

Missouri River Disaster Recovery Task Force

Activation Procedures

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In the event of a future flood or drought, these procedures will be followed to establish an inter-agency recovery task force:

1. In the aftermath of a flood or drought that severely impacts the Missouri River Basin, the Corps of Engineers Northwestern Division Commander or the FEMA Regional Administrator for FEMA VII or VIII will reach out to each other and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Central Region's Regional Conservationist to discuss initiating an inter-agency recovery task force via the Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable. USACE and/or FEMA will stand up the task force in accordance with the following authorities: Engineering Regulation 500-1-1 (Emergency Employment of Army and Other Resources, Civil Emergency Management Program); the Stafford Act (42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq); and the Federal Response Plan Emergency Support Function #3, Public Works and Engineering.
2. Once the agency leaders agree to establish a recovery task force, they will draft a charter based on the 2011 MRFTF charter to guide the scope and procedures of the task force.
3. The three agency leaders, or Co-chairs, will work through MRBIR and Silver Jackets teams to convene a kick-off meeting near the areas of the basin most impacted. Meeting invitees will include all levels of governments (feds, states, tribes, local), non-governmental organizations, basin associations, and impacted citizens. Meeting invites will go to the MRFTF contact list and the MRFTF Work Group contact lists (maintained by MRFTF Work Group Leads). The meeting will be facilitated by a local facilitation team.
4. The kick-off meeting will create a forum to discuss all aspects of the disaster's impacts, after which work groups will be established to address specific areas of concern.
5. Each work group will be led by the federal or state agency most appropriate to the area of concern. These work groups will initially meet weekly by phone to establish their mission and action plan. Once the effort is underway they will meet as appropriate.
6. The Co-chairs will meet regularly by phone, often with the work group leads, to coordinate the progress of the task force, provide oversight, and address issues as they arise.
7. The MRFTF website, housed at <http://www.nwd-mr.usace.army.mil/rcc/MRFTF/default.html>, will be activated to provide an online portal for task force work.

