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BURLEIGH COUNTY OPERATING TAVIS FLOOD CONTROL STRUCTURE

Bismarck, ND—The Burleigh County Highway Department has started operating the Tavis Flood Control Structure. The gate on the west side has been closed, and the pumps are lowering the water level on the east side. Marcus Hall, Burleigh County Engineer, states, "Lowering the level allows storage to protect residents on the east side of Fox Island and the wastewater treatment plant. Everything is functioning properly, and we continue to follow the response actions in our Flood Annex."

The Tavis Flood Control Structure was completed in 2014 as a mitigation project at a cost of over \$2 million—most of which was obtained through grants, the Burleigh County Highway Department, and general funds.

Burleigh County continues to maintain two, self-fill sandbag stations at the Hogue Island Boat Ramp and on Fox Island's Shoreline Circle. The current gage reading is just under 13', and the US Army Corps of Engineers has not announced any more increased levels from the Garrison Dam.

Additional information regarding the Missouri River Levels, Garrison Dam Releases, and Groundwater Maps are available on the Burleigh County website: www.burleighco.com

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East side of Tavis Road, inflow to reduce levels



West side of Tavis Road, outflows to Missouri River