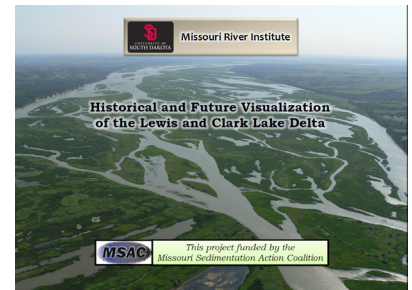


Lewis and Clark Illustration Project Generates Public Interest in 2013 & Beyond

The Missouri River Institute (MRI) painted a vivid picture of the past, present and future of Lewis and Clark Lake for MSAC and its public education efforts. This project was made possible by a 319 I&E MiniGrant (Watershed Information and Education in South Dakota). MRI is based at the University of South Dakota. The material was subject of several presentations in 2013 and will be delivered more in 2014.

A sample of the project:

- A 66-slide presentation recorded by Tim Cowman, MRI Director
- A sediment budget of Lewis and Clark Lake identifying silt sources
- Series of river bed profiles near Standing Bear Bridge and Springfield
- Descriptions of delta vegetation
- Eight artist renditions of future sediment accumulation 25-, 50- and 100- years into the future from the Charley and Miller creeks vantage points.



Presentation made at MSAC Annual Meeting in 2013 along with several other venues in 2013 and 2014

MSAC Opens Office at Corps of Discovery Welcome Center

In March, MSAC opened an office at the Corps of Discovery Welcome Center located just



Corps of Discovery Welcome Center

two miles south of Yankton on Highway 81. Look for enhanced visibility of sedimentation issues at the welcome center in 2014. Over the past 10 years, MSAC has accumulated a great deal of information including reports and display materials. The Welcome Center provides new opportunities for MSAC's

educational endeavors. The Welcome Center focuses on enhancing tourism in the region along with offering an outlet for artisans in South Dakota and Nebraska to sell their creative items.

News Coverage - 2013

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

- Statewide coverage on the opening of the MSAC office
- American Rivers designation of the Niobrara River as one of America's Most Endangered Rivers®
- MSAC offered comments on the Corps' flushing concept at Lewis and Clark Lake
- MSAC President Larry Weiss was interviewed on KSOO radio in Sioux Falls **& More**

MSAC Boosts Online Activity

- In 2013, MSAC started a blog which provides a great venue to post links to news articles and other information online:

www.msaconline.blogspot.com

- Two MSAC videos have had more than 500 views on YouTube.
- MSAC tweeted for the first time in 2013.
- Look for changes in 2014 at:

www.msaconline.com

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.

Cedar County Fair and Mighty Mo Photo Show

Several hundred county fairgoers took a look at the MSAC booth



First Friday Event at Mighty Mo Photo Show

at the Cedar County Fair in Hartington, Nebraska July 19-21. New displays incorporating the MRI Lewis and Clark Lake illustrations were part of the exhibit also featuring MSAC's videos and handouts. MSAC found a new venue for one part of the Lewis and Clark Project. The Mighty Mo Photo Show Exhibit at the G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery in Yankton

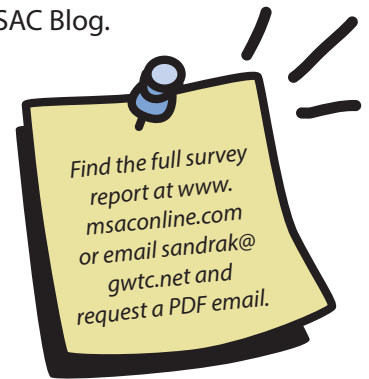
featured dozens of creative river photographs taken by area shutterbugs. Four of the eight art pieces by Nicole Geary for MSAC's Lewis and Clark Illustration project were displayed in one corner for the duration of the exhibit, July 19 through August 27. Nearly 300 people took in the show, a great reminder of what makes the Missouri River such a unique resource.

Title IX Task Force Prepares to Meet Again in early 2014

A working group of the Title IX Task Force met in November and developed a more concise set of considerations for the entire group to think about in selecting potential sedimentation management projects. This is being fine-tuned with input from the entire Task Force. MSAC conducted a survey to assist the Task Force in its work. MSAC members, legislators,

water districts, cities, counties, tribes and others along with the general public were encouraged to respond to the survey. There were 74 people who submitted responses. Nearly all the survey respondents (97.3%) support best management practices on tributaries/watershed to decrease sediment inflow as one way to address sedimentation. Look for

more results and updates on Title IX at www.msaconline.com or the MSAC Blog.



Find the full survey report at www.msaconline.com or email sandrak@gwtc.net and request a PDF email.

MSAC Contributes to Soil Education Efforts in Charles Mix & Bon Homme Cos.

Randall Resource Conservation and Development of Lake Andes coordinated the purchase of wind erosion and tabletop rainfall simulators for education in the Charles Mix - Bon Homme counties/Lewis and Clark Watershed areas. MSAC contributed \$200 toward the estimated \$1,200 purchase price. Rainfall simulators illustrate the importance of healthy soils and their ability to encourage water infiltration thus reducing erosion and sedimentation into waterways.



Large NRCS Rainfall Simulator at a Rangeland Tour in August

■ 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. We intend on maintaining more communication in 2014 via email. 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.

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