

CSKT Aquatic Invasive Species Program



About CSKT

- Flathead Reservation ~1.3 million acres.
- 5% of that area, or about 65,000 acres, is the southern portion of Flathead Lake.
- 40,000 acres of wetlands like marshes, fens, kettle ponds, etc. (excluding the lake)
- Around 1,000+ linear miles of perennial rivers and streams.
 - Hundreds more miles of intermittent streams!



What We Do

- Education Outreach with local schools
- Operate 2 Watercraft Inspection Stations
 - Ravalli & Thompson Falls
- Assist with Early Detection and Monitoring
 - MT-FWP & Biological Station



Education & Outreach

- Mussel Walk
 - 2 Schools attended
 - Big Fork
 - Polson



Education & Outreach

- River Honoring
 - Multiple schools attended
 - Mostly 4th & 5th



Ravalli WIS

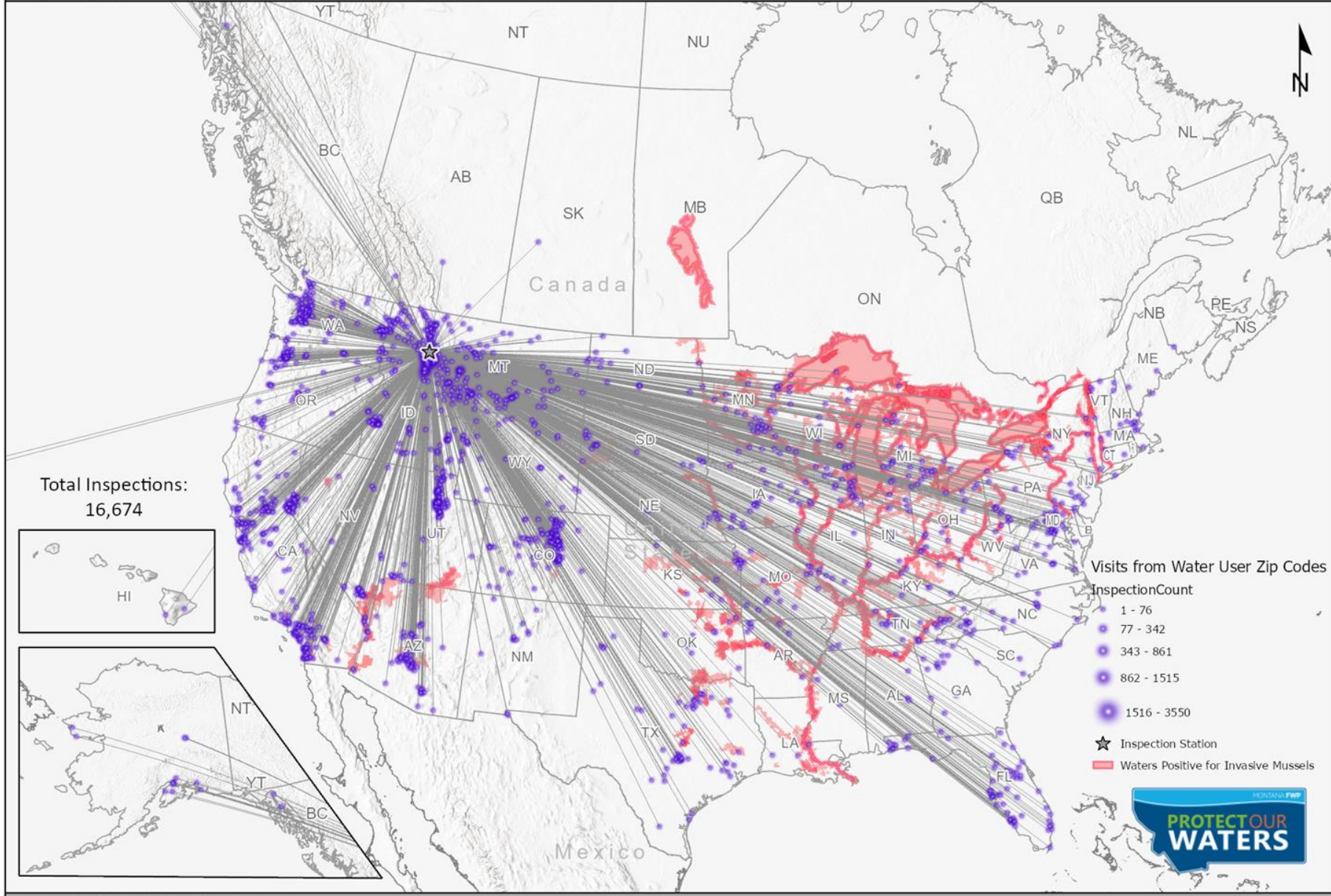
- Operate March- October
- 24/7 Operations May- September
- '23 Total inspections:14,268
- Total inspections: 2,367
 - 367 Memorial Day Weekend



