

OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

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GOVERNOR



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LT. GOVERNOR

July 1, 2013

The Honorable Barack Obama
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Through: Acting Regional Administrator Doug Gore
FEMA Region VIII
Denver, CO 80225

RE: Request for Presidential Disaster Declaration Major Disaster or Emergency

Dear Mr. President:

Under the provisions of Section 401 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5121-5207 (Stafford Act) and 44 CFR § 206.36, I respectfully request that a major disaster for the State of Montana be declared as a result of flooding.

A series of storm systems moved across central and eastern Montana during the middle and late part of May 2013, resulting in widespread heavy rainfall and flooding across numerous counties in the region. Many locations received in excess of 200% of normal precipitation between May 19 and June 3, with some locations receiving in excess of 600% of normal precipitation.

Flooding has caused extensive damage to roads, culverts, bridges, water systems, public buildings and private residences. The damage to secondary roads has had major impacts on rural populations. Fort Peck Reservation experienced a water system failure due to the flood water at the system intake. Rocky Boy's Reservation had a section of water line exposed and damaged due to the flooding that left residents without potable water. The failure of both systems required that reservation officials distribute potable water to the affected residents. Rocky Boy's Reservation also lost access to several residential areas as the flood waters washed away culverts and damaged roadways. Reservation officials conducted emergency measures to gain access to those areas cut off by the flooding.

A state of Emergency was declared on June 6, 2013, with an effective date of June 3, 2013 for Rocky Boy's Reservation, Fort Belknap Reservation, and the Fort Peck Reservation in addition to the counties of Blaine, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, Hill, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Valley. All of the aforementioned jurisdictions have declared either an emergency or disaster. Several areas remain inaccessible do to the amount of damage to bridges and culverts.

A joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) was requested by my Office on June 6, 2013 and conducted from June 18, 2013 to June 21, 2013. The PDA teams were comprised of representatives from county, tribal, state and federal agencies. The results of the PDA are attached as form "Enclosure B."

The nature and amount of State, local, and tribal governmental resources that have been or will be used to alleviate the conditions of this disaster is as follows:

- Local and tribal officials declared emergencies and disasters for the impacted areas;
- Evacuations were ordered for inundated areas;
- Potable water was distributed to tribal residents on the three affected reservations; and
- Emergency repair work was conducted across the entire area on main roadways to ensure emergency response was sustained.

Due to the number and magnitude of emergencies and disasters the past 12 months as well as the current flooding, the costs of responding to the recent flooding exceed the capability of the State of Montana. The figures captured in Enclosure B reflect uninsured losses only. Below are listed the emergencies and disasters that have occurred in the State of Montana in the last year.

State Issued Emergencies and Disaster for SFY 2013

EO 5-2012 – Emergency - Wildfires in Lewis & Clark, Broadwater, Jefferson and Madison Counties

EO 6-2012 – Emergency – Wildfires in Musselshell, Rosebud, Custer, Treasure, Yellowstone and Big Horn Counties and the Northern Cheyenne Reservation.

EO 6A-2012 – Emergency – Adding on Powder River County to EO 6-2012.

EO 7-2012 – Emergency – Wildfires in Southeastern and South central portions of the state including the counties of Carbon, Yellowstone, Big Horn, Rosebud, Powder River, Custer, Carter, Fallon, Prairie, Garfield, Petroleum, Musselshell, Judith Basin, Fergus, McCone, Richland, Dawson, Wheatland, Sweet Grass, Stillwater, Treasure, Wibaux and Golden Valley. Also included were Northern Cheyenne and Crow Indian Reservations.

EO 9-2012 – Emergency – Statewide for wildfires

EO 11-2012 – Disaster – Statewide for Wildfires

EO 4-2013 – Emergency – 2013 Flooding central and north central Montana counties and reservations.

Federally Declared Disasters

FEMA-4074-DR-MT - Ash Creek Fire – Northern Cheyenne Reservation, Powder River and Rosebud Counties.

