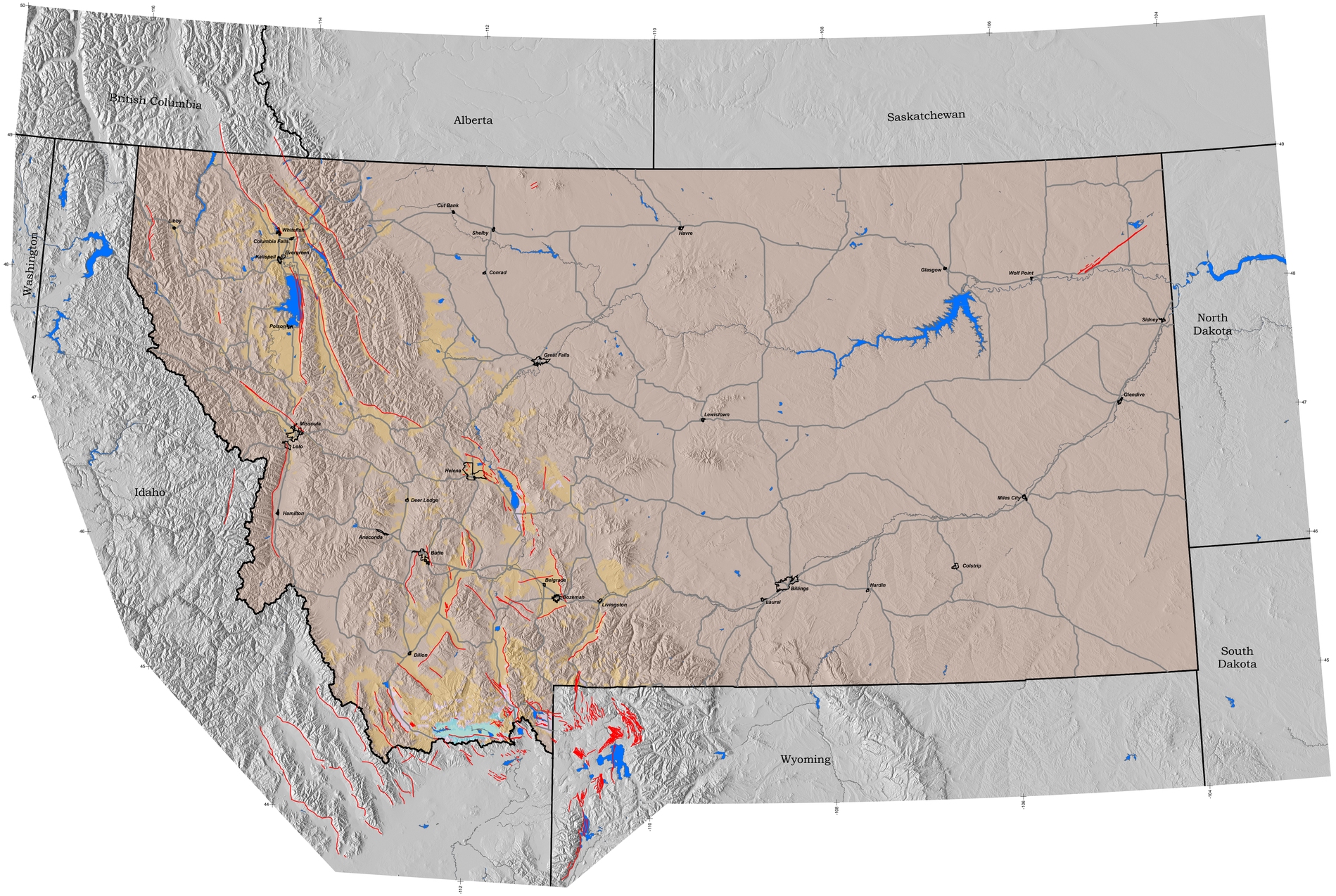
Plate 14
10% Probability of Exceedance in 50 Years
Peak Horizontal Acceleration (g) at the ground surface



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Peak Horizontal Acceleration (g)
Modified Mercalli Intensity from Wald and others,1999

< 0.1	I - V	**Weak to moderate shaking.** Very light damage at MM V.
0.1 – 0.2	VI	**Strong shaking.** Felt by all, many frightened and run outdoors. Some heavy furniture moved; a few instances of fallen plaster and damaged chimneys. Damage light.
0.2 – 0.3	VII	**Very strong shaking.** Negligible damage in buildings of good design and construction; slight to moderate in well-built ordinary structures; considerable in poorly built or designed structures.
0.3 – 0.4		
0.4 – 0.5	VIII	**Severe shaking.** Slight damage in specially designed structures; considerable in ordinary substantial buildings with partial collapse; great in poorly built structures.
0.5 – 0.6		

Quaternary Faults

Fault Database modified from Stickney and others, 2000
(See Appendix for other fault map sources)

Explanation

This map illustrates the estimated potential ground shaking that may occur or be exceeded at a specified probability of 10% in 50 years or one chance in 500 on an annual basis. All known significant seismic sources which could generate strong ground shaking in the area have been included in the probabilistic seismic hazard analysis.

Limitations

There are large uncertainties associated with earthquake ground motion prediction in Montana due to limited region-specific information and data on the characteristics of seismic sources and ground motion attenuation. Additional uncertainty stems from the characterization of the subsurface geology beneath the map area and the estimation of the associated site response effects on ground motions.

The maps should not be used directly for site-specific design or in place of site-specific hazard evaluations.

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20 10 0 20 40 60 80 100 Kilometers

20 10 0 20 40 60 80 100 Miles

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