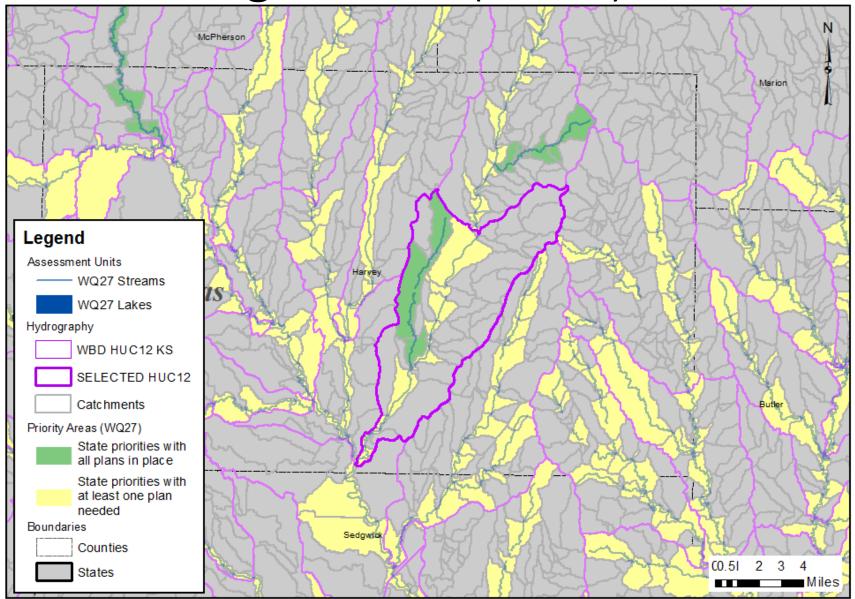




WQ-27 Kansas



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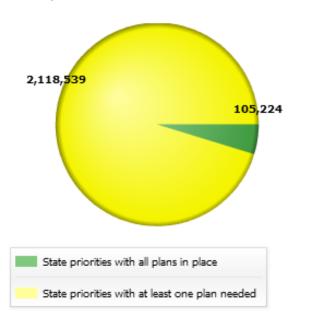
WQ-27 Kansas

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WQ-27 Universe and Baseline Info

2014 IR Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	2,223,762.74
Baseline area:	105,223.96
Baseline percent:	4.73%

