Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR) Meeting Summary

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The Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR), chaired by Patty Trap, National Park Service (NPS) met at the NPS Midwest Regional Office on August 29, 2018. Missouri River Basin executives or their alternates, representing nine Federal agencies, attended the meeting along with Planning Committee members and staff. The meeting was facilitated by Melanie Knapp of the U.S. Institute for Environmental Conflict Resolution (U.S. Institute), and meeting notes were prepared by Mitch Chrismer (U.S. Institute). The meeting agenda is provided in Appendix A.

A main purpose of the meeting was for agency executives to brief one another on agency programs, projects, and recent activities occurring in the Missouri River Basin since the group met last in February 2018. Several informational briefings were given at the meeting, including: 1) an update on the Joint Federal Conference with the Great Plains Tribal Water Alliance group; (2) an overview of disaster response, recovery, and interagency collaboration and coordination from the perspectives of FEMA, EPA, and USCG, including a briefing on planning for the New Madrid Fault Line situation; (3) a review of the 2011 MRBIR Flood Response Coordination; (4) an update on employee lessons learned from the DOI-NPS Sexual Harassment response; (5) an update on snow and moisture monitoring in the Upper Missouri Basin; (6) an update on flows and status of 2018 Runoff; and (7) an update on the Missouri River Recovery Management Plan and Environmental Impact Statement.

In addition to these reports and updates, the MRBIR group discussed the top priorities and pressing issues from their respective agencies and discussed various operational aspects of the group.