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.

This map was created using the US Drought Monitor and the monthly NRCS Surface Water Supply Index (SWSI) as a guide. In general, a county was assigned a Moisture Status based on the highest drought category intersecting any part of the county. The maps were then compared to the monthly SWSI. An assessment group made up of experts from the National Weather Service, the Natural Resource Conservation Service, the Farm Service Agency, United States Department of Agriculture, the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, the Montana State Library, and the Montana Bureau of Mines and Geology reviewed the maps for accuracy.

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