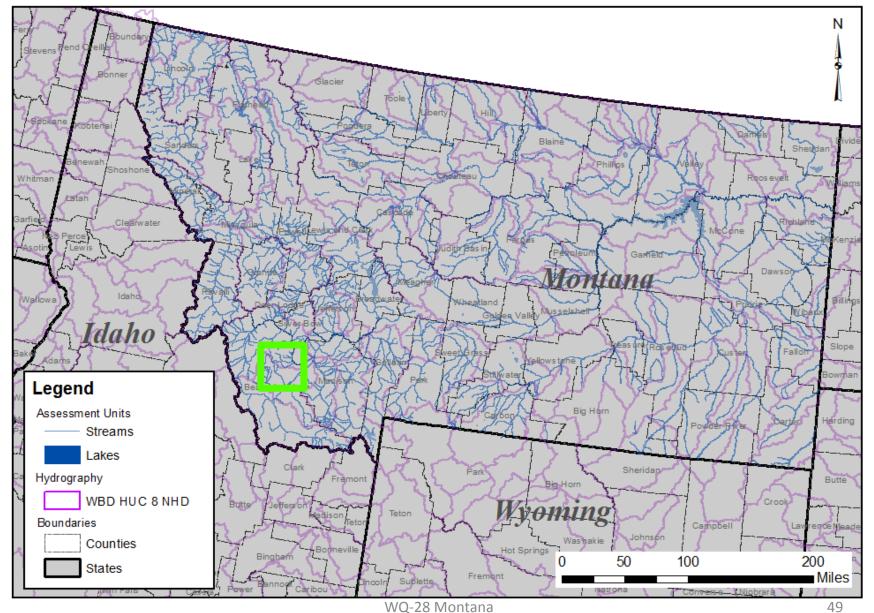


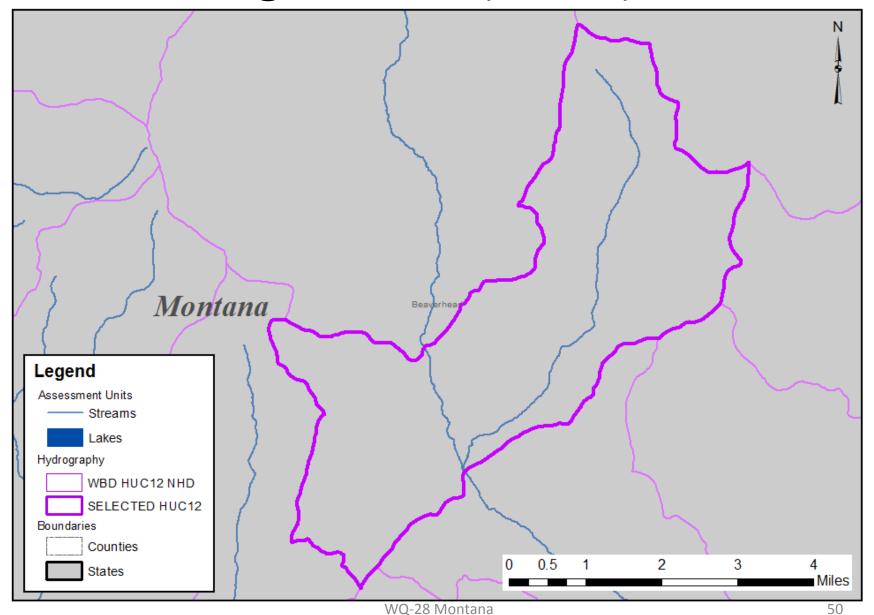
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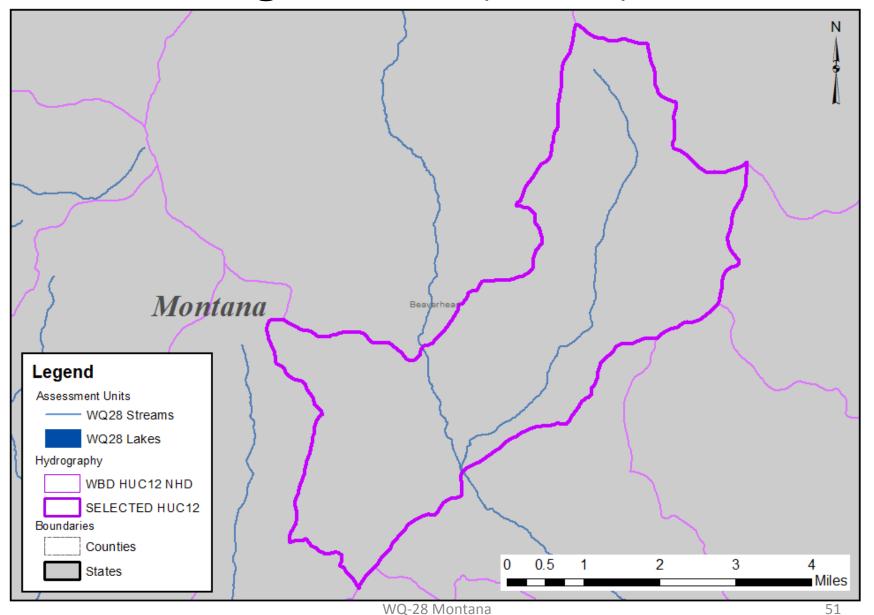
Calculating WQ-28

