

Harrison Glacier

Glacier National Park, MT



1913

W. C. Alden photo, USGS



2009

Ralph Thornton, USGS photo

While difficult to quantify, this photo pair of Harrison Glacier exemplifies the loss of glacier volume. Comparison of the ice profile in the foreground of the photos shows a marked thinning of the glacier over the years,. Colorful layers of sedimentary bedrock are being exposed as the glacier recedes from the cliff bands.