

# MISSOURI RIVER AUTHORIZED PURPOSES STUDY

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# Presentation Outline

- History of 1944 Flood Control Act
- Study Authority, Guidance & Products
- Communications & Public Involvement
- Scoping Meetings
- Looking ahead





# The Pick-Sloan Plan 1944 Flood Control Act



Developed out of a Depression Era,  
Industrial Recovery &  
Post World War II Framework



# Canyon Ferry, Montana



# Missouri River Purposes

- Section 9 of the 1944 Flood Control Act, as amended, authorized the System for:
  - flood control
  - navigation
  - fish and wildlife
  - irrigation
  - power
  - recreation
  - water supply
  - water quality



# Changing Times

## Pick Sloan

- Flood Control
- Navigation Development
- Control The River
- Little Concern for Tribal Issues
- Major Irrigation Vision
- Non-Collaborative Governance
- Recreation Potential
- Power Potential
- Sediment Effects not fully Considered

## 66 years later

- Continued Flooding Concern
- Navigation Use
- Restore The River
- More Emphasis on Tribal Issues
- Water Supply
- Focus on Collaborative based Governance
- Impacts to Recreation Potential
- Power Production
- Sediment Concerns



# Study Authority

- Omnibus Appropriations Act of 2009,  
Title I, Sec. 108:
  - Study the Missouri River Projects within the Missouri River basin
  - Cost of \$25,000,000
  - Review original project purposes
  - Determine if changes to authorized purposes and existing Federal water resource infrastructure may be warranted
  - 100% Federal expense.



# Implementation Guidance Highlights

- Geographic region
- Work collaboratively
- Inventory, forecast and evaluate current needs and problems
- Evaluate an array of alternatives to determine if changes are warranted



# Implementation Guidance Highlights (2)

- Evaluate effects on the Mississippi River from Missouri River alternatives.
- Incorporate climate change
- Evaluate alternatives on 5 accounts:
  - National Economic Development
  - Regional Economic Development
  - Environmental Quality
  - Other Social Effects and Public Safety
- Target completion time is 5 years



# Products

- Summary Public Scoping Report
- Inventory of Existing Purposes/Conditions and Forecast of Future Conditions
- Descriptions of Alternative Measures
- Draft feasibility report and anticipated integrated Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)
- Final feasibility report and anticipated integrated EIS for Chief of Engineers Report to Congress.

