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**Map Key**

Drought Impact Type

Continental Divide

**Moisture Status**

**October 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

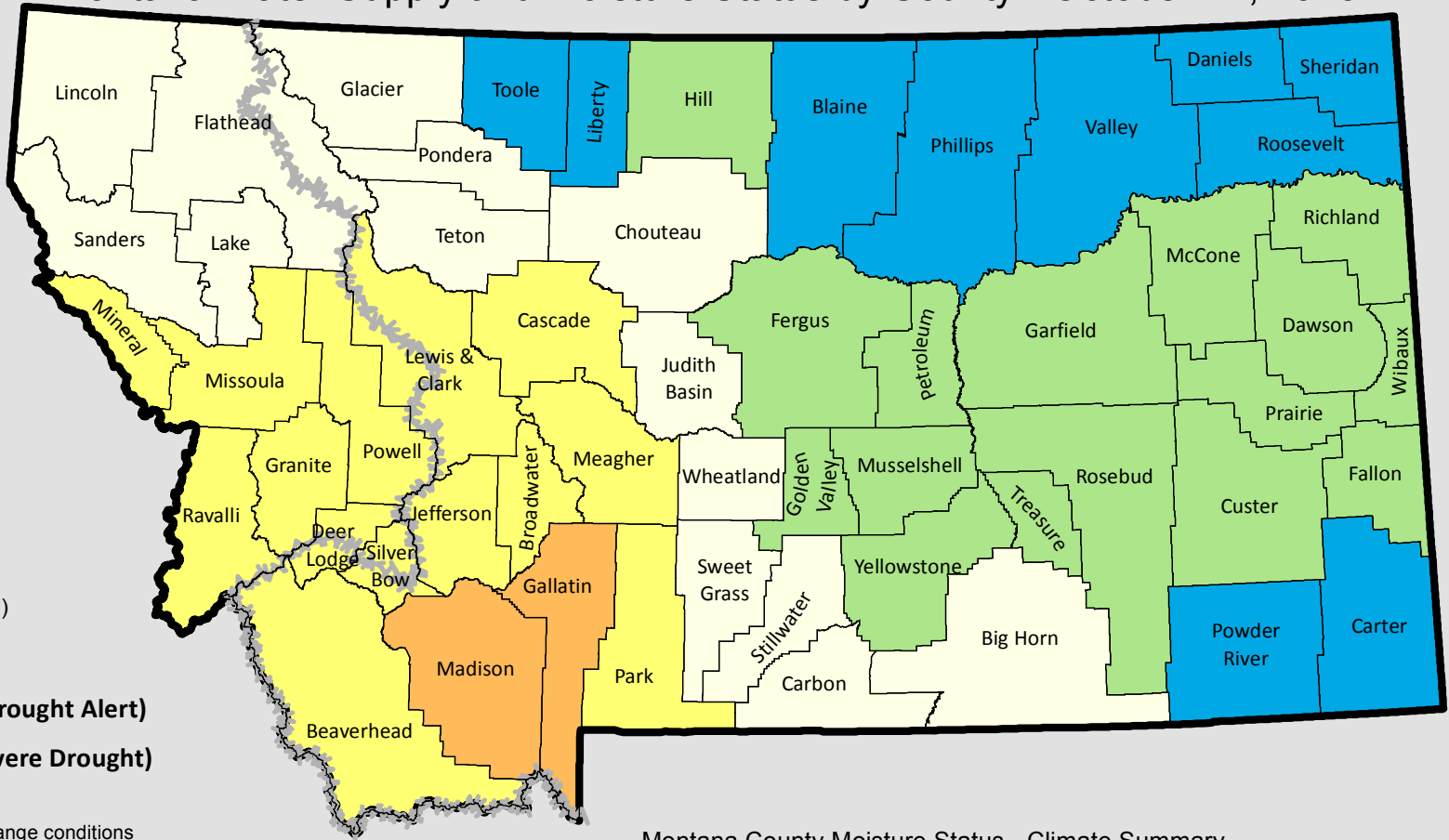
**Drought Alert** - Governor's Drought Advisory Committee strongly encourages local officials to convene local drought committees.

**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



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**Montana Water Supply and Moisture Status by County - October 24, 2013**



Montana County Moisture Status - Climate Summary

**NASS:**

The weather outlook for October 28th through November 3rd is for below normal temperatures and above normal precipitation east of the Continental Divide. West of the Divide can expect below normal temperatures and below normal precipitation. Both topsoil and subsoil moisture levels remain above last year and the 5 year average. Topsoil moisture is 74 percent adequate and surplus compared with 24 percent last year and the 5 year average of 58 percent. Subsoil moisture was 71 percent adequate and surplus compared to 15 percent last year and the 5 year average of 48 percent.

Rains continued to delay corn harvested for grain but progress remains ahead of the 5 year average of 15 percent with 17 percent complete this year. Winter wheat planting is nearing completion and is emerging just ahead of the 5 year average due to timely moisture.

More information check out:

[http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/tx/climate/droughtsum/pdfs/montanawx\\_2013\\_09.pdf](http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/tx/climate/droughtsum/pdfs/montanawx_2013_09.pdf)