

Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable

FY11 -12 Proposed Priority Topics

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Background

Identify key topics and issues of priority that *deserve MRBIR coordination, communication and common understanding.*



– MRBIR Executives, July 2010

Plan Purpose

Capitalize on the capability of MRBIR member agencies by:

- leveraging resources and**
- ensuring strategic coordination**

of priority issues that benefit the Missouri River basin.

Key outcome: establish a shared understanding and knowledge of federal efforts in the Missouri River basin

Planning Committee Approach

Members:

- Identified key basin topics and related tasks of importance to their agencies.
- Reviewed compiled list. Identified top three topics and described related tasks.
- Distilled list into four priority topics, consolidated tasks.
- Routinely review original list to assess existing topics and identify new topics.

Proposed Priorities & Goals

- **Climate Change:** Coordinate basin initiatives & services
- **Sediment:** Implement NAS Sediment Study Recommendations
- **Government-to-Government Consultation:** Interagency coordination of key consultations, consultation about MRBIR products
- **Missouri River Watershed Functions:** Increase understanding of watershed functions that impact decision making in the basin

Caveat: developing basin issues may take priority over the above.

Climate Change (CC) Tasks

- **CC workshop at MRNRC March, 2011 – Doug Kluck, NOAA**
 - ID agency opportunities to leverage resources, reduce redundancies
- **Post-Workshop Activities:**
 - Monitor and mitigate CC impact on the Missouri River
 - Learn about emerging USGS Missouri River Basin CC research; consider MRBIR focus on adaptation research
 - Determine how Missouri River Basin CC initiatives will be incorporated into national water resources policies

Sediment Tasks

- **Brief and identify MRBIR's role in addressing and/or implementing Study recommendations**
- **Address MRBIR general comments regarding Federal Position Statement on Sediment Management on Missouri River Recovery, Shallow Water Habitat Creation Projects Down Stream of Gavins Point Dam.**
- **Develop a comprehensive sediment management plan for Missouri River basin.**

Government – to- Government Consultation Tasks

Ensure full coordination and consultation of basin Tribes including coordinated agency consultations during the development of statements, policies and positions

- Regular agency updates at MRBIR meetings**
- Post Missouri River basin agency programs of interest to tribes, with agency web links, to MRBIR website**

Missouri River Watershed Functions

- Continue implementing recommendations from the 2002 National Academy of Sciences report.
- Increase understanding of invasive species and how they impact the Missouri River ecosystem
- Identify key processes related to a healthy functioning Missouri River
- Increase understanding of Missouri River basin land use trends and impacts (water-quality, hydrology, ecology, sediment, economics, etc) (may also be related to sediment initiative)
- National policies and initiatives related to renewable energy development in the Missouri River basin
- Missouri River diversions and depletions, where does Missouri River water go, applications future planning and ongoing modeling

Discussion Items

- Questions, clarifications
- Are there key priorities or tasks that are missing?
- Does MRBIR support the proposed plan?