

REVISED DRAFT AGENDA

Missouri River Association of States and Tribes

May 21-22, 2008

Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP) Conference Room

4600 Giant Springs Rd., Great Falls, Montana

Tuesday, May 20: 6:00 PM. Buffalo steak cookout at First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park. See below for details.

Wednesday, May 21: MT FWP Conference Room

8:30 AM – Meeting convenes: Welcome and introductions – Chairman John Cooper

Review Agenda

Review and Approve minutes and Treasurer's report

Executive Director's Report – David Pope

Old business – MoRAST insurance needs, tribal participation and travel reimbursement

New Business – Potential ICWP membership

9:30 AM – Missouri River issues, challenges and opportunities – Witt Anderson, SES, USACE Division Program Director, Northwest Division, Portland, OR

10:00 AM – Break

10:20 AM – Corps update, current conditions – Larry Cieslik, USACE Deputy Director Programs and Chief of Missouri River Basin Water Management, Northwest Division, Omaha, NE

10:40 AM – MRRIC Status: Draft Charter, Committee appointments, State/Tribal participation, etc. – Rose Hargrave, USACE, Missouri River Programs Coordinator, Northwest Division, Omaha, NE, and others

11:10 AM – Status of MoRAST request for study of 1944 Flood Control Act – John Cooper, David Pope

11:30 AM – Discussion of approach and scope of potential 1944 FCA study – John Cooper, David Pope and others

Noon – Lunch

1:00 PM – Continue discussion of potential FCA study

1:30 PM – Missouri River Recovery Program, projects, priorities, budget – Mike George, USACE Program Manager, Missouri River Recovery, Omaha, NE and Mike Olson, USFWS, Missouri River Coordinator, Bismarck, ND

2:30 PM – Break

2:50 PM – MRERP study, cooperating agency participation, WRDA implementation guidelines – Wayne Nelson Stastny, USFWS MRNRC Coordinator, Yankton, SD and Randy Sellers, USACE Project Manager, Omaha, NE

3:20 PM – Presentation on the St. Mary's Project – MT DNR and others

4:20 PM – Presentation on water management and fish and wildlife issues in the Columbia River Basin – Bruce Measure and Rhonda Whiting, MT Northwest Power and Conservation Council

5:00 PM – Recess meeting for the day

5:15 PM – Social and barbecue dinner at Giant Springs State Park (near FWP)

7:00 PM – Tour of Lewis and Clark Interpretive Center (near FWP)

Thursday, May 22: MT FWP Conference Room

8:30 AM – Presentation on the removal of Milltown Dam (Superfund site) on the Clark Fork River near Missoula – MT Natural Resources Damage Program

9:15 AM – State, Tribal and Federal agency reports and public comments

10:30 AM – Break

10:40 AM – Continue MoRAST business meeting.

Review bylaws

Review Executive Director contract (potential executive session)

11:00 AM – Adjourn

There is no registration fee, but advance notice is needed for either or both the evening social events. The cost for the cookout on May 20 is \$20 per person. The First Peoples Buffalo Jump State Park is located 10 miles South of Great Falls on I-15 at Ulm Exit, then 3.5 miles Northwest on Ulm-Vaughn county road.

Lodging information: Rooms are being held in a block until May 7th under the name "MoRAST" at the Best Western Heritage Inn, 1700 Fox Farm Rd., Great Falls, MT (406) 761-1900. www.bestwestern.com.