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Abstract: This Final SEIS discloses the potential impacts associated with the modified Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project as described in the Water Resources Development Act of 1999 (WRDA99). The SEIS analyzes three alternatives including the Preferred Action, No Development alternative, and the No Action alternative. The Preferred Action includes the acquisition of an additional 118,650 acres to restore or enhance aquatic and terrestrial habitat on individual sites purchased from willing sellers. The project study area is located along 735 miles of the Missouri River from Sioux City, Iowa to the mouth of the river near St. Louis, Missouri. The project is a continuation of the original Mitigation Project authorized under WRDA86 for 48,100 acres currently being developed. The original Mitigation Project was evaluated in the 1981 "Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project Final Feasibility Report and Final EIS for the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan." The purpose of the Mitigation Project is to restore fish and wildlife habitat losses resulting from construction, operation, and maintenance of the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP), which provided a navigation channel from Sioux City to the mouth.

Previous Environmental Impact Statement: Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project Final Feasibility Report and Final Environmental Impact Statement for the Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Plan, 1981.

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