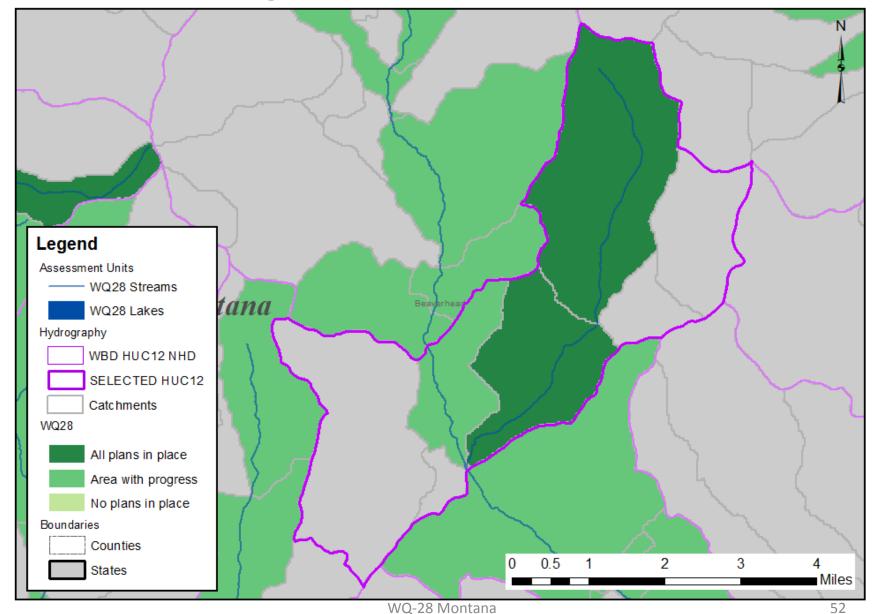
- Tracks "Plans in Place" and progress towards "Plans in Place" within and outside of priorities
 - Plans: TMDLs, Alternatives, Protection
 - Alternatives: Category 5-alt; Category 4b, Category 4c
 - Protection: Waters supporting designated uses
 - Progress: Planning and Developing
 - Based on information at assessment unit level
 - Uses a weighted approach
 - "Rolling" baseline
- Report progress annually (end of each fiscal year)
 - Universe and baseline updated with each new Integrated Report

- Montana
 - Entire state (within and outside of priorities)
 - Used 2014 Integrated Reporting Cycle Geospatial Information for Baseline Cycle









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WQ-28 Universe and Baseline Info

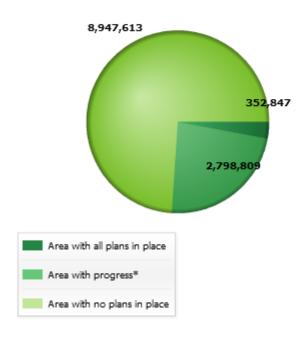
2014 IR Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	12,099,269.36
Baseline area (weighted)	1,656,035.67
Baseline percent:	13.69%

Current Measure Status

FY 2015	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	12,099,269.36
WQ-28 area (weighted):	1,656,035.67
WQ-28 percent:	13.69%

