

Missouri River FLOOD TASK FORCE

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Efforts ongoing to communicate agency involvement

2011 proved to be a historic year in terms of mother nature. Since the Missouri River flooding, agencies have come together creating the Missouri River Flood Task Force to provide a temporary forum for coordination, collaboration and cooperation among federal officials and designated officers of state, local and Tribal governments within the basin. The next in person meeting is scheduled for February 28th in Omaha, Nebraska.

Forecasting Missouri River Basin conditions

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is providing real-time regional climate information for the Missouri Basin. The next webinar is scheduled for March 16. These webinars allow producers and users of climate information to talk directly to one another and discuss concerns and needs, including the short and long-term implications of forecasts and climate events. To participate in the next webinar, visit <http://www.esrl.noaa.gov/cog/lanina/webinars>.

FEMA Completed Flood Insurance Outreach in Dakotas

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) completed recent public outreach in North Dakota and South Dakota which were well attended. Several residents expressed concerns in which they were unaware they reside in a floodplain.

Ongoing Post Flood Efforts with Tribal Communities

To ensure Tribal issues are addressed by the Task Force, the Co-Chairs have contacted Tribal leaders to invite participation and subsequent working groups. The Tribal Working Group is using existing meetings to gather information on 2011 flooding impacts and restoration activities on Tribal lands. Pertinent coordination opportunities and information on Tribal concerns are relayed to the Task Force and appropriate agencies by contacting Diane Mann-Klager at (605) 226-7621.

Runnoff season preparation

The total volume of water stored in the mainstem reservoir system is currently 56.4 MAF, 0.4 MAF below the base of the annual flood control pool. Currently there is very little plains snowpack in the Missouri basin. Overall, mountain snowpack in the reach above Fort Peck is 83 percent of normal, and 94 percent of normal in the reach between Fort Peck and Garrison dams, which includes the Yellowstone River basin. While all this may indicate risk of flooding has decreased, we cannot afford to become complacent. The situation can change quickly, as it did last year. Even if conditions remain favorable in the upper basin, that does not ensure immunity from the risk of flooding.

Things to know...

- FEMA floodplain maps can be viewed at <https://msc.fema.gov/webapp/wcs/stores/servlet/FemaWelcomeView?storeId=10001&catalogId=10001&langId=-1>
- Floodplain insurance information is listed on <http://www.floodsmart.gov/floodsmart/>
- Crop insurance information can be found at http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/usda/usdahome?navid=CROP_LIVESTOCK_INSUR
- Missouri River Basin Levee rehab status updates are found via the following links: Kansas City District <http://www.nwk.usace.army.mil/Flood/LeveeRehabilitation.cfm> Omaha District <http://www.nwo.usace.army.mil/op-e/srt.html>

Members of the Omaha District U.S. Army Corps of Engineers coordinate a meeting with emergency management for the State of Colorado as well as federal partners from FEMA and the Bureau of Indian Affairs. Photo by Kevin Wingert.



Work continues building the embankment for a new setback alignment at the lower breach of Missouri River Levee Unit L-550 near Rockport, Mo. The work will restore the flood risk reduction at this portion of the levee to its pre-flood status. Photo by Kevin Wingert.



Wakenda Levee in Carroll County, Mo. The levee was damaged during the Missouri River flooding in 2011. A contract was awarded to Ideker, Inc. of St. Joseph, Mo., on Jan. 23. A new drainage ditch is being excavated, and the new portion of the levee is being setback. Photo by Diana McCoy.