

April 14, 2014

The Richland/Roosevelt Conservation District Dredge Committee is getting ready to plan the dredge route for the 2014 irrigation season. Please let us know as soon as possible if you will need the dredge to clean out your pumpsite. In order to keep cost down and to be efficient it will work best if we can put the dredge in the water and go to each site that needs work instead of back tracking. If your site has trash, logs, etc. it is to your advantage to try and remove the debris before the dredge gets to your site. It will save you money and help the dredge work more efficiently. Manny Marquina will be the dredge operator for the 2014 season; this is Manny's 3rd year with the dredge. His contact number is 775-351-6024. Please call the office at 406-433-2103x101 to schedule the dredge.

If you have paid your user fee of \$500.00, thank you and appreciate your willingness to keep the dredge in operation. We are holding these funds in our savings account for any major repairs that may be necessary. If you need the dredge this year and haven't paid your user fee we are willing to extend the deadline to May 15th, 2014. If you decide you need us after the deadline the fee will be \$1000.00. Remember at this point this is a one-time fee for our maintenance fund, so if you paid last year you don't have to pay again.

For your information, we are enclosing a copy of the various expenses it costs us to run the dredge. We are grateful we have been able to find grant sources for funding in the past to help keep the dredge operating. If you have any questions or concerns feel free to contact me at julie.goss@mt.nacndent.net or at 406-433-2103x101 or you can contact one of the dredge committee members.

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David Anderson- 406-790-0288

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Mike Christofferson- 406-963-7537

Again, it is very important to let us know as soon as possible if you will need the dredge this season. Just to remind you if you plan to use a trac-hoe or other equipment to clean out your pumpsite you are responsible for obtaining all necessary permits. The Missouri River is regulated by the Army Corp of Engineers for the Federal Clean Water Act (404 Permit) and the Federal River and Harbors ACT (Section 10 Permit) and the Conservation Districts regulate the Montana Natural Streambed and Land Preservation Act (310 permit). We always are willing to assist you with the permit application.

Sincerely,

Richland/Roosevelt Conservation District Dredge Committee

