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In North Dakota, the Dakotas Area Office manages:

3 Reclamation reservoirs

5 Units of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program

and has funded rural and industrial water projects that are intended to serve over 400,000 people when completed.

Reclamation in North Dakota

North Dakota was a home away from home for Theodore Roosevelt. In 1902 when he signed the Reclamation Act that created the agency that would become known as the Bureau of Reclamation, Roosevelt could not have foreseen the role the agency would play over the years in his beloved North Dakota. With one of Reclamation's earliest irrigation projects, three contemporary dams, five Native American reservations, and the Garrison Diversion Unit of the Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (See "What We Do," page 7), Reclamation has been involved in social and legal issues in the state on a continuing basis.

The Dakotas Area Office is responsible for administering Reclamation programs in North Dakota and South Dakota. The mission of the office is to provide technical assistance and leadership in the responsible development and management of water and related resources to enhance the quality of life in both states. Programs and projects conducted by the Dakotas Area Office are very diverse in nature. Many of the activities are associated with the planning, construction, and operation and maintenance of rural water systems. Other activities include operation and maintenance of Reclamation facilities, contract renewals, assistance with irrigation development, water management studies, and water conservation.



Jamestown Dam and Reservoir.

The Area Office is located in Bismarck, North Dakota, with two field offices in South Dakota. The Area Office manages nine dam and reservoir facilities, three of which are in North Dakota. They are Dickinson and Heart Butte on the Heart River and Jamestown on the James River, both tributaries to the Missouri.

Projects in North Dakota provide a water supply to a total irrigated acreage of

22,094 acres. They produce an average of \$2.5 million worth of crops each year. Water from newly constructed municipal, rural and industrial water supply projects now serve over 180,000 people in the state, and ultimately will serve over 400,000 people in as many as 300 communities and rural areas throughout the state and on four Indian Reservations. Over 600,000 visitors participate in recreation activities in Reclamation reservoirs in the state each year.

There are five Indian reservations in North Dakota, including the Standing Rock and Lake Traverse Reservations which both straddle the border of North Dakota and South Dakota, and the Ft. Berthold, Turtle Mountain, and Fort Totten reservations. The Area Office is working with four of these Tribes on various programs or projects.



The Red River Valley Water Needs and Options Report outlines the future water needs and potential supplies along the river.



Statistical Summary of Great Plains Region Projects in North Dakota

Reclamation		Date	Reservoir	Storage Dam	Project Flood Benefit	Number of	Irrigated	Canals &	Drains
<u>Project / Unit</u>	<u>State</u>	<u>Authorized</u>	<u>Names</u>	Stotage Dam Names	through 2006 (\$1000)	Pumping Plants	<u>Acres</u>	Laterals (m)	<u>(m)</u>
		<u>1940</u>				1	10,671	45.5	31.6
Pick-Sloan Missouri Basin Program (P-S)									
-		1944					400	-	-
-		1944			13,306	30	8,481	17.0	1.0
-		1944			86,807		171	-	-
-		1944				4	1,929	16.0	7.0
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NORTH DAKOTA TOTALS			3 reservoirs	3 storage dams	100,113 flood \$	36 pump plants	24,136 acres	78.5 mi	39.6 mi.

NOTES:

The Garrison Unit has been reauthorized several times. The scope and features of the project are not as originally envisioned. Existing irrigation features offer incidental recreation and fish and wildlife benefits.

Rural and Municipal water: A major component of Garrison is rural and municipal water service for communities throughout the state.

n/a indicates that there is no flood control assigned to the project and the Corps of Engineers does not compute flood benefits.

Definitions: A dam is a significant barrier across a stream to impound and/or divert water and has outlet works.

A dike is a low embankment along the rim of a reservoir or stream to limit the extent of flooding and has no outlet.

Images of Great Plains Region Dams in North Dakota







Heart Butte



Jamestown