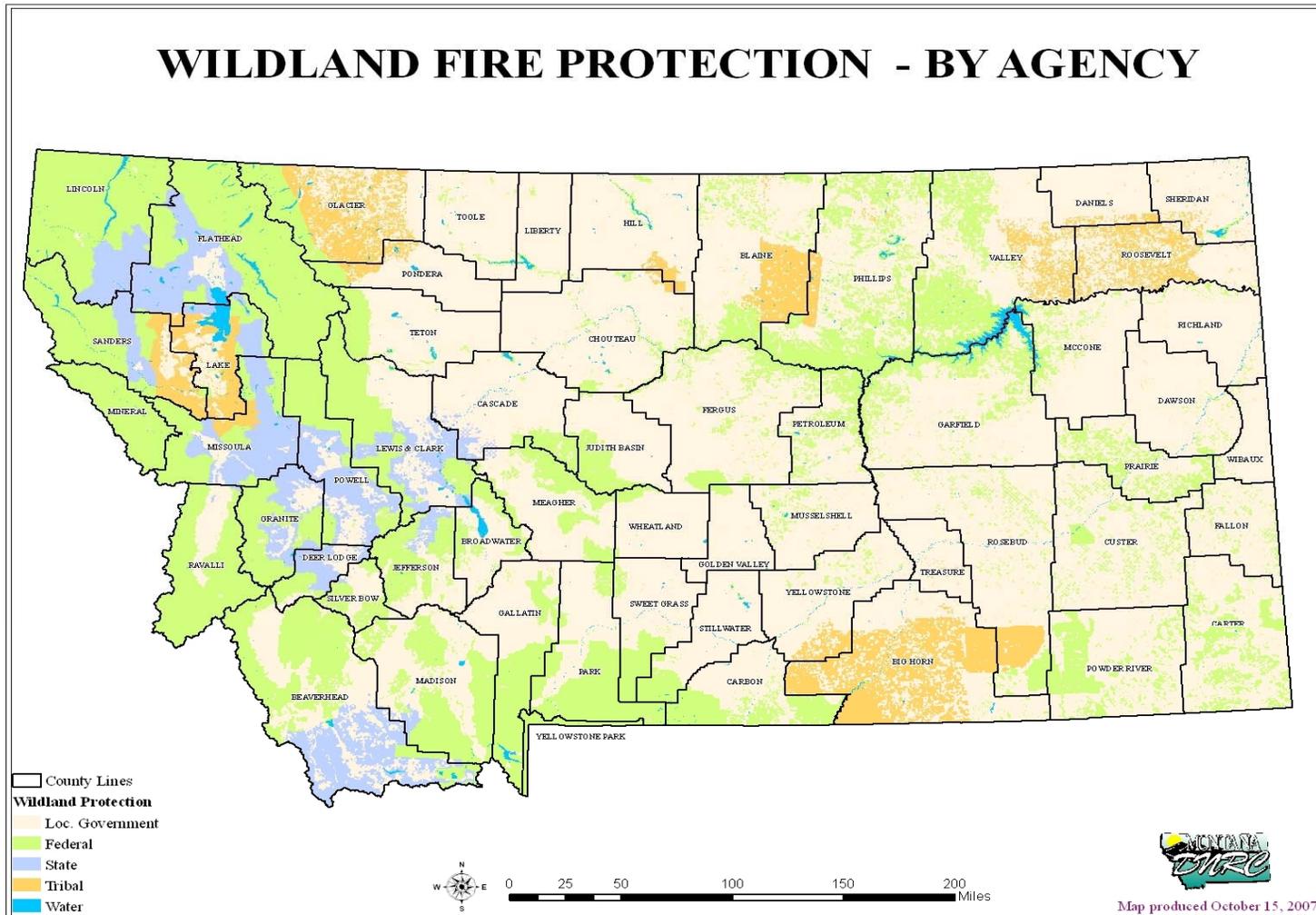


Federal Fire Policy in the 2009 Montana Fire Season



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2009 Pre-Season



- DNRC & USFS discussions
- Spring Agency Administrators meeting
- NRCG sponsored WFDSS Workshops
- Zone Interagency Pre-season meetings

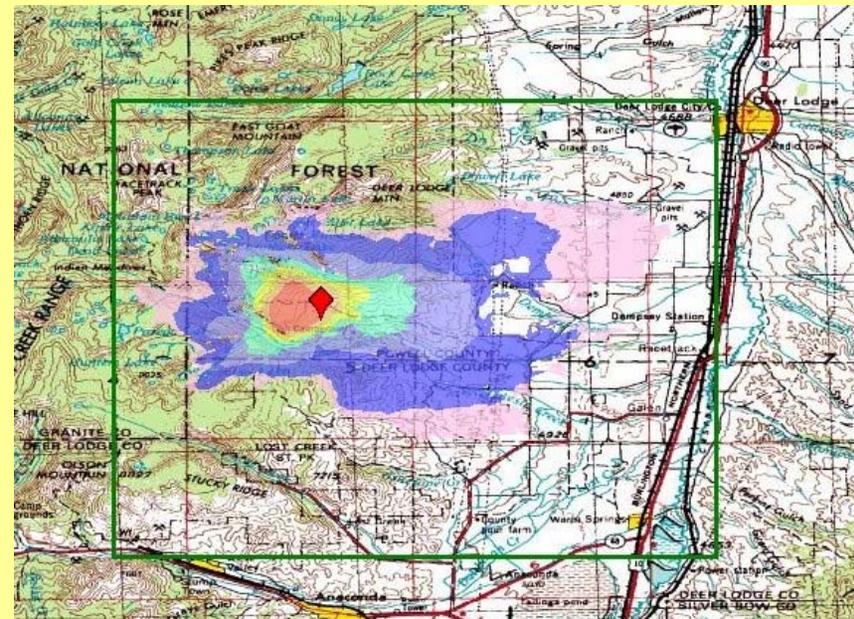
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- Bielenberg Fire
- Kootenai Cr. Fire
- Rescue Gulch Fire
- Lily Lake Fire
- Others



2009 Montana Fire Season

- Federal Fire Policy:
 - Challenges
 - Successes
 - USFS / DNRC Workgroup
 - Recommendations
 - Other States
- Effects:
 - Offset Agreement
 - Cost Share Agreements
 - Other: County Assists



2009 Montana Fire Season Lessons Learned

1. Communication: Early, Clearly, Frequently, Honestly
2. Mutual Understanding & Respect: Legal Mandates, Policy, Procedures, Terminology
3. Consistency: Across all federal agencies, and at all levels.

4. Mitigate impacts as much as possible.
5. Others ??



QUESTIONS ?