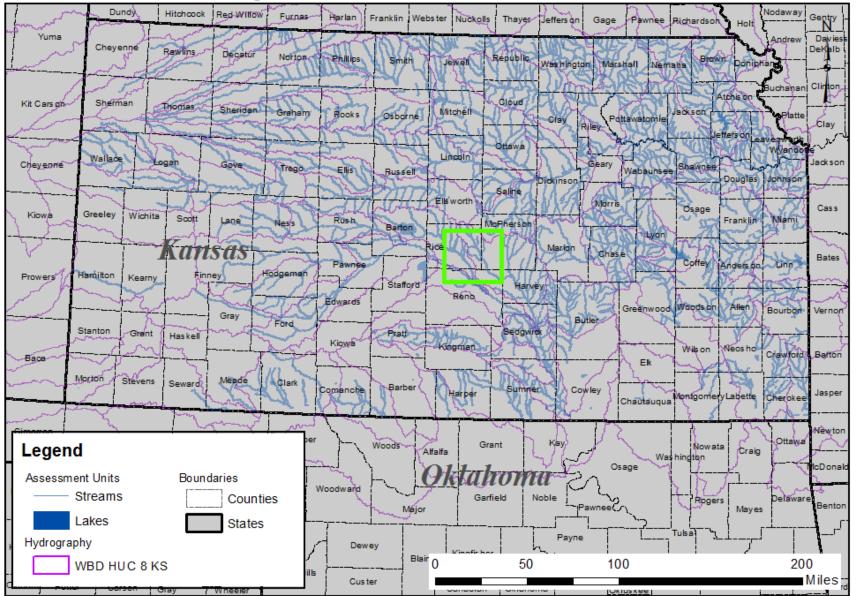
WQ-28 Baseline Plan Breakdown

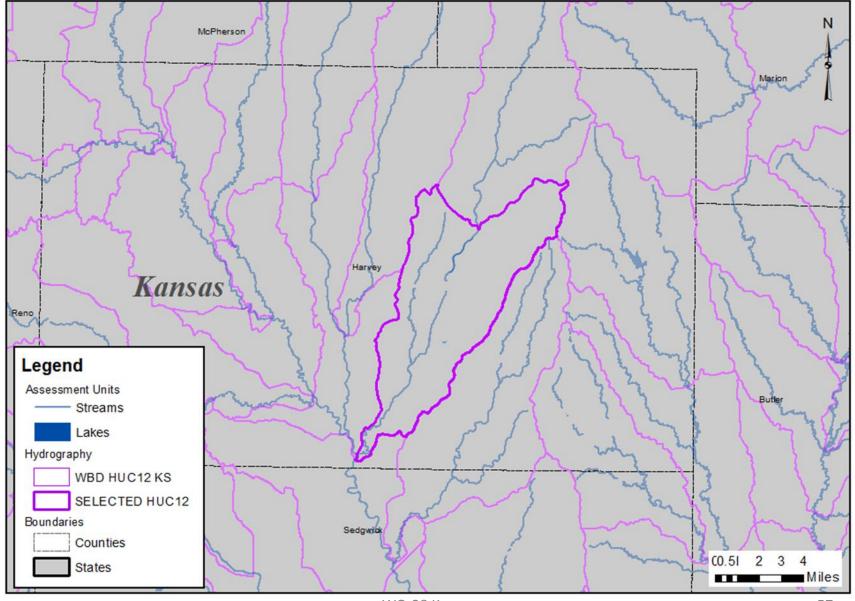
2014 IR Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	12,099,269.36
Area with all plans in place:	352,847.06
Area with progress*:	2,798,809.26
Area with no plans in place:	8,947,613.04



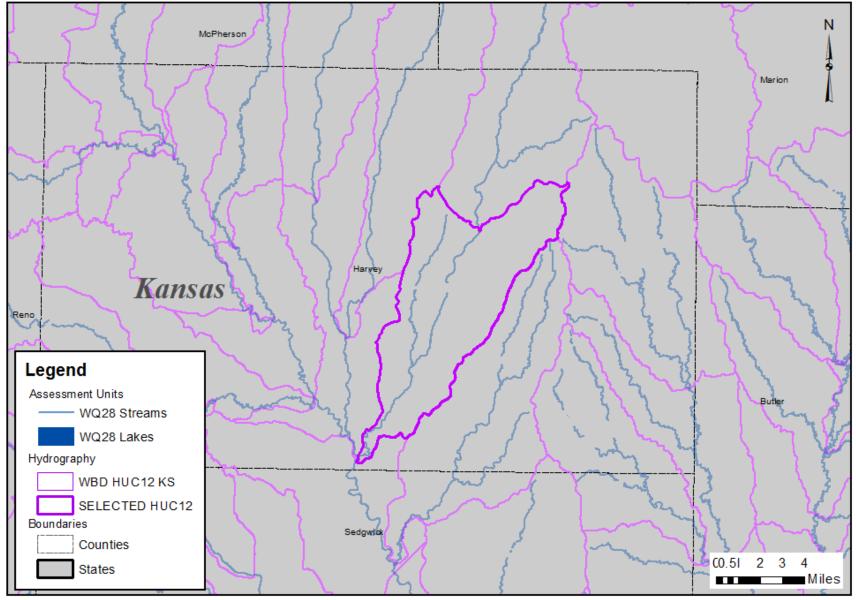
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- Kansas
 - Entire state (within and outside of priorities)
 - Used 2014 Integrated Reporting Cycle Geospatial Information for Baseline Cycle

