



US Army Corps
of Engineers®
Omaha District

Information Paper

Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Mitigation Project Kansas Bend



Aerial view of the Kansas Bend mitigation site

Contact

Mike Barnes, Project Manager
Email: micheal.j.barnes@usace.army.mil
Phone: 402-221-4605

Location

3 miles east of Peru, Nemaha County, Nebraska.

Description

The Kansas Bend site is located on 1,056 acres of former agricultural land purchased by the Corps of Engineers. This site is separated into two areas by privately owned farmland. The area is adjacent to the right descending bank of the Missouri River, at river miles 544 and 547.

Several side channels at Kansas Bend were closed in conjunction with the Missouri River Bank Stabilization and Navigation Project (BSNP). Construction of the BSNP used dikes and revetments to cut off the side channels across the bend in the Missouri River. The main project element for the mitigation at this site will be reopening two side channels to the river.

Plans call for the side channels at this site to be constructed with only a 10-foot bottom width. Through adaptive management and the natural forces of the river, the channels are expected to erode and expand over time to a full 200-foot design width. The upper channel at this site will be 7,200 feet long while the lower channel will be similar, but only 5,580 feet long.

The Nebraska Game & Parks Department will assume operation and management of the constructed features when it is completed. No motor vehicles are allowed on the site, but public foot access is available. This site will be used for a variety of outdoor activities including fishing, bird watching, hiking and hunting when in season.

Current Status

Plans and specifications for the construction contract are being prepared. It is anticipated the construction at this mitigation site will start in late summer 2002.