

2026 UGBEP Council Meeting

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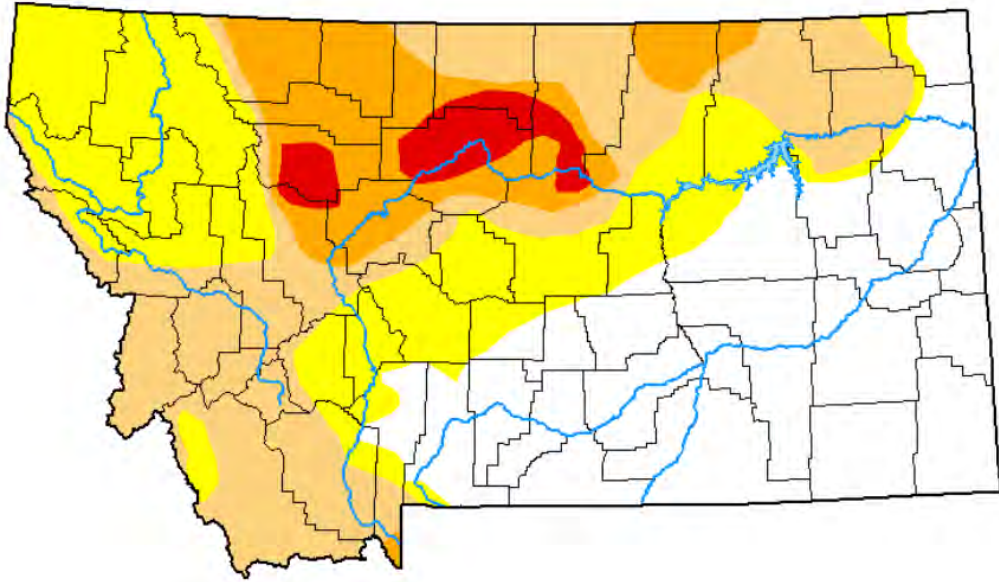


2025 Fall Hunting Season

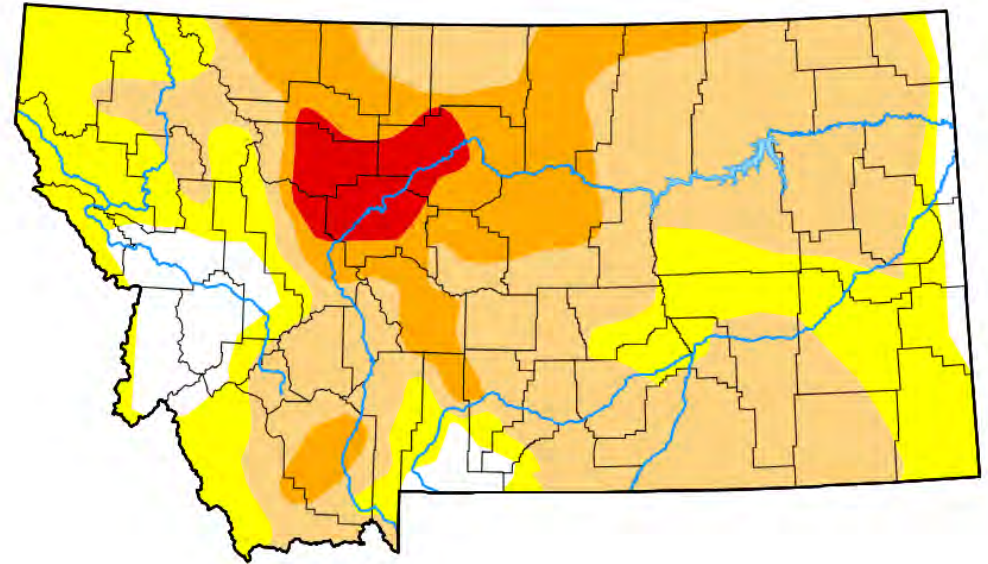
- Warm & Dry
- Wind
- Hunter Calls Down (-20%)
- R4 license sales lower than 2024
- BMA useage down from 2024.



