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Missouri River Basin User Forum:
Drought Early Warning for the Lower Basin
7 Mar 2017 - 9 Mar 2017
Lied Lodge, Nebraska City, Nebraska

Tuesday, March 7th

Drought Monitoring Tools Workshop

- 2:00pm Introduction and Concept of Tools Workshop
- 2:15pm Hands-on Tool Demonstrations. For example:
- U.S. Drought Monitor
 - Drought Risk Atlas
 - Drought Impact Reporter
 - Applied Climate Information System
 - National Weather Service Tools and Products
- 4:30pm Wrap-up
- 5:00pm Informal Networking Event

Wednesday, March 8th

- 8:30am Welcome and Review Previous NIDIS Kickoff Meeting
- 8:45am Introductions
- 9:00am Western States Water Council Update
- 9:10am The National Integrated Drought Information System and Developing a Drought Early Warning Information System in the Missouri River Basin
- 9:30am Drought and the Missouri River Basin Tribes
- 10:30am Break

- 10:45am State Drought Progress: Monitoring and Planning
- 12:00pm Lunch Talk: Climate Variability in the Missouri Basin Recent Findings
- 1:30pm Across the Missouri River Basin Drought Activities
- 3:00pm Break
- 3:15pm Improving Communication Around Drought
- 4:30pm Wrap up

Thursday, March 9th

- 8:30am Welcome back and recap
- 8:40am Drought Tools Discussion: Latest Tools for Monitoring and Anticipating Drought
- 9:25am Evaluating the Missouri River Basin DEWS
- 10:00am Break
- 10:15am Drought Vulnerability Assessments: Who Needs Them and Why?
- 12:00pm Working Lunch
- 1:30pm Identify Drought Monitoring and Prediction Gaps and Data Sharing and Access Issues
- 3:15pm Break
- 3:30pm Final Thoughts and Next Steps
- 4:00pm Adjourn