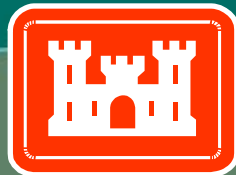
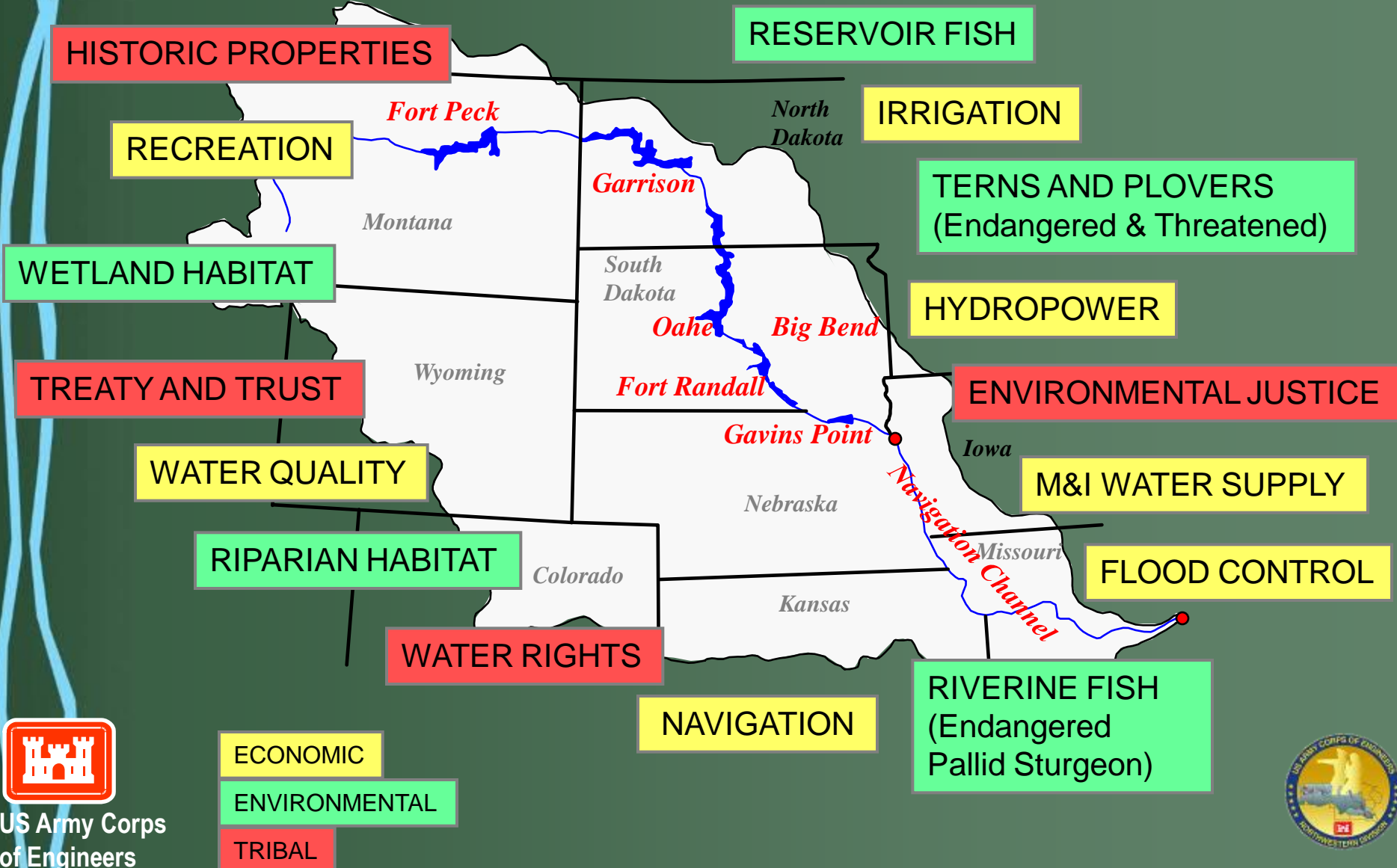


Missouri River

Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee (MRRIC)



Multiple Purposes, Multiple Interests



What is MRRIC?

