

*Congressman King looks forward to discussing his Missouri River legislation with members of the House Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment*

Washington, D.C. - Congressman Steve King announced today that the House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee's Subcommittee on Water Resources and Environment will hold a hearing on Wednesday, November 30, 2011, to discuss the historic flooding that was experienced along the Missouri River this year. During the hearing, it is expected that King and other Members who represent areas along the Missouri River will have the opportunity to address the Subcommittee and discuss concerns that have been raised about the management of the Missouri River. It is also expected that officials from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers will appear before the Subcommittee to answer questions about the role it played in this year's flooding. On October 12, 2011, King joined other members of the Missouri River delegation in writing Chairman John Mica to request that a hearing be held. Yesterday, King and Congressman Sam Graves (R-MO) met with Mica in person and discussed the issue of Missouri River flooding further. King released the following statement regarding the upcoming hearing.

"I am pleased that the House will hold a hearing later this month to discuss this year's historic flooding," said King. "As I've said for several months, the Pick Sloan reservoir system was built to protect us from the worst flooding experienced along the Missouri River - which until this year, was the flooding of 1881. As anyone who lives along the Missouri River can attest, this year's flooding raised the bar for the 'worst case scenario' flood event. As such, we need to update the Master Manual and the management of the River accordingly. I've introduced H.R. 2942 to do just that, and I look forward to discussing my legislation with the members of the Subcommittee during this hearing."

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