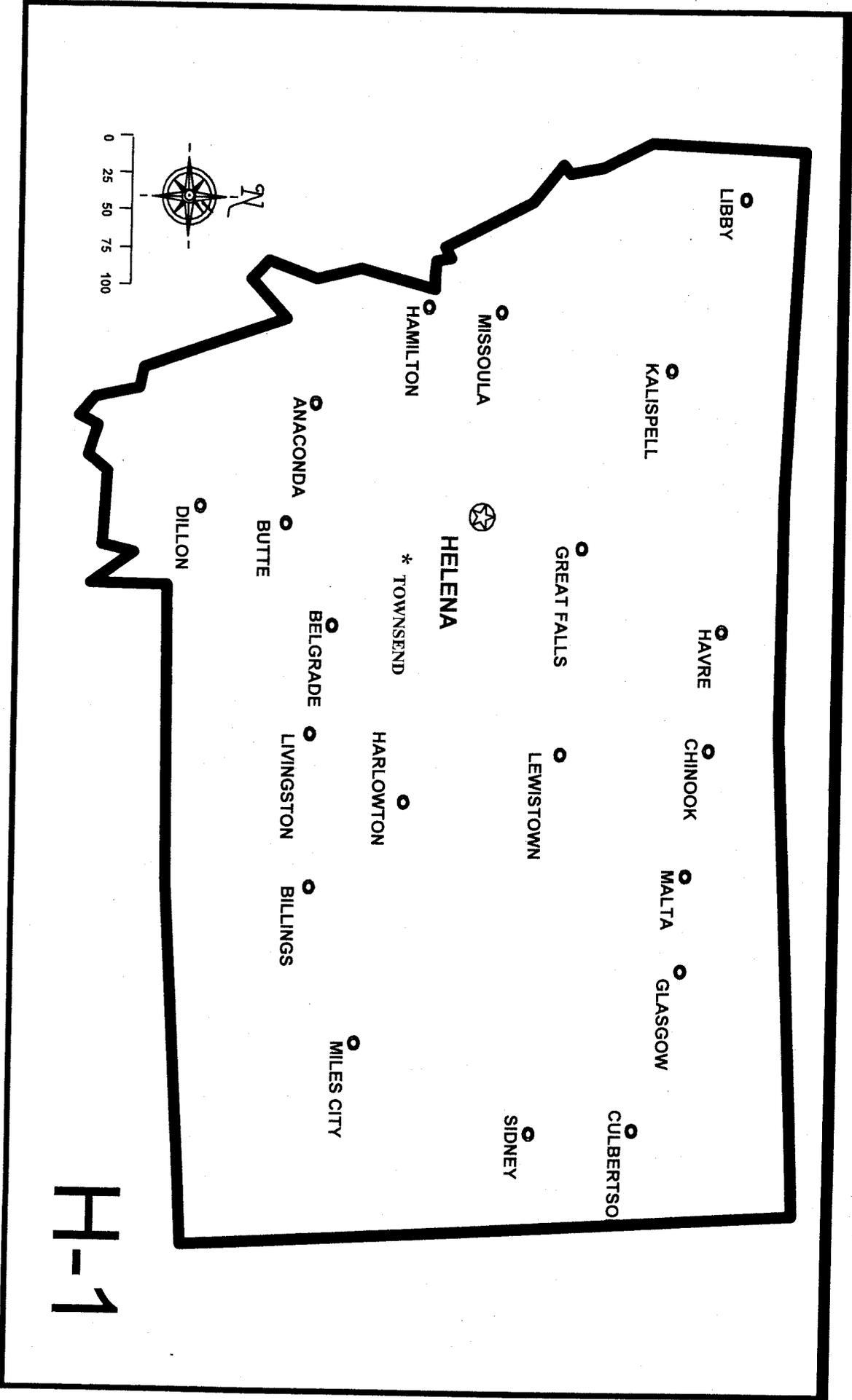


# Montana National Guard Locations



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## History of Emergency Response to State of Montana

### 2001 – Present

Forest Fire	19 Aug – 7 Sep 2001	Statewide
Flooding	11-13 June 2002	Glacier County
Forest Fires	20 Jul – 19 Sep 2003	Statewide
Forest Fires	8 Aug 2005	Western MT
Prisoner Escape	11 Jan 2006	Lewis & Clark CO
Fugitive Search	21 Apr – 22 Apr 2006	Western MT
Forest Fires	24 Jul – 12 Sep 2006	Statewide
Search & Rescue	25 Oct 2009	Powell County
Forest Fires	18 Jul-19Sep 2007	Statewide

### 1991 - 2000

State Institutions	25 Apr-1 May 1991	Statewide
Forest Fire	9-11 Aug 1991	Carbon County
Forest Fire Lincoln	10-28 Oct 1991	Blaine, Fergus,
Forest Fire	12 Mar 1992	Cascade County
Forest Fire	20 Aug 1992	Statewide
Forest Fire	27 Jul-3 Nov 1994	Statewide
Assist Local Law Enforcement	25 Aug 1995	Terry, MT
Flooding		7-28 Feb 1996Statewide
Train Derailment	13-29 Apr 1996	Alberton Canyon
Flooding		10-26 Jun 1996Livingston, MT
Forest Fire	10-16 Aug 1996	Broadwater County
Fire Training	16-19 Aug 1996	Missoula, MT
Forest Fire	26 Aug - 6 Sep 1996	Missoula County
Snow Storm	27 Nov - 2 Dec 1996	Glacier County
Snow Storm	31 Dec 96 - 6 Jan 1997	Lincoln County
Flooding		27-28 Mar 1997Blaine County
Forest Fire	5-15 Sep 1998	Statewide
Forest Fire	23 Jul – 16 Sep 2000	Statewide