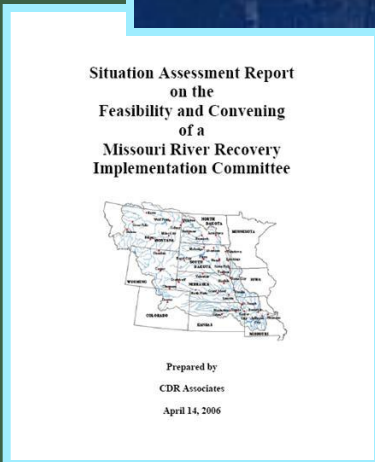
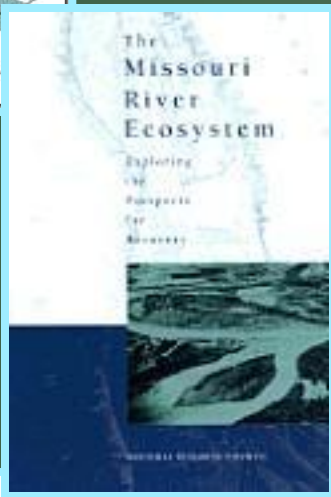
Missouri River Recovery Implementation Committee



- ▶ Provides a basin forum for collaboration on recovery activities
- ▶ Ensures consideration of tribal and public values in recovery decisions
- ▶ Consists of broad range of basin tribes, states, stakeholders, and federal agencies
- ▶ Provides consensus-based recommendations to entities in the basin
- ▶ Serves as critical part of Adaptive Management



Evolution



- ▶ Master Manual Review and Update
 - Section 7 Endangered Species Act Consultation with US Fish & Wildlife Service
 - Biological Assessment
 - Biological Opinion
 - Record of Decision
- ▶ National Research Council Report
- ▶ Situation Assessment



Challenges & Opportunities

- ▶ Geographic extent of basin
- ▶ Diverse interests
- ▶ Long-standing differences
- ▶ Drought
- ▶ Lack of trust
- ▶ Lack of experience with collaboration
- ▶ No “champion”
- ▶ Weary of litigation
- ▶ Watershed approach
- ▶ Power of consensus recommendations
- ▶ Stakeholders want a voice in recovery decisions
- ▶ Congressional Legislation



Federal Working Group

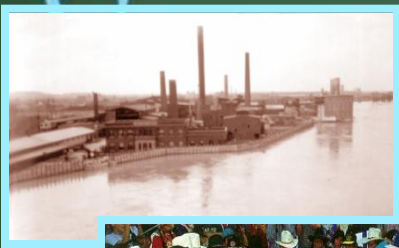


WRDA 2007 Section 5018

- ▶ Secretary of the Army, in Consultation with MRRIC, shall conduct a study to determine actions required to mitigate losses, recover federally listed species, and restore ecosystem to prevent further losses.
- ▶ Recovery Implementation Committee to be established by Secretary w/in 6 months of date of enactment of WRDA
- ▶ Committee membership includes:
 - Federal Agencies
 - States
 - Tribes
 - Non-Governmental Stakeholders
- ▶ Committee duties include:
 - Provide Guidance to Secretary, Fed Agencies, Tribes, State Agencies, on the Study
 - Provide Guidance and Recommendations to Secretary on Missouri River Recovery and Mitigation Plan
- ▶ Federal Advisory Committee Act Does Not Apply to MRRIC



Key Events



- ▶ August 2006 - Situation Assessment
- ▶ Spring 2007 – Planning Committee established to develop Recommended Charter for MRRIC
- ▶ January 2008 – Planning Committee submits Recommended Charter to ASA (CW)
- ▶ January 2008 – Government to Government consultation with Basin Tribes initiated
- ▶ July 2008 - Approval of Implementation Guidance (Section 5018) and Recommended Charter by ASA(CW)
- ▶ July 2008 - Federal Register Notice of Stakeholder Application Process
- ▶ July 2008 - Request for Appointment of Tribal and State Representatives



Next Steps

- ▶ August 22, 2008 - MRRIC Stakeholder Application Period Closes
- ▶ August 25, 2008 – Request for Appointment of Federal Members
- ▶ September 1, 2008 – State and Tribal Appointments Received
- ▶ September 2, 2008 – Planning Committee Members Complete Review of Stakeholder Applications and Provide Input to USIECR
- ▶ September 5, 2008 – USIECR Provides Compiled Planning Committee input to NWD
- ▶ September 9, 2008 - Executive Panel Makes Stakeholder Member Recommendations to NWD Chief of Programs
- ▶ NWD Confirms Willingness of Stakeholder Representatives to Serve
- ▶ NWD Commander Notifies Stakeholder Members of Their Selection
- ▶ September 29 – October 1 2008 First Meeting of MRRIC
- ▶ October 15 , 2008 – Missouri River Basin Interagency Roundtable (MRBIR) signs Supplemental MOU



Summary of Stakeholder Applications and Appointments to Date

- ▶ 45 Total Stakeholder Applications
 - 25 Members of Planning Committee
 - 20 New or Not Members of Planning Committee
- ▶ Governors of Wyoming, Missouri, and Nebraska have made appointments
- ▶ 7 Basin Tribes have made appointments
- ▶ Letters to Federal agencies requesting their member signed 25 August

