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The Department of Natural Resources and Conservation is leading the effort to update the Montana Drought Management Plan. DNRC is collaborating with the Governor’s office, a state agency task force, and seven regional stakeholder groups to ensure the plan reflects the needs of water users and state management. The plan will build statewide drought resilience by improving drought monitoring, preparedness, response, and adaptation. Public engagement and participation are keys to ensuring the success of this effort (target completion date: 2023).

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Drought Task Force

The Drought Task Force provides general oversight of the planning process. Members include state agency representatives who currently serve on the Governor’s Drought and Water Supply Committee. Drought Task Force members ensure the planning process accurately reflects and incorporates their agencies’ perspectives, missions, initiatives and existing plans – all to modernize and streamline Montana’s state-level drought management.

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Regional Stakeholder Groups

There are seven regional stakeholder groups across the state comprised of representatives from diverse water use sectors. Throughout the planning process, regional group members will meet periodically and discuss local drought impacts, the challenges drought poses for their sectors, and potential strategies (including actions, programs, and policies) to build drought resilience at local, regional and state levels.