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June 23, 2017

Sonny Perdue, Secretary
US Department of Agriculture
1400 Independence Ave, SW
Washington, DC 20250

Dear Secretary Perdue:

I have received a request for a Drought Disaster Designation by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture from the Commissioners of Daniels, Roosevelt and Valley Counties due to the rapid onset of drought. In addition, the Fort Peck Tribal Council has declared a drought disaster for the Fort Peck Indian Reservation and the counties of Hill, Blaine, Phillips, Sheridan, Richland, McCone, Garfield, Dawson, Prairie, Wibaux, Fallon, Carter, Custer, Powder River, Rosebud and Petroleum Counties and the Fort Belknap Indian Reservation are experiencing similar conditions.

These areas have only received 5 to 25 percent of normal precipitation since the end of April. May was ranked Montana's 21st driest month in 122 years of records. Many of the National Weather Service stations in Northeastern Montana recorded the lowest precipitation levels ever.

As of this week, Daniels, Garfield, McCone, Roosevelt, Sheridan and Valley Counties are eligible for a Secretarial Designation based on their designation on the drought monitor as being in "D3 – Extreme Drought." I request that the other jurisdictions mentioned above also be included in a Designation.

I am forwarding a copy of this letter to the State Farm Service Agency office so they may begin the process of compiling the necessary damage assessment information.

Your prompt review and approval of this request will be greatly appreciated. Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

STEVE BULLOCK
Governor

Cc: Hill County Commissioners
Blaine County Commissioners
Phillips County Commissioners
Valley County Commissioners
Daniels County Commissioners
Sheridan County Commissioners
Roosevelt County Commissioners
Richland County Commissioners
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Carter County Commissioners
Custer County Commissioners
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Rosebud County Commissioners
Petroleum County Commissioners
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