5 FMAG declarations –

FEMA-5016-FM-MT – Saw Tooth Fire

FEMA-2987-FM-MT – Corral Fire

FEMA-2988-FM-MT – Dahl Fire

FEMA-2989-FM-MT – Ash Creek Fire

FEMA-5008-FM-MT – 19 Mile Fire

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We are still in the recovery phase for Presidential declaration **FEMA-1922-DR-MT** - Rocky Boy's Reservation, Chouteau and Hill Counties – Flooding in 2010, and **FEMA-1996-DR-MT** - 48 counties and 6 Indian Reservations – Flooding 2011 – that remain open and have liabilities against the state general fund.

I look forward to your response. Please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Steve Bullock', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

STEVE BULLOCK

Governor

SB:sj

Enc.: OMB No. 1660-0009/FEMA Form 010-0-13

B: Public Assistance

NOAA/NWS Weather Summary

**REQUEST FOR PRESIDENTIAL DISASTER DECLARATION
 MAJOR DISASTER OR EMERGENCY**

1. Request Date July 1, 2013

Burden Disclosure Notice

Public reporting burden for this form is estimated to average 9 hours per response. The burden estimate includes the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and submitting the form. This collection of information is required to obtain a benefit. You are not required to respond to this collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number. Send comments regarding the accuracy of the burden estimate and any suggestions for reducing the burden to: Information Collections Management, Department of Homeland Security, Federal Emergency Management Agency, 500 C Street SW, Washington, DC 20472, Paperwork Reduction Project (1660-0009). **NOTE: Do not send your completed form to this address.**

Completion of this form including applicable attachments satisfies legal requirements for emergency and major disaster declaration requests under 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170 and 5191, respectively, as implemented at 44 C.F.R. §§ 206.35 and 206.36. Failure to use this form may result in a failure to meet these requirements and/or a delay in processing the request.

2a. Name of State (as defined in Stafford Act 102, 42 U.S.C. § 5122) or Indian tribal government requesting declaration. MONTANA	2b. Population (as reported by 2010 Census) or estimated population of Indian tribal government's damaged area(s). 989,415
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3. Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Name STEVE BULLOCK	4. Designation of State or Tribal Coordinating Officer upon declaration (if available) and phone number ED TINSLEY 406-324-4777
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5. Designation of Governor's Authorized Representative or Tribal Chief Executive Representative upon declaration (if available) and phone number
 ED TINSLEY 406-324-4777

6. Declaration Request For: Major Disaster (Stafford Act Sec. 401) Emergency (Stafford Act Sec. 501(a))

7. Incident Period: Beginning Date May 19, 2013 End Date Jun 3, 2013 or Continuing *If requesting a "continuing" incident period, enclose an official statement from a qualified Federal Government agency acknowledged as a national authority in a specific incident field (e.g., United States Geological Survey for seismic incidents, the National Weather Service for flooding).*

7b. Type of Incident (Check all that apply)

Drought Earthquake Explosion Fire Flood Hurricane Landslide Mudslide
 Severe Storm (rain, high water, wind-driven rain, hail, lightning) Snowstorm (Must include Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data) Straight-Line Winds
 Tidal Wave Tornado Tropical Depression Tropical Storm Tsunami Volcanic Eruption Winter Storm
 Other (please specify) _____

8. Description of damages (Short description of impacts of disaster on affected area and population). Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The flooding of May and June 2013 has affected three tribal reservations to include Rocky Boy's, Fort Belknap and Fort Peck. These reservations have sustained damage to their road systems, housing and water systems. Twelve counties were also affected and they include Blaine, Chouteau, Custer, Dawson, Fergus, Garfield, Hill, McCone, Musselshell, Petroleum, Rosebud and Valley. The counties received damage to their roads and bridges. Most of the affected jurisdictions have incurred costs for emergency protective measures. The reservations have residents without potable water, homes with no access and many residents have been displaced. The counties have been forced to close access to roads, provide emergency pumping and emergency access to damaged areas for protection of life and safety.

9. Description of the nature and amount of State and local or Indian tribal government resources which have been or will be committed. Include additional details in enclosed Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's cover letter.

The State of Montana provided rip-rap material and culverts for emergency repairs allowing access to the Rocky Boy's Reservation as well as technical assistance to the Fort Peck Reservation. Rocky Boy's Reservation conducted emergency repairs to reservation roads to maintain access, provided potable water to impacted residents and assisted with emergency pumping of flooded homes. Fort Belknap Reservation has been engaged with the BIA repairing roadways and assisting with pumping flood water from homes. The Fort Peck Tribe has experienced emergency protective costs associated with a water system failure. Assistance was requested and received from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE), in supplying a high volume pump to Valley County.

10. Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment*

Individual Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested _____ Start _____ End _____

Individual Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

N/A

Public Assistance Dates Performed _____ Requested June 6, 2013 Start June 18, 2013 End June 21, 2013

Public Assistance Accessibility Problems (Areas that could not be accessed, and why)

PHILLIPS COUNTY COULD NOT BE ASSESSED DUE TO HIGH WATER.

11. Programs and Areas Requested

Individual Assistance N/A Individuals and Households Program Crisis Counseling Program Disaster Unemployment Assistance
 All Disaster Case Management Disaster Legal Services

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)) If additional space is needed, please enclose additional documentation.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes in the requested counties (if applicable).

Please see Enclosure A: Supplemental Information for Individual Assistance for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Public Assistance N/A Debris Removal (Category A) Emergency Protective Measures (Category B) Permanent Work (Categories C-G)*
(not available for Emergency Declaration Requests)

For the following jurisdictions, specify programs and areas (counties, parishes, independent cities; for Indian tribal government, list tribe(s) and/or tribal area(s)). If additional space is needed or your request includes different categories of work for different jurisdictions; please enclose additional documentation.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) FOR THE COUNTIES OF BLAINE, CHOUTEAU, CUSTER, DAWSON, FERGUS, GARFIELD, HILL, McCONE, MUSSELSHELL, PETROLEUM, ROSEBUD AND VALLEY INCLUDING ROCKY BOY'S INDIAN RESERVATION, FORT PECK INDIAN RESERVATION AND FORT BELKNAP INDIAN RESERVATION.

For States, identify Federally-recognized Tribes included in the requested counties (if applicable).
CHIPPEWA CREEK TRIBE OF THE ROCKY BOY'S RESERVATION, GROS VENTRE AND ASSINIBOINE TRIBES OF THE FORT BELKNAP RESERVATION, ASSINIBOINE SIOUX TRIBES OF THE FORT PECK RESERVATION

Please see **Enclosure B: Supplemental Information for Public Assistance** for additional information in support of this request*.

Indemnification for Debris Removal Activity

I do not anticipate the need for debris removal.

I anticipate the need for debris removal, which poses an immediate threat to lives, public health and safety. Pursuant to Sections 403 and 407 of the Stafford Act, 42 U.S.C. §§ 5170b & 5173, the State or Indian tribal government agrees to indemnify and hold harmless the United States of America for any claims arising from the removal of debris or wreckage for this disaster. The State or Indian tribal government agrees that debris removal from public and private property will not occur until the landowner signs an unconditional authorization for the removal of debris.

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

Request for Direct Federal Assistance

I do not request direct Federal assistance at this time.

I request direct Federal assistance for work and services to save lives and protect property, and:

a. I request the following type(s) of assistance:

b. List of reasons why State and local or Indian tribal government cannot perform, or contract for, required work and services.

c. In accordance with 44 C.F.R. § 206.208, the State or Indian tribal government agrees that it will, with respect to direct Federal assistance: (1) Provide without cost to the United States all lands, easements, and rights-of-ways necessary to accomplish the approved work; (2) Hold and save the United States free from damages due to the requested work, and shall indemnify the Federal Government against any claims arising from such work; (3) Provide reimbursement to FEMA for the non-Federal share of the cost of such work in accordance with the provisions of the FEMA-State or FEMA-Tribe Agreement; and (4) Assist the performing Federal agency in all support and local jurisdictional matters.

Request for Snow Assistance

N/A I request snow assistance.

Snow assistance for the following jurisdictions (Specify counties, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas).

Please see **Enclosure D: Historic and Current Snowfall Data** for additional information in support of this request*.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

11. Programs and Areas Requested (Continued)

Hazard Mitigation* Statewide OR

For the following specific counties, parishes, independent cities or tribes and/or tribal areas.

12. Mitigation Plan Information*

a. Mitigation Plan Expiration Date NOVEMBER 4, 2013 b. Type of Plan Enhanced Standard

13. Other Federal Agency Programs

I do not anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies I do anticipate requirements from Other Federal Agencies

Please see **Enclosure C**: Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs for additional information in support of this request*.