R4 Conditions



December 2025



March 2026



R4 Strategic Plan

- Upland game bird species population levels and distribution.
- New opportunities for enhancing upland game bird habitat.
- Public hunting access
- Partnerships with public land management agencies, NGO's, Private organizations, and landowners.
- Maintenance of existing quality habitat and enhancement of degraded upland game bird habitat.

R4 Focus Areas

- Priority Public Lands
- Native Foothill Grasslands
- Sagebrush-Grasslands
- Agricultural Lands
- Forested Mountains



R4 Contracts

133 Active UGBEP Projects

UGBEP Habitat Acres: 30,898

Stand alone UGBEP Access Acres:
67,512

22 Block Management Projects

19 New in 2025 (3 HML, 2 Food
Plots, 1 Nesting Cover, 13 CAL/Open
Fields)



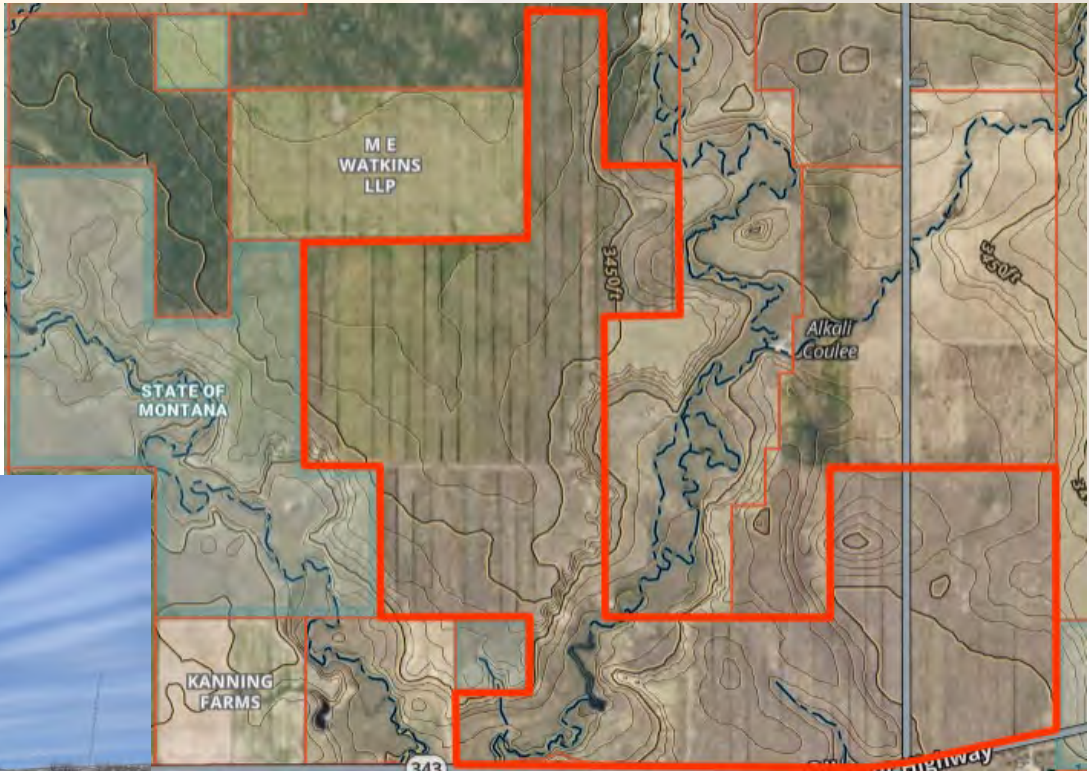
Current Projects

- 10 Projects proposed for 2026
- 4 Food plots, 1 Grain Stubble Management, 1 Grass Planting & 4 Habitat Management Leases.

- 3 New to the Program Producers.



Current Projects





CRP & Open Fields





WMA Work



WMA Continued



Coffee Creek & Wolf Creek