### 1981 - 1990

Flood	22 May-2 Jun 1981	Western Montana
Flood	26-29 Sep 1986	Milk River
Forest Fire	16 Jul-7 Aug 1988	Montana
Forest Fire	11-15 Aug 1988	Montana

Train Wreck	2-3 Feb 1989	Helena	
Prisoner Escape	7 May 1989	Anaconda,	Warm
Springs			
Train Wreck	4-5 Aug 1989	Whitefish	
Forest Fire	9-13 Aug 1990	Montana	
Forest Fire	14-18 Nov 1990	Montana	

**1971 - 1980**

Forest Fire	10-13 Aug 1971	Missoula County	
Forest Fire	15-31 Aug 1973	Western Montana	
State Institutions	13-21 Mar 1974	Warm Springs, Galen	
& Strike		Boulder	
Civil Disturbance	22 Jan 1975	Decker	
Haylift	9-11 Apr 1975	Glacier, Toole, Liberty	
		& Cascade Counties	
Flood	19-23 Jun 1975	Cascade County	
Prison Fire	23-25 Feb 1976	Deer Lodge	
State Institutions	27-28 Nov 1976	Warm Springs	
Strike			
Explosion & Fire	27-28 Nov 1976	Belt	
Flood	20-25 May 1978	Hardin	
Snow Bound	9-18 Feb 1978	Eastern Montana	
State Institutions	5 Feb-14 Mar 1979	Deer Lodge, Boulder	
& Strike		Galen	

**1961 - 1970**

Forest Fire	5-12 Aug 1961	Clancy	
Forest Fire	3-12 Aug 1961	Sleeping Child	
Train Wreck	21-22 Jun 1962	Missoula	
Flood	8-20 Jun 1964	Glacier Pk, Sun River	
Winter Disaster	16-22 Dec 1964	Southeastern Montana	
Train Wreck	7-8 Mar 1966	Chester	
Forest Fire	4-6 Aug 1966	Sweet Grass County	
Forest Fire	23-26 Aug 1967	Olney	

**1951 - 1960**

Flood	7-11 Apr 1952	Milk River	
State Prison Riot	30-31 Jul 1957	Deer Lodge	
State Prison Riot	16-19 Apr 1959	Deer Lodge	
Forest Fire	15 Sep 1959	Kalispell	
Forest Fire	24-29 Jul 1960	Cascade	

## **Questions Relating to HB 479**

**Montana Department of Military Affairs**

- 1) Why is HB 479 needed?
- 2) Has the Montana National Guard failed in its mission to protect the citizens of Montana and their property? Is so, when? .
- 3) Is a real need for volunteer combat arms companies, such as infantry, scouts, and cavalry within the State? If so, why?
- 4) Will HB 479 increase the size of State government?
- 5) How will home guard combat arms units fit into the State's All Hazards Response Plan, or help in the event of natural or pandemic disasters?
- 6) What level of "Transparency" will be required when carrying out these responsibilities (ex. would Company records be subject to MT Open Records laws; would the State have the right to inspect Companies; is there a right to appeal adverse personnel actions, and if so, to whom)?
- 7) Under current law (10-1-201 (Officers)), the Governor shall appoint all officers of the militia (which currently includes the National Guard and the MT Home Guard). Why does HB 479 give a home guard Company Commander the authority to select and commission a Company's officers without the need for Gubernatorial approval?
- 8) HB 479 makes the Company Commander responsible for the recruiting, training, mustering, equipping, assigning, promoting, dismissing, demoting, and disciplining of Company members. Would a Company Captain be required to carry out their responsibilities in a manner that complies with applicable safety, legal, Equal Employment Opportunity, and State

Personnel policies/regulations (ex. minimum Due Process rights for adverse administrative actions and disciplinary proceedings)?

- 9) HB 479 states that the third certificate of acceptance (of a Home Guard Company), will be "... valid indefinitely, unless revoked by the governor for cause ...". Who will determine if there is sufficient cause to revoke a Home Guard Company's certificate – the Governor, a court? If a certificate is revoked, can the decision be appealed, and if so, to whom?
- 10) HB 479 appears to allow a home guard company to unilaterally activate without prior approval of the Governor. Is that correct?
- 11) If the Governor must approve a Company Charter, is the State responsible for ensuring that realistic missions are assigned and that supporting training can be realistically resourced? If the State allows Company's to self-certify training and training standards, does the State incur liability if the self-certification is flawed?
- 12) Based upon the proposed wording of HB 479, will the State be immune from torts committed by members (ex. environmental damage) of the Home Guard when the members are in a training versus an activated status?