14. Findings and Certifications

I certify the following:

a. I have determined that this incident is of such severity and magnitude that effective response is beyond the capabilities of the State and the affected local government or Indian tribal government and that supplementary federal assistance is necessary.

b. In response to this incident, I have taken appropriate action under State or tribal law and have directed the execution of the State or Tribal Emergency Plan on JUNE 3, 2013 in accordance with the Stafford Act.

c. The State and local governments, or Indian tribal government will assume all applicable non-Federal share of costs required by the Stafford Act.

15. List of Enclosures and Supporting Documentation

Cover Letter Enclosure A (Individual Assistance)* Enclosure B (Public Assistance)*
 Enclosure C (Requirements for Other Federal Agency Programs) Enclosure D (Historic and Current Snowfall Data)
 Additional Supporting Documentation NWS SUMMARY


Governor's or Tribal Chief Executive's Signature

July 1, 2013
Date

If anyone except the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive signs this document, please provide the documentation that establishes that this individual has the legal authority to act on behalf of the Governor or Tribal Chief Executive.

*Not Required for Emergency Declaration Request

ENCLOSURE B

MONTANA PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Conducted June 18 through 21, 2013

Estimates of Eligible Public Assistance Under PL 93-288, as Amended

COUNTY	2010 Population	Category A	Category B	Category C	Category D	Category E	Category F	Category G	Total Estimated Damage	Dollars Per Capita
		Debris Clearance	Protective Measures	Road Systems	Water Control	Buildings & Equipment	Utility Systems	Other		
Blaine County	6,491	0	0	358,092	0	0	0	0	358,092	\$55.17
Chouteau County	5,813	0	0	22,185	0	0	0	0	22,185	\$3.82
Custer County	11,699	0	0	67,677	0	0	0	0	67,677	\$5.78
Dawson County	8,966	0	0	95,130	0	0	0	0	95,130	\$10.61
Fergus County	11,586	4,267	0	221,904	0	0	0	0	226,171	\$19.52
Garfield County	1,206	0	0	44,338	0	0	0	0	44,338	\$36.76
Hill County	16,096	20,000	10,000	270,992	50,000	0	0	194,685	545,677	\$33.90
McCone County	1,734	0	0	18,468	0	0	0	0	18,468	\$10.65
Musselshell County	4,538	0	0	90,947	0	0	0	0	90,947	\$20.04
Petroleum County	494	0	0	230,332	0	0	0	0	230,332	\$466.26
Rosebud County	9,233	0	0	112,964	0	0	0	0	112,964	\$12.23
Valley County	7,369	0	0	171,612	0	0	0	0	171,612	\$23.29
Fort Belknap Reservation	2,851	0	3,905	242,800	0	0	0	0	246,705	\$86.53
Fort Peck Reservation	10,008	0	49,836	0	0	0	0	0	49,836	\$4.98
Rocky Boy's Reservation	3,323	0	20,000	753,000	0	0	0	0	773,000	\$232.62
State Agencies		0	0	86,055	0	11,000	0	0	97,055	
TOTAL COSTS =		24,267	83,741	2,786,496	50,000	11,000	0	194,685	3,150,189	
STATE TOTALS	989,415									\$3.18
County Per Capita = \$3.45										
State Per Capita = \$1.37										
The population of Montana is 989415 (2010 census).										



U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NATIONAL WEATHER SERVICE

June 20, 2013

MEMORANDUM FOR: FEMA Region VIII

Persistent Weather Pattern Leads to Heavy Rain & Flooding over Central & Eastern Montana

An upper level trough of low pressure became entrenched across the Pacific Northwest during the middle and late part of May 2013 (Fig. 1). A series of storm systems moved across central and eastern Montana resulting in widespread heavy rainfall and flooding across numerous counties in the region. Many locations received in excess of 200% of normal precipitation between May 19th and June 3rd with some locations receiving in excess of 600% of normal precipitation. The four sites listed in the table below are representative of conditions across the entire region.