***Note that Congress will decide on whether to implement any major changes.***



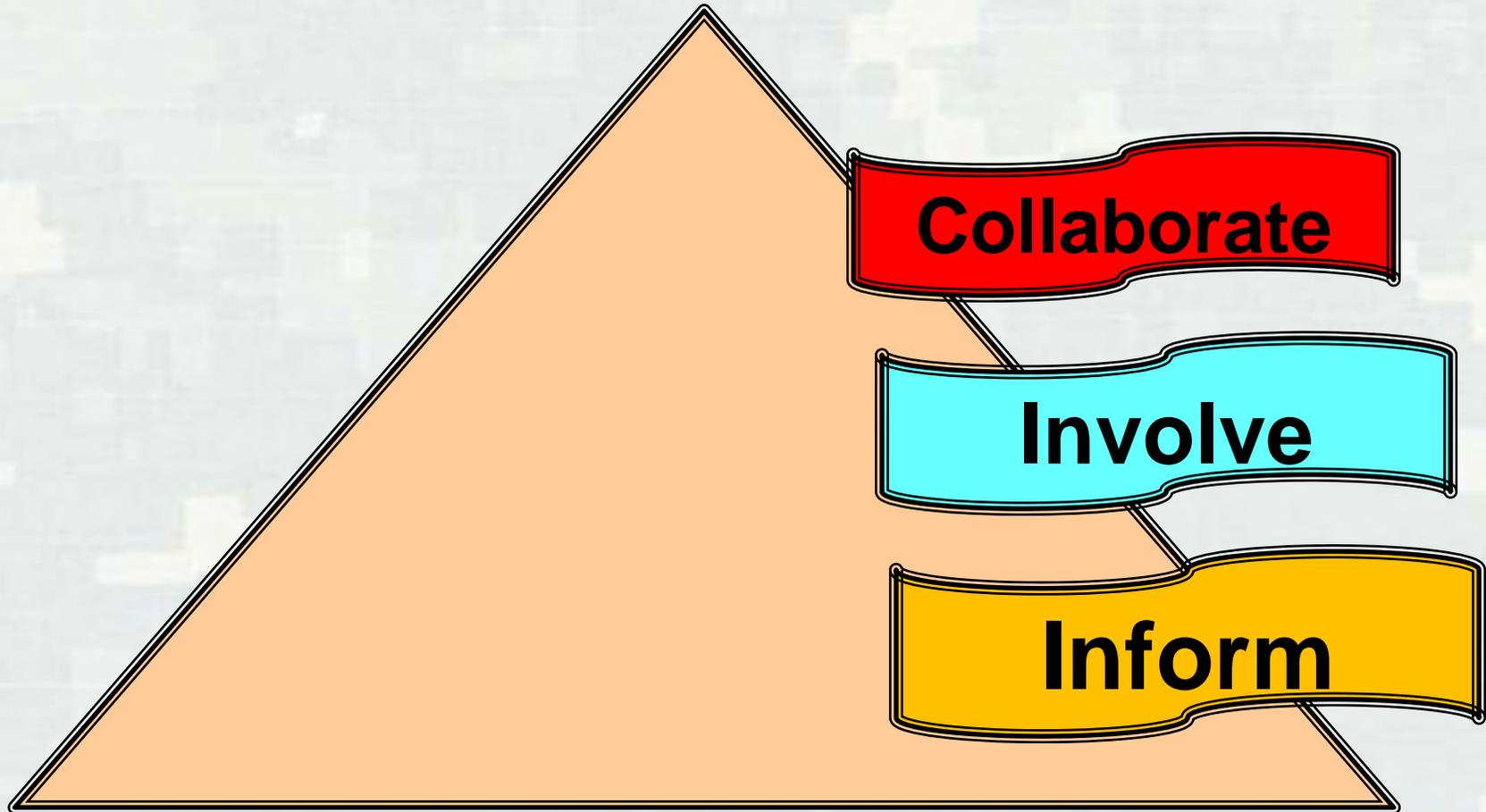
# Regional Study Management

- Omaha District Program Manager
  - Mark Harberg, Senior Planner/PM
- Kansas City District Program Manager
  - Lamar McKissack, Senior Planner/PM

- ❖ Mississippi Valley Division → St. Louis District Planning.
- ❖ Bureau of Reclamation → Grand Island Office



