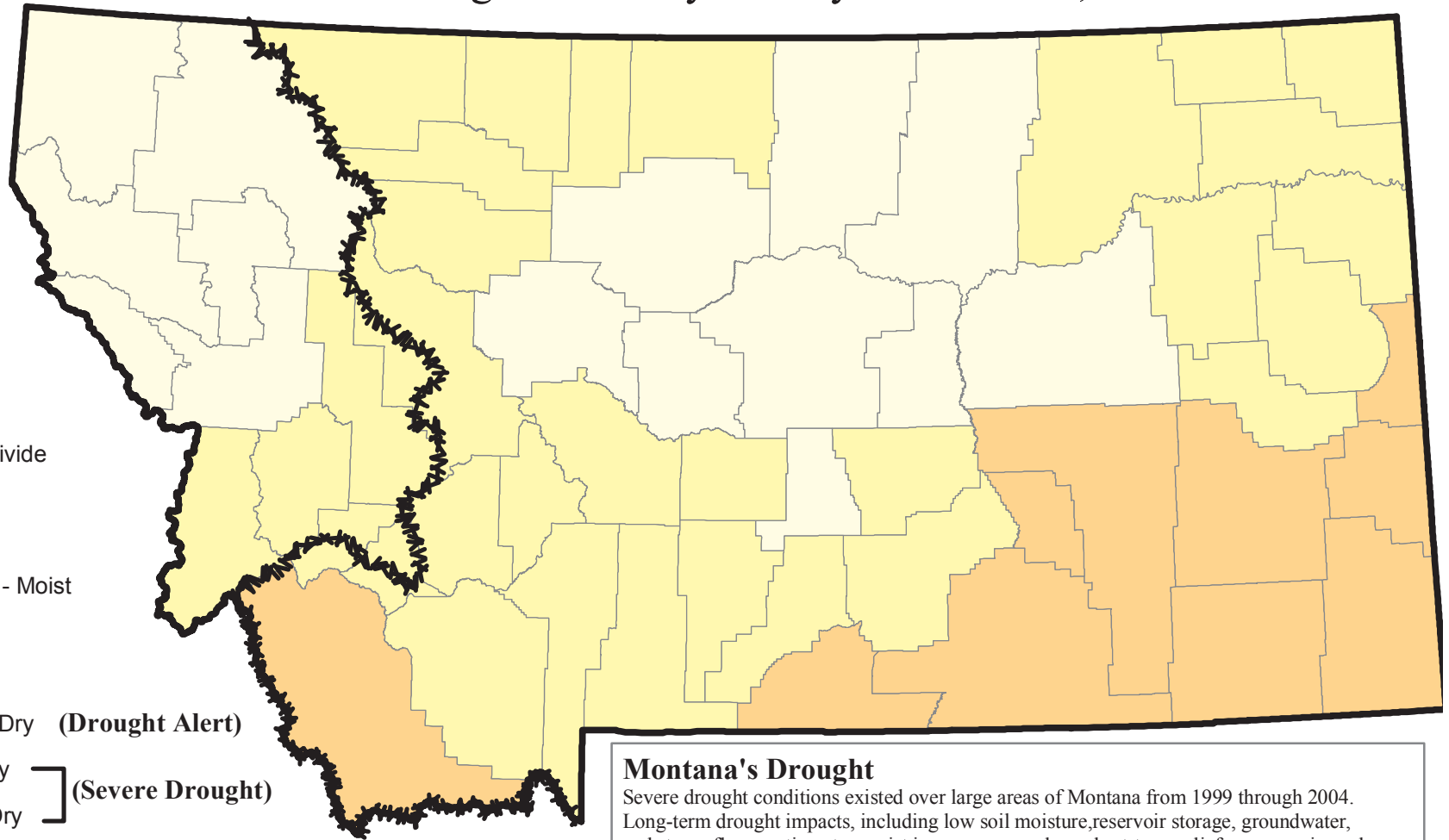


Montana Drought Status by County - December, 2006



Map Key

Continental Divide

Drought Status

December 2006

- No Drought - Moist
 - No Drought
 - Slightly Dry
 - Moderately Dry (Drought Alert)
 - Severely Dry
 - Extremely Dry
- (Severe Drought)**

Drought Impact Types - A = Agricultural - Soil Moisture, Range conditions

H = Hydrological - Water Supplies, Streamflow, Groundwater

Drought Alert - Governor's Drought Advisory Committee strongly encourages local officials to convene local drought committees.

Severe Drought - Local officials should have local drought planning efforts underway or should reconvene the local drought committee at the earliest opportunity.

For recommended responses, see the Montana Drought Plan.



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Montana's Drought

Severe drought conditions existed over large areas of Montana from 1999 through 2004. Long-term drought impacts, including low soil moisture, reservoir storage, groundwater, and streamflow continue to persist in some areas where short-term relief was experienced periodically over the course of 2005-2006.

The Governor's Drought Advisory Committee determines a drought status for each Montana County monthly. The drought status map is intended to inform Montanans of water supply and moisture conditions and to alert counties to so they may respond appropriately.

Drought Alert: The Governor's Drought Advisory Committee encourages local officials to organize local drought committees.

Severe Drought: Local drought planning efforts should be underway.

For information about how the drought status maps are determined or to learn more about recommended responses to drought see the Montana Drought Response Plan (<http://nris.state.mt.us/drought/committee/DroughtP.pdf>).