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**Map Key**

Drought Impact Type

Continental Divide

**Moisture Status**

July 2013

- Extremely Moist
- Moderately Moist
- Slightly Moist
- Near Average (Normal)
- Slightly Dry
- Moderately Dry (Drought Alert)
- Extremely Dry (Severe Drought)

**Drought Impact Types -**

- A** = Agricultural - Soil Moisture, Range conditions
- H** = Hydrological - Water Supplies, Streamflow, Groundwater

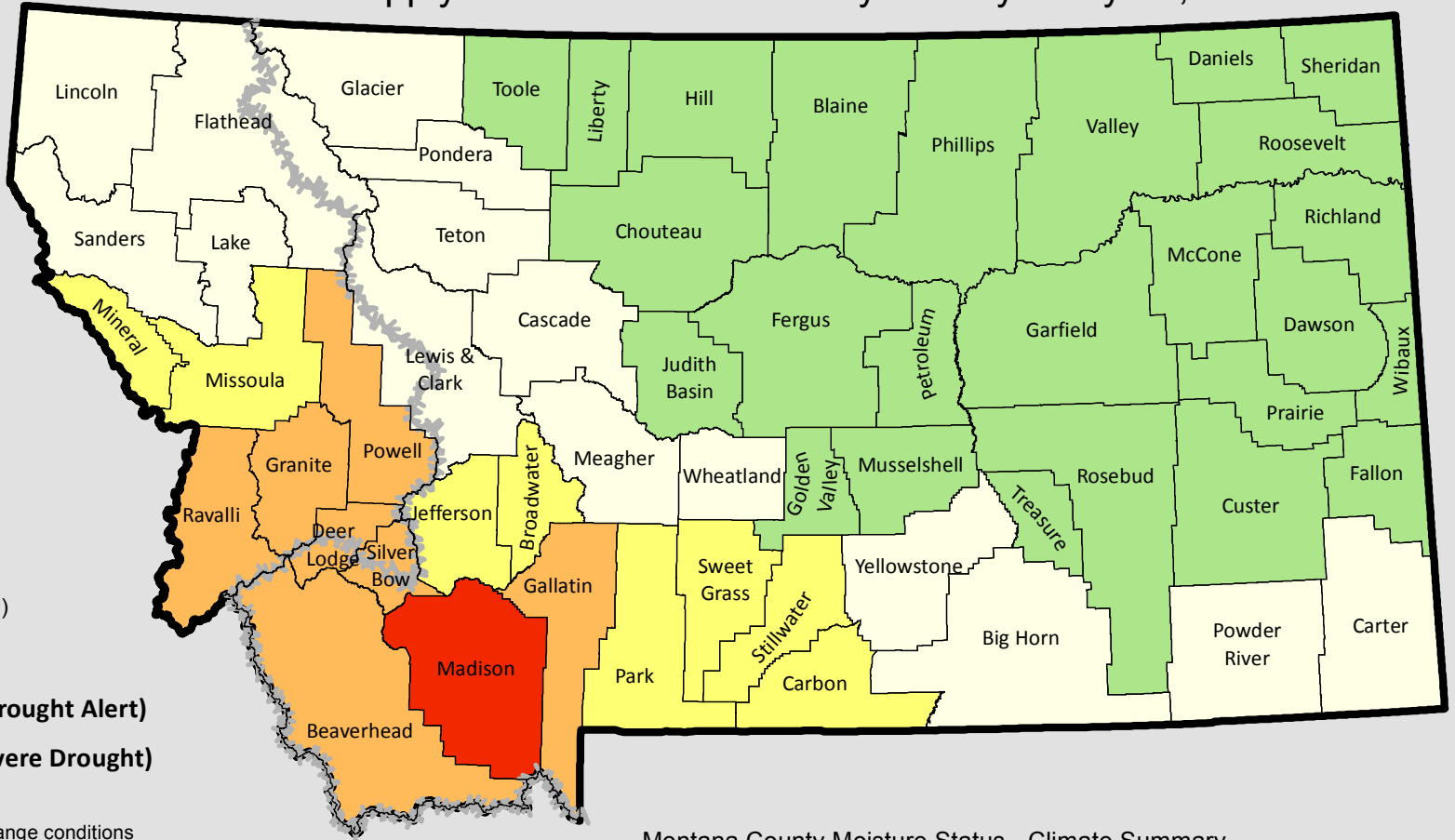
**Drought Alert** - Governor's Drought Advisory Committee strongly encourages local officials to convene local drought committees.

**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



<http://nris.mt.gov/drought/>

**Montana Water Supply and Moisture Status by County - July 12, 2013**



Montana County Moisture Status - Climate Summary

According to the National Weather Service Montana June Weather and Precipitation Report, "Overall, June had near normal temperatures and a mixed bag of precipitation. The warmest areas were across the southcentral and southwest. Above normal precipitation occurred in northcentral and northeast Montana while the driest area was found across the southern tier of the state." The heaviest precipitation fell across Blaine, Phillips, Fergus, and Petroleum counties with as much as 9 inches in the Little Rocky Mountains. "June was the eighth consecutive month with above normal composite soil moisture conditions. This June ranks as the third wettest of record since 1995." The National Climate Data Center monthly climate discussion can be found here:

<http://www.ncdc.noaa.gov/sotc/> Updated precipitation

figures for Montana can be found here:

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/tfx/dx.php?wfo=tfx&type=&loc=products&fx=PCPNTOTALS>

According to the NASS July Crop Weather Report, "Topsoil moisture is 63% adequate and surplus and subsoil was 65% adequate and surplus. Range and Pasture feed condition Fair-Good-Excellent was 83%. Winter Wheat was 93% Fair-Good-Excellent.