

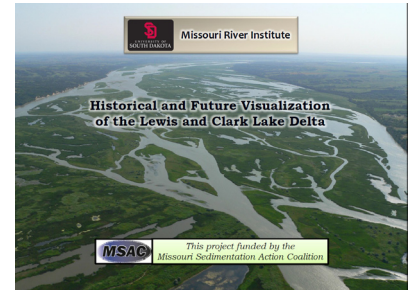
■ The MSAC Mission is to educate the public and promote the intelligent use of all available programs and funds to alleviate the sedimentation-caused problems of the Missouri River main-stem reservoirs.

Lewis and Clark Illustration Project Continues to Educate

The Lewis and Clark Illustration project completed in 2013 continues to educate in 2014. Tim Cowman, of the Missouri River Institute in Vermillion which conducted the illustration project research for MSAC, made the following presentations in 2014:

- Missouri River Natural Resources Conference, Nebraska City

- Missouri River Institute Research Symposium, Vermillion
- SD Walleyes Unlimited, Sioux Falls
- Society for Range Management/ SD Soil & Water Conservation, Fort Pierre
- Geological Society of America, Lincoln (presenter Mark Sweeney)
- Living River Group of the Sierra Club
- Eastern SD Water Conf. (10/2013)



From the Lewis and Clark Illustration Project

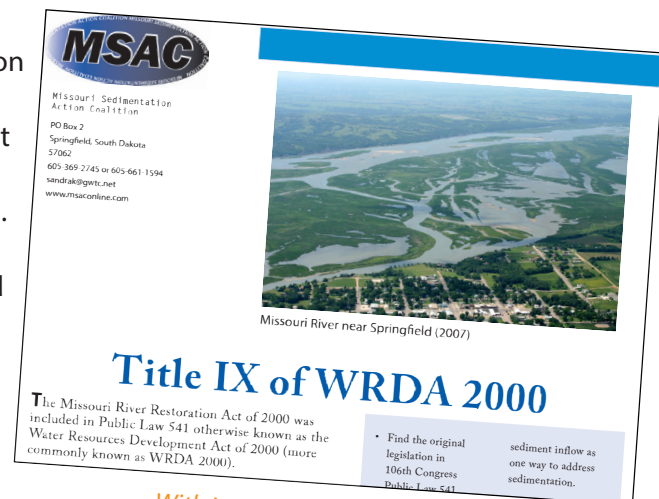
Initial Contacts Made in Exploring Potential Title IX Task Force Projects

Getting the Title IX Task Force and its objectives off the ground has been no easy task. Meetings have been on hold as task force members need to be appointed or reappointed. For about one year, the task force appointments have been under federal legal review.

In 2014, MSAC encouraged two volunteers to contact counties regarding Title IX and their interest in pursuing projects.

This contact has encouraged discussion and sparked new questions about what existing programs could also be utilized.

Much more work and education needs to take place. MSAC hopes to enlist an entity to assist.



News Coverage - 2014

Sedimentation issues received substantial news coverage in the media in the states of South Dakota and Nebraska and Sioux City, Iowa.

- Paul Boyd, of the USACE, presented at MSAC's Annual Membership Meeting in Springfield which was open to the public on March 25. News coverage reached all corners of the state of South Dakota along with other parts of the country including Washington, D.C. (The Washington Times)
- In October the Sioux City Journal reported on the Corps' recent research on flushing at Spencer Dam.
- MSAC offered comments on the Corps' draft Annual Operating Plan in November
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MSAC Continues Online Activity

- In 2014, MSAC maintained several spots for internet education including YouTube, Facebook, Twitter, a website and a blog.
- Two MSAC videos at YouTube have a total of 1,006 views.
- MSAC continues to grow its Facebook and Twitter presence.
- Watch for continuing updates at www.msaonline.com

With input from Task Force Members and the Corps of Engineers, MSAC developed a four-page, educational handout about Title IX. (see top half of page one, above.) In late 2013, MSAC compiled a short survey regarding sedimentation and Title IX. Both the handout and survey results are available at www.msaonline.com.

MSAC Continues Education Efforts: Knox County Fair and SD Discovery Center in Pierre

Several hundred county fairgoers took a look at the MSAC booth at the **131st Knox County Fair** in Bloomfield, Nebraska August 7 - 10. MSAC handed out free copies of its DVDs and flyers. In 2012, more than 11,000 attended the fair.

In July of 2014, Larry Weiss, President of the MSAC Board of Directors, stopped by the **South Dakota Discovery Center** in Pierre where MSAC had a poster on display. Anne Lewis, Special Projects Director at the SD Discovery Center, was on hand. The SD Discovery Center administers 319 Watershed Education mini-grants.

Copies of the poster have also been on display at the Springfield Historical Society Museum and Corps of Discovery Welcome Center, south of Yankton. Contact MSAC if you have another location in mind for displays.



MSAC President Larry Weiss presented Anne Lewis, Special Projects Director at the SD Discovery Center in Pierre, with a display poster created by MSAC with information stemming from the Lewis and Clark Illustration Project, which received grant dollars from the 319 Watershed Education mini-grants administered by the Discovery Center.

Read MSAC's comments on the Corps' Draft Annual Operating plan at www.msaconline.com

MSAC Maintains Office at Corps of Discovery Welcome Center South of Yankton

Each year, hundreds of visitors from all over the country stop at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center on US Highway 81, two miles south of Yankton.

MSAC has maintained an office there for nearly two years. In 2014, MSAC added an educational display to one of the most visited hallways in the center (near the restrooms.) The Welcome Center staff also added new activities including a farmers market boosting traffic. Visitors come with a variety of interests including birding, geocaching, casinos, and, of course, the river.

MSAC continues to explore ways to enhance Missouri River education available at the center which is just a couple of miles from Gavins Point Dam on Lewis and Clark Lake of the Missouri River.



The new MSAC display at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center receives many looks.

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■ We want to hear from you. Send us your email address along with others in your office or friends who want to keep updated on sedimentation issues. Send your address(es) to sandrak@gwtc.net or msaconline@gmail.com. We appreciate your support. It's crucial in keeping MSAC vocal and in keeping sedimentation management taken seriously.