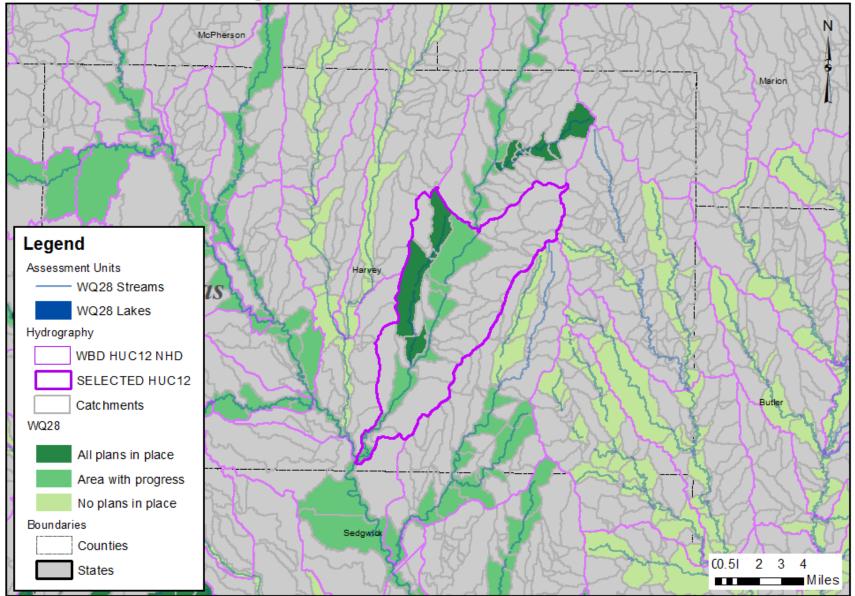




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WQ-28 Universe and Baseline Info

2014 IR Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	9,196,567.08
Baseline area (weighted):	2,308,999.17
Baseline percent:	25.11%

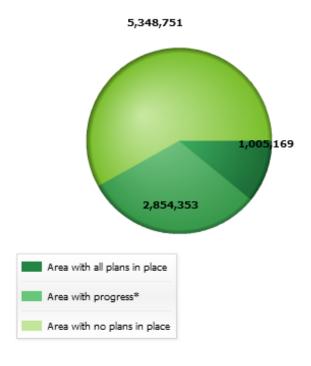
Current Measure Status

FY 2015	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	9,196,567.08
WQ-28 area (weighted):	2,341,058.18
WQ-28 percent:	25.46%

WQ-28 Kansas

WQ-28 Baseline Plan Breakdown

2014 IR Cycle	Catchment Acres
Universe area:	9,208,272.81
Area with all plans in place:	1,005,168.97
Area with progress*:	2,854,352.63
Area with no plans in place:	5,348,751.21



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Questions

Timeline for Reporting on WQ-27 in FY 2016

 States submit information (data) that outlines "draft" long-term priorities from now to July 2015

- EPA calculates universe and baseline
 - States work with EPA to QA universe and baseline results from now to September 2015
- States work through scenarios for developing "draft commitments" from now to September 2015

 States submit "draft final" FY 2016 commitments by late September/early October 2015

- Regions enter approved TMDLs into NTTS from October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016
- EPA works with states to design, build, and test the data entry tool for alternatives and protection plans from now to Spring/Summer 2016

States submit 2016 Integrated Reports on April 1, 2016

- States inform EPA if adjustments should be made to WQ-27 universe, baseline, and "draft final" commitments set in October 2015. This should occur in April 2016
 - If yes, work with EPA to modify WQ-27 information in April and May 2016, and submit adjustments in May 2016
 - If no, nothing more to do at this time

- EPA to calculate end-of-year results based on plans in place that were entered into ATTAINS by September 30, 2016. This will occur during October 2016. Generally end-of-year results are due at the end of October or early November.
 - EPA will coordinate with states and Regions to confirm calculations and end-of-year results calculated are correct.
- October 2016
 - We survived the first year reporting on WQ-27
 - We did it!

Timeline for Reporting on WQ-28 in FY 2016

- EPA calculates universe and baseline
 - EPA will use most recent IR data available in ATTAINS
 - For "protection" waters, the state will need to identify these waters for EPA
- States work with EPA to QA universe and baseline results from now to July 2016

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