Location	County	Accumulated Precipitation – 5/19/2013 to 6/3/2013	Normal Precipitation – 5/19/2013 to 6/3/2013	Percent of Normal
Havre, MT	Hill	6.68"	1.08"	619%
Lewistown, MT	Fergus	8.01"	1.76"	455%
Roundup, MT	Musselshell	5.66"	1.44"	393%
Chinook	Blaine	5.42"	1.33"	408%

The greatest precipitation accumulations fell from May 29th through June 3rd when significant rain fell across much of north-central Montana. During this six day period, Lewistown, MT received 5.90" of rainfall as compared to a normal value of 0.71". Havre, MT recorded 5.70" of precipitation which was 1,325 percent of their normal precipitation for this period, 0.43". Similar conditions were reported across much of the region.

Respectfully,

Michael Mercer
Meteorologist In Charge, NWS Great Falls, MT



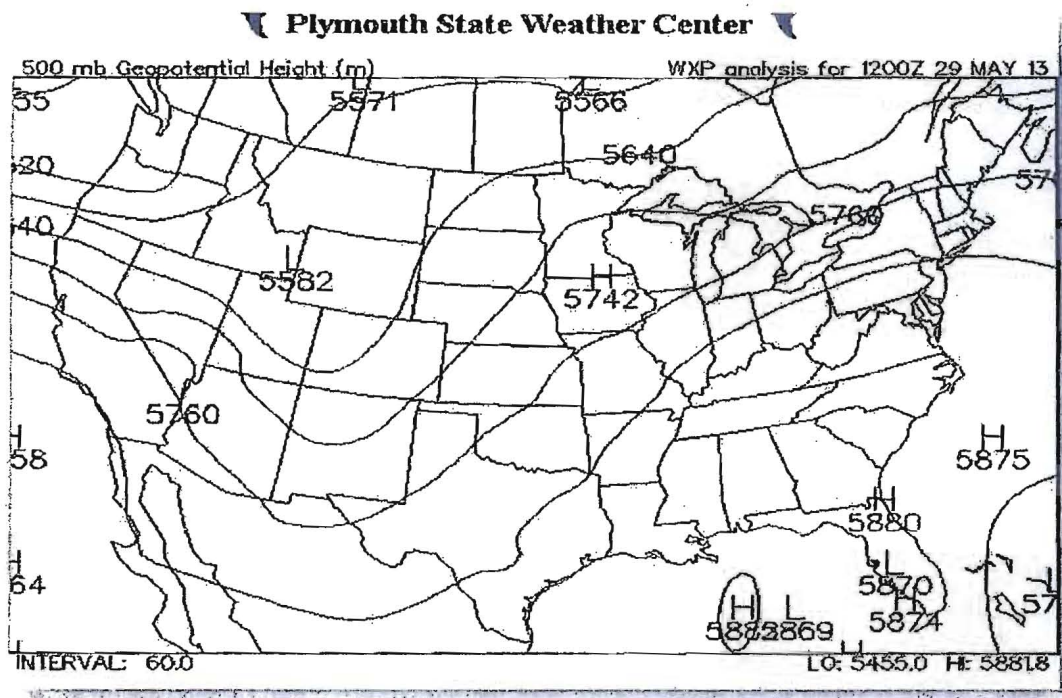


Fig. 1 – 500hPa Chart – Valid 29 May 2013 at 12UTC

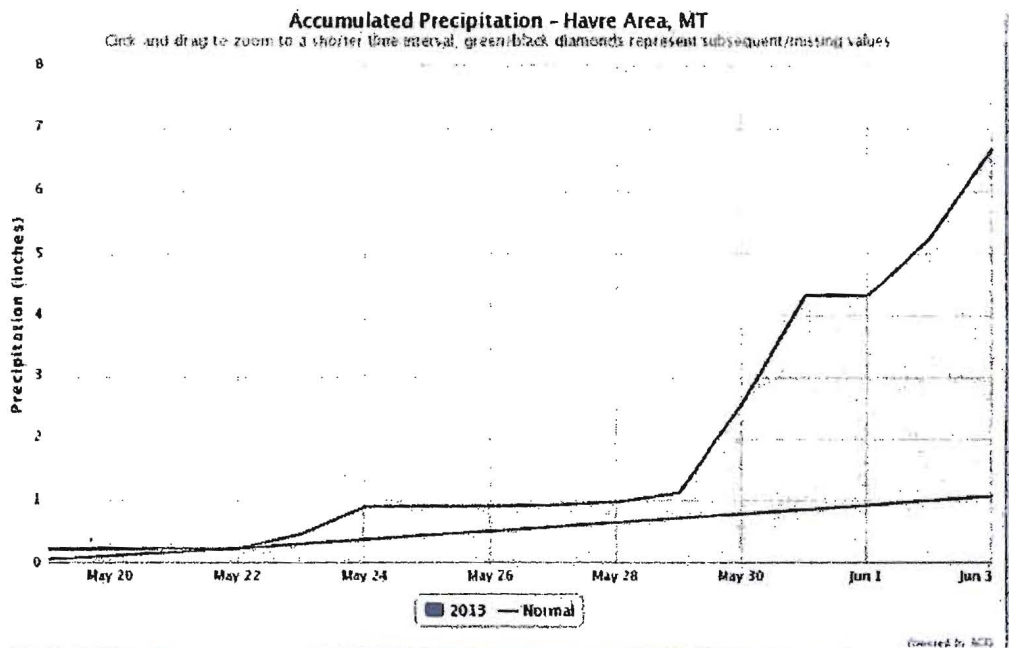


Fig. 2 – Accumulated Precipitation at Havre, MT – May 19, 2013 to June 3, 2013

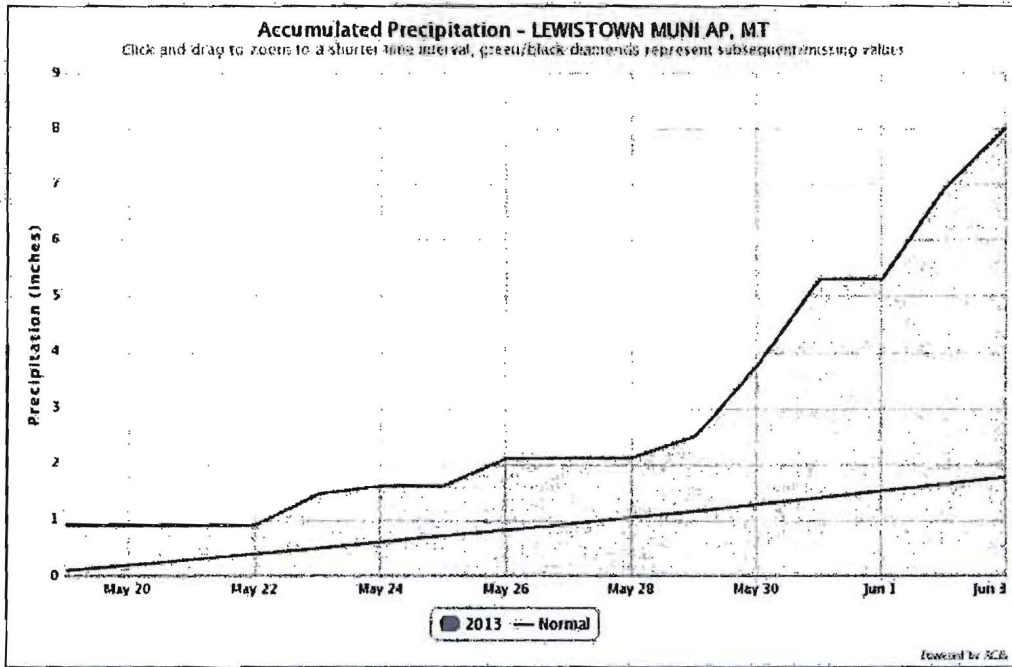


Fig. 3 – Accumulated Precipitation at Lewistown, MT – May 19, 2013 to June 3, 2013

