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Class Title and Information	Length of Class
Land & Water Resource Information Found on the Internet through the Natural Resources Information Center (NRIS) (and other Montana State websites) This class describes how you can find detailed and revealing information about any location or property. This includes things such as wells, water rights, ownership and other county tax information (cadastral data), zoning, subdivision name, nearby contaminant sources, surface water, and many other types of data sets.	**2 hours**
Land & Water Resource Information Found on the Internet through the Montana Bureau of Mines & Geology (MBMG) – Ground Water Information Center (GWIC) This class enables the students to find and interpret well logs and information on local groundwater or surface water. It also provides students with the ability to navigate around the MBMG sites that provide information on geology and geologic studies.	**1 hour**
Groundwater in Montana This is a non-technical presentation of hydrogeology and groundwater resources of particular areas, the region, and the state.	**1.5 hours**
Hydrogeology – Groundwater This is a more focused discussion of groundwater characteristics and groundwater issues relevant to the locality of the class and statewide. It's more technical than the Groundwater in Montana class, but is still designed for the public (i.e., non-scientists).	**1.5 hours**
Drinking Water Source Protection Planning This is a discussion of practical ways to reduce the vulnerability of a Public Water Supply drinking water well to contaminants in the area.	**1.5 hours**
Septic Systems – Construction, Operation, and Maintenance This is a thorough explanation of how private and small public septic systems work; types of septic systems; what septic treatment goals are; and what their limitations are. Also covered are discussions of operation and maintenance, as well as state and local regulations. This class is often presented by a local sanitarian and DEQ staff to ensure the message is tailored to local issues. Free nitrate screening is often available for all water well samples brought into the class. Note: This class is best presented in conjunction with the Well Systems class and is especially useful for Small Acreage Landowners.	**1.5 hours**
Well Systems – Construction, Operation, and Maintenance This is a thorough explanation of how private and small public well systems work; types of domestic water systems; water treatment devices; and treatment methodologies. Also covered are discussions of drilling and construction of wells, and the operation and maintenance of water systems. A DEQ hydrogeologist presents this class. Free nitrate screening is often available for all water well samples brought into the class. Note: This class is best presented in conjunction with the Septic Systems class and is especially useful for Small Acreage Landowners.	**1.5 hours**

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