# Outreach & Coordination

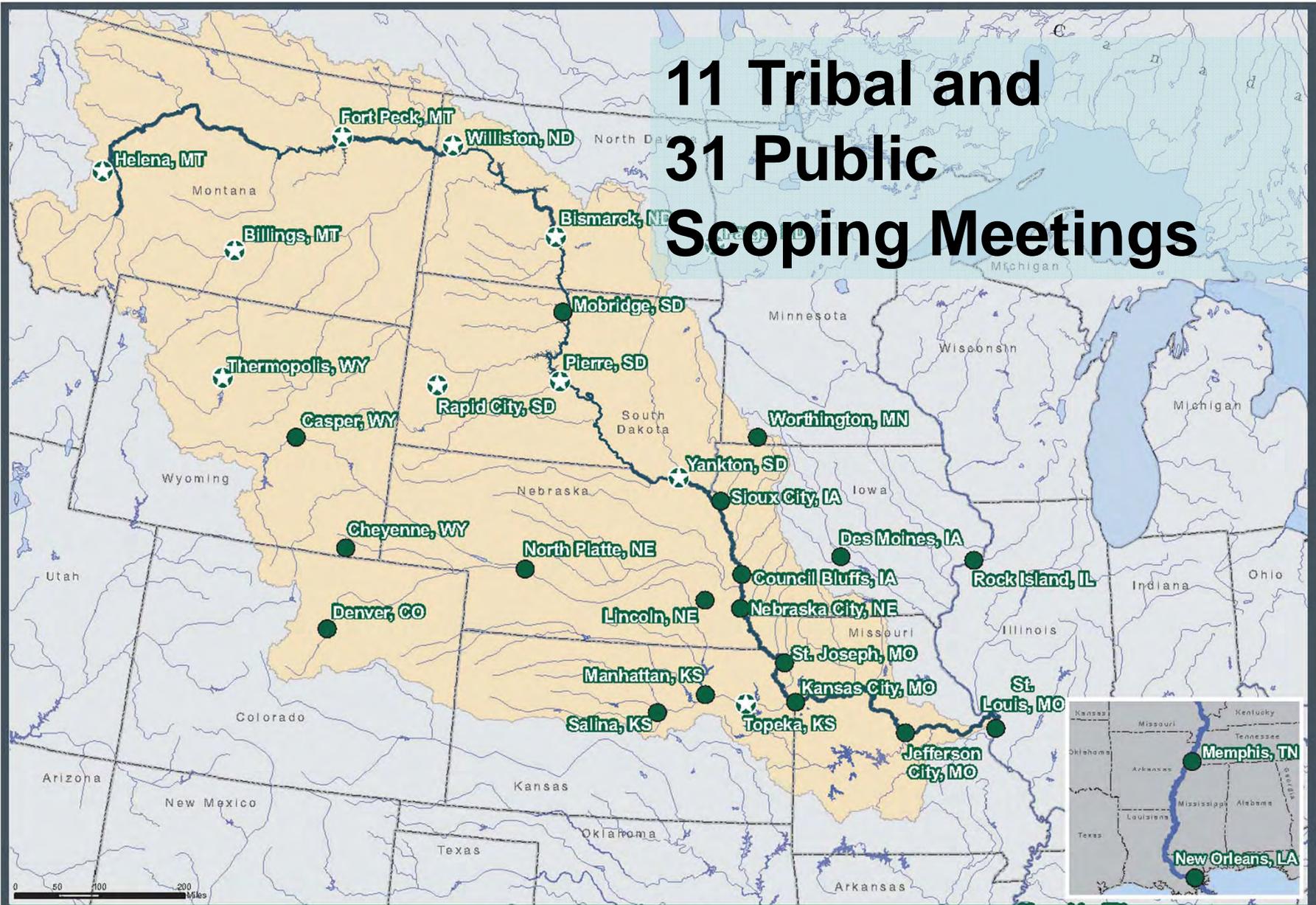


# Stakeholders

- Tribal Governments
- Basin Organizations
- State Governments
- Local Governments (utility and levee districts)
- Non-governmental organizations
- General Public



# 11 Tribal and 31 Public Scoping Meetings



- Public Scoping Location
- ★ Tribal Focus Location at or near Scoping Location

### Missouri River Authorized Purposes Study

- Missouri River Basin
- Missouri River
- Missouri River Lakes
- States
- Rivers
- Bodies of Water



# Comment Opportunities





- Snap Surveys
- On line



# Formal Comments



# Passion For The River



# Scoping Process Timeline

**Study scoping is roughly half complete...  
remaining scoping steps are shown in this timeline**



- Corps will release draft scoping report (early 2011)
- Offer public feedback meetings (early 2011)

# Ongoing Coordination

- In-progress reviews
- Public meetings
- Web site
- Public information notices
- E-newsletters



# MRAPS Website

- Public meeting announcements
- General descriptive information and documents available for download
- Progress and status information as study moves forward

[www.MRAPs.org](http://www.MRAPs.org)



# Questions?

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