

Broadwater County Drought Resiliency Report

January, February, March

Temp. Averages

January: 45.3 ° F

February: 39.8 ° F

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March: 34.8 ° F

Spring Outlook: Drought forecasted to expand in US West, parts of Plains.

A transition from La Nina to ENSO-neutral is expected in the next month, with ENSO neutral favored through May-July 2026.

Did you know?

The 2 Montana highest recorded temps of 117 degrees July 20, 1893 in Glendive and July 5, 1937 at Medicine Lake.

Broadwater County Drought Conditions

44th
driest February on record, over the past 132 years
↓ **0.32 inches**
BELOW normal
(drought.gov v)

Based on the U.S. Drought Monitor, Broadwater County currently has a D1 classification or is considered "Moderate Drought". This means Broadwater County is in the first of four drought categories.

13th
driest year to date over the past 132 years (January - February 2026)
↓ **0.88 inches**
BELOW normal
(drought.gov v)

Canyon Ferry still operating UNDER capacity

KAF - Thousand Arce-Feet *Median - Average Reservoir Storage* *Capacity- Gross Volume of water that can be stored

in the reservoir* Canyon Ferry Reservoir						
Date	Current (KAF)	Last Year (KAF)	Median (KAF)	Capacity (KAF)	Current % Capacity	Last Year % Capacity
Jan 31, 2026	1458.1	1415.2	1473.8	2043	77.3%	78.9%
Feb 28, 2026	1437.3	1402.4	1451.8	2043	76.20%	74.3%
Mar 31, 2026	1488.9	1453.3	1453.8	2043	78.90%	77.0%

Broadwater County Snowpack

Month	Boulder Mountain		Tizer Basin	
	Snow Depth (in)	SWE (in)	Snow Depth (in)	SWE (in)
January	36	11.3	15	4.2
February	43	13.3	16	4.8
March	49	16.2	8	2.7

SWE =Snow Water Equivalent

As we begin the year, lets continue to remain strong stewards of the land and prepare to be more DROUGHT RESILIENT as we raise our crops, provide food for others, tend to our critters, our gardens, and responsibly use the natural resources that surround us. The Drought Resiliency Report will be included in our quarterly newsletter and can be found on our website, www.broadwatercd.org. If you would like to receive BCDs quarterly newsletter, please visit our website and sign up today!