Ravalli Inspection Station

MONTANA FWP

Watercraft Movement into Montana 2021



Thomson Falls

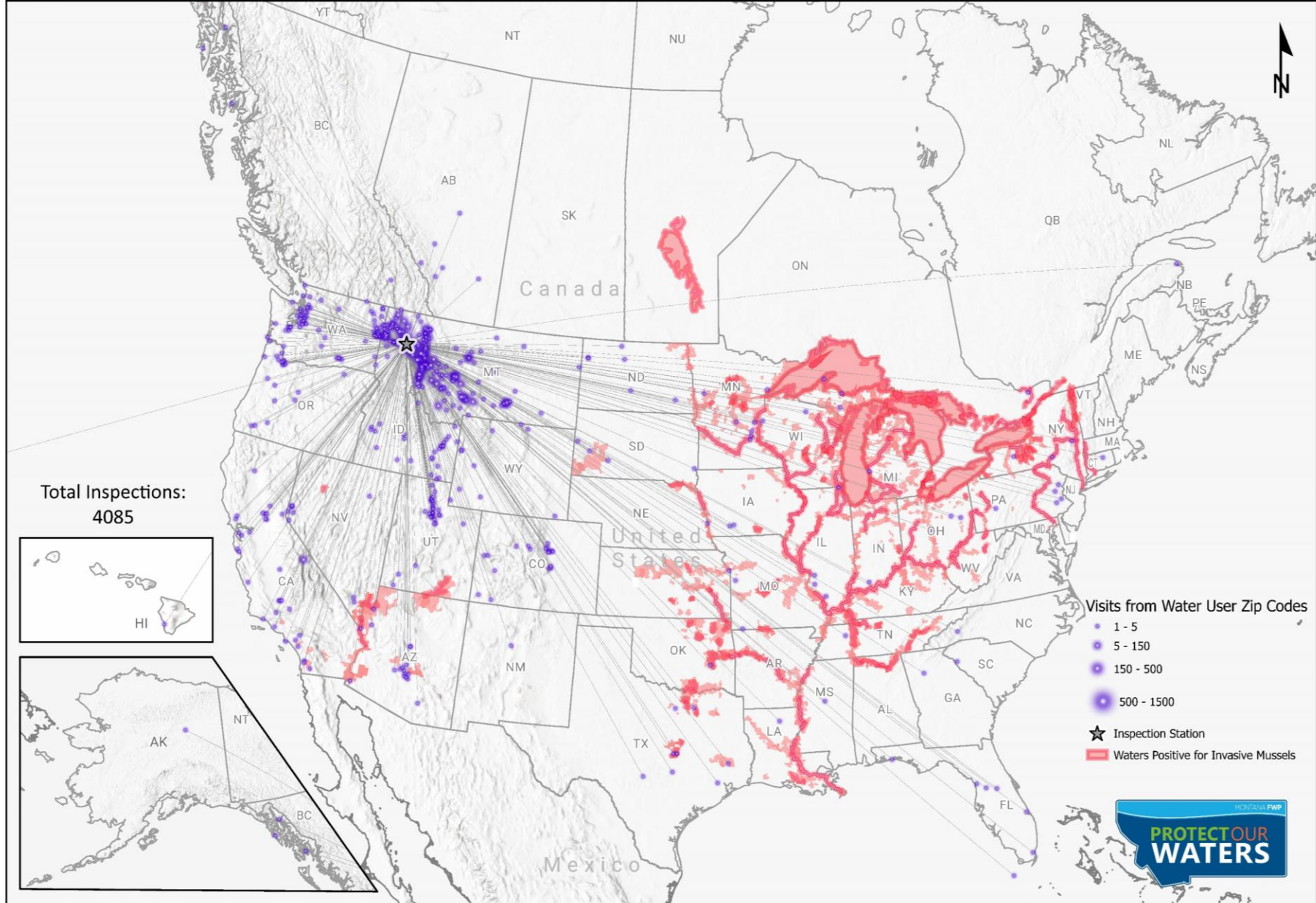
- Operate April- October
- Last Season Total inspections: 4,133
- Total inspections: 485
 - 84 Memorial Day weekend



Thompson Falls Inspection Station

MONTANA FWP

Watercraft Movement into Montana 2022



Special Guests

- Debra Tirmenstein & her mussel sniffing dogs!



Early Detection and Monitoring

- Flathead Lake Biological Station
 - Dock sweeps
 - Plankton tow net in deep waters
- Montana Fish Wildlife & Parks
 - Macroinvertebrate, plankton tow net, and throw rake
 - Plankton tow net in deep waters



Eurasian Watermilfoil

- Late August 2022 FWP found floating EWM fragment in Pablo Reservoir
- September 2023 surveyed Pablo and surrounding waters
 - Detected only *so far* in Pablo Reservoir
- Working on treatment plan with USFWS
 - USFWS manages the reserve
 - BIA-Flathead Irrigation Project managers water



In the works

- Treatment plan for Eurasian Watermilfoil (EWM)
- Finalizing Rapid Response Plan





Questions?