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### Despite Rain, Missouri River Levels Remain Low

(KTNC) - The U-S Army Corps of Engineers is operating the Missouri River reservoir system in drought conservation mode and doesn't expect much to change for at least a few months. Corps engineer Kevin Stom says despite the plentiful rainfall this spring, runoff in the region continues to be low. (play audio :15 "2012 drought.")

Jody Farhat, the head of the water control division for the Corps of Engineers office in Omaha, says water saving efforts are underway in the Missouri River basin. (play audio :16 "July first.")

Farhat says more severe conservation measure may have to be enacted for the latter half of summer if the situation doesn't improve. (play audio :17 "nesting season.")

The Corps reports the runoff forecast in the region north of Sioux City is well below where it should be. It's gauged at 20-million acre feet, which is 79-percent of normal.

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