

## NDG&F June 10<sup>th</sup>, 2010 Newsletter

### Corps to Hold Missouri River Scoping Meetings in North Dakota

The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will hold three public meetings in North Dakota next week to help define the scope of studies that will be conducted for the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study. The schedule includes tribal-focused meetings at each city at separate locations.

The meetings are scheduled for:

June 16 in Williston – National Guard Armory, 10 Main St.

*Tribal Meeting: Williston College, Alumni Center, 1410 University Ave.*

June 17 in Bismarck – Best Western Doublewood, 1400 Interchange Ave.

*Tribal Meeting: UTTC, Wellness Center, 3315 University Dr.*

June 18 in Fargo – Holiday Inn, 3803 13th Ave.

*Tribal Meeting: NDSU, Alumni Center, 1241 N University Dr.*

Each of the public meetings will run from 5-8 p.m., with an open-house from 5-7 p.m. The final hour of the public meeting will be reserved for public speakers' comments. Participants may attend at their convenience. The tribal meetings are from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. The format will vary slightly.

The public meetings will include a program booklet and comment form; continuous overview presentations for participants to watch at their convenience; individually manned stations focused on each of the authorized purposes; one-on-one conversations with Corps experts to ask questions and gain information on the study; and a court reporter at each site to record comments.

People planning to attend should come prepared to discuss what is important to them, and the problems and opportunities the study should address.

Congress directed the Corps to conduct a study of the Missouri River projects within the basin to review the original project purposes based on the 1944 Flood Control Act to determine if changes to these purposes are warranted. The eight purposes are flood control, hydropower, water supply, irrigation, navigation, recreation, water quality, and fish and wildlife. Infrastructure operated by both the Corps and Bureau of Reclamation is included in the study.

Individuals requiring assistance under the Americans with Disabilities Act to participate in these meetings can contact [lois@djcace.com](mailto:lois@djcace.com) at least three days prior to a specific meeting. Those who use a telecommunications service for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) anytime at (800) 877-8339 to relay this same information.

Comments will be accepted through Sept. 20, 2010. Comments can be e-mailed to [mraps@usace.army.mil](mailto:mraps@usace.army.mil) or sent to U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study, Attn: CENWO-PM-AA, 1616 Capitol Avenue, Suite 9000, Omaha, NE 68102-4901.

More information about the Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study can be found at [www.mraps.org](http://www.mraps.org).