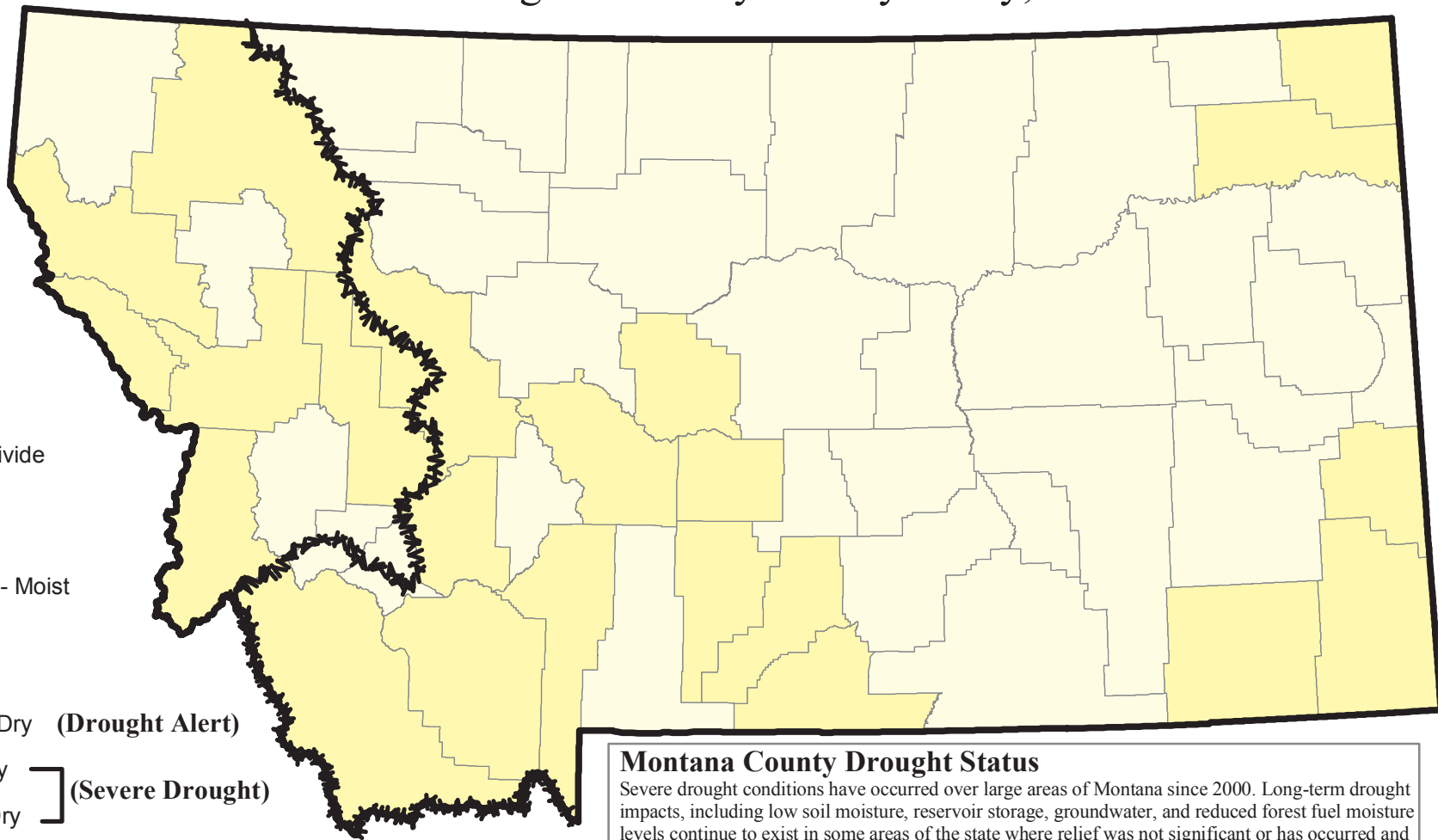


Montana Drought Status by County - May, 2007









Map Key

 Continental Divide

Drought Status

May 2007

-  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 County Drought Status

Severe drought conditions have occurred over large areas of Montana since 2000. Long-term drought impacts, including low soil moisture, reservoir storage, groundwater, and reduced forest fuel moisture levels continue to exist in some areas of the state where relief was not significant or has occurred and has since been lost again.

The Governor's Drought Advisory Committee determines a monthly drought status for each county year round. The drought status map is used to alert decision makers and local officials to the likelihood of drought conditions so timely responses and measures can be taken appropriately.

Drought Alert: After May 15 and at the Moderately Dry Status Level, the Governor's Drought Advisory Committee strongly encourages local officials to address the prospect of drought and consider convening a local drought committee.

Severe Drought: After May 15 and at the Severely Dry Drought Status level, local officials should have local drought planning efforts underway and if not, should convene their local committee at the earliest opportunity.

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/DroughtP07.pdf>)