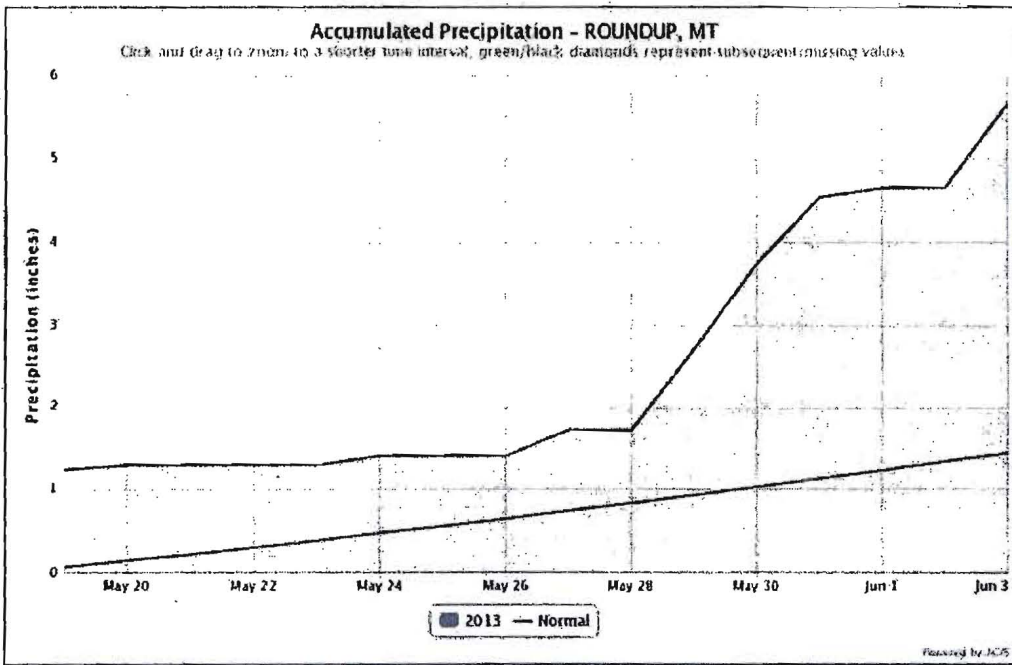


Fig. 4 – Accumulated Precipitation at Roundup, MT – May 19, 2013 to June 3, 2013

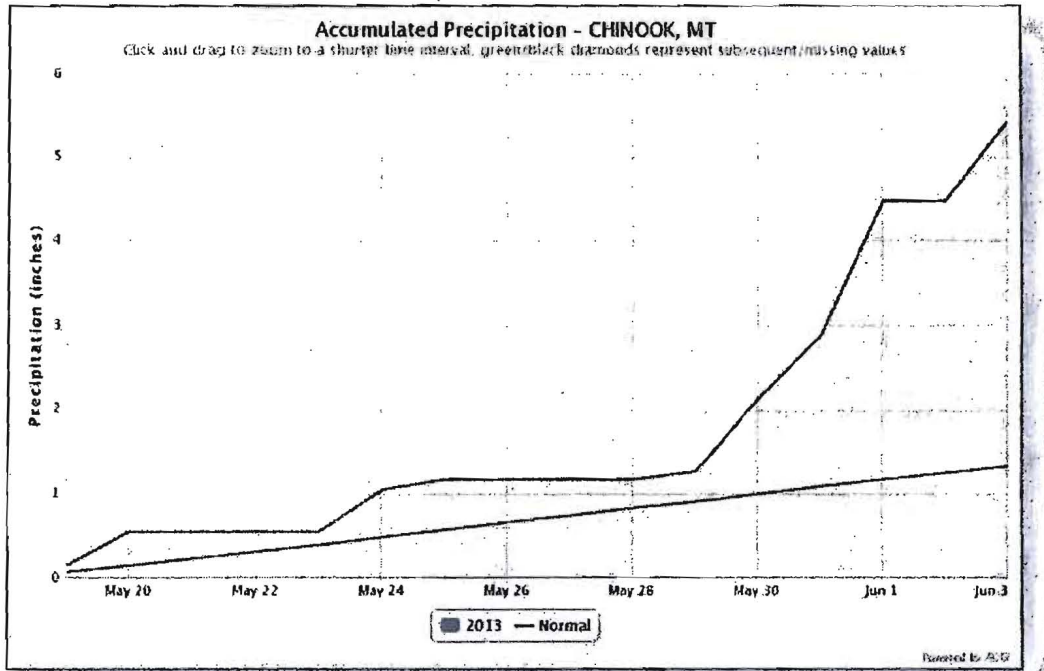


Fig. 5 – Accumulated Precipitation at Chinook, MT – May 19, 2013 to June 3, 2013