



Vision

The Friends of Lake Sakakawea is dedicated to protecting Lake Sakakawea, advocating for sensible policies that benefit the greatest number of lake residents and users, and educating the public about the recreational, economic, and ecological importance of Lake Sakakawea.

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Friends hard at work for you



Bob Valeu

Valeu testified before the North Dakota Public Service Commission on an application to construct and operate the 70-mile Sacagawea oil and gas pipeline, which would cross under Lake Sakakawea. On behalf of the Friends, he expressed concerns about response times in the event of a pipeline break. The Friends support shut off valves on either side of the lake and the latest in technological advancements to detect leaks.

Fleck spoke at the Corps' Annual Operating Plan meetings on behalf of the Friends of Lake Sakakawea. He encouraged conservation and reminded the Corps that the threat of Aquatic Nuisance Species is real and remains a threat to municipalities, power generation, water supplies and recreation. Fleck uses his many contacts with the state and federal officials to advance the Friends' efforts.



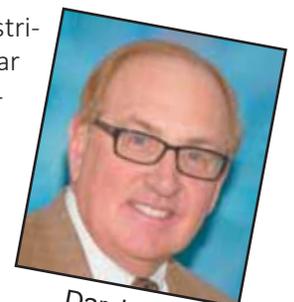
Terry Fleck



Michael Gunsch

Gunsch was involved in development of the Missouri River Advisory Council, which will advance interests of the Missouri River on a national basis. The Council was in the works for the past two years and a board of directors is currently being formed. The Friends are at the table on all the Missouri River efforts, including the newly-formed Advisory Council and the Missouri River Recovery Implementation Commission.

Hill is prepared to testify before the North Dakota Industrial Commission on an application to change "set backs" near the Deepwater Bay development. The multi-well oil development caught the attention of the Friends because of its proximity to Lake Sakakawea and concerns about drift in the event of a blow out or contamination of the lake due to a spill. The Friends' Contamination Committee plans to meet with the state and industrial experts to learn more about safety concerns.



Daryl Hill

2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

➤ Worked closely with federal and state political leaders, state agencies and Corps of Engineers through public meetings, working committees and one-on-one contracts to give you a voice.

➤ Worked in partnership with the Corps of Engineers and North Dakota Game & Fish to identify lake access points for stakeholders to use year-long.

➤ Monitored runoff and storage situations, working to see that a balance is achieved between the navigation system and flood protection while seeking the best results for Lake Sakakawea.

➤ Had a board member on the Missouri River Recovery and Implementation Committee. The MRRIC is in charge of mitigating losses of aquatic and terrestrial habitat, ensuring the recovering of the federally listed species under the Endangered Species Act and involved in restoration of the ecosystem to prevent further declines among other native species.

➤ Had as many as five board members attend meetings of an organization forming, the Missouri River Advisory Council. The organization will provide a broad perspective on Missouri River including flood control, water supply, recreation and fish and wildlife.

➤ Worked in partnership with the Corps of Engineers to keep members informed about lake levels, implications of downsizing the Corps' lake management budget and basin-wide concerns. We spoke with members of congress to elevate concerns about the lack of funding for the Corps' lake management budget and discussed concerns with congressional delegation members on a regular basis.

➤ Attended a briefing and Q&A with the Corps of Engineers' Riverdale staff to learn more about their efforts in the area of oil and gas development, recreation, access and threatened and endangered species.

➤ Served as a voice at numerous public meet-

ings by working with others to find solutions. The Friends are regularly in contact with the North Dakota Game & Fish, Corps of Engineers, U.S. Fish & Wildlife, Garrison Conservancy District, local chambers and county organizations, water boards and weed boards.

➤ Kept our members up to date on lake related issues through emails and newsletters. We are vigilant in monitoring ever changing developments and working for you year-round to give you first-hand information on the lake and the Missouri River Basin system.

➤ Continue to share the message of our efforts and concerns about the lake with area media. The Friends have earned a reputation of an organization that is accessible, committed and dedicated to the causes of the lake.

➤ Continue to closely monitor oil development, emergency preparedness and oversight efforts by the state and federal agencies and energy companies.

➤ Represented members at the Corps' Annual Operating meetings and continued discussions with Corps' administration about the needs of the federally managed state parks.

➤ Supported and developed partnerships between concessionaires, local businesses and federal agencies and concerned citizens.

➤ Continued to educate the public about the dangers of Aquatic Nuisance Species. The Friends administer a grant for the ND Game & Fish department in a proactive educational campaign to try to keep ANS out of North Dakota bodies of water.

➤ Participated in the selection process for a new lake manager for the Corps of Engineers' Riverdale office. The Friends have had a representative involved in the interview process for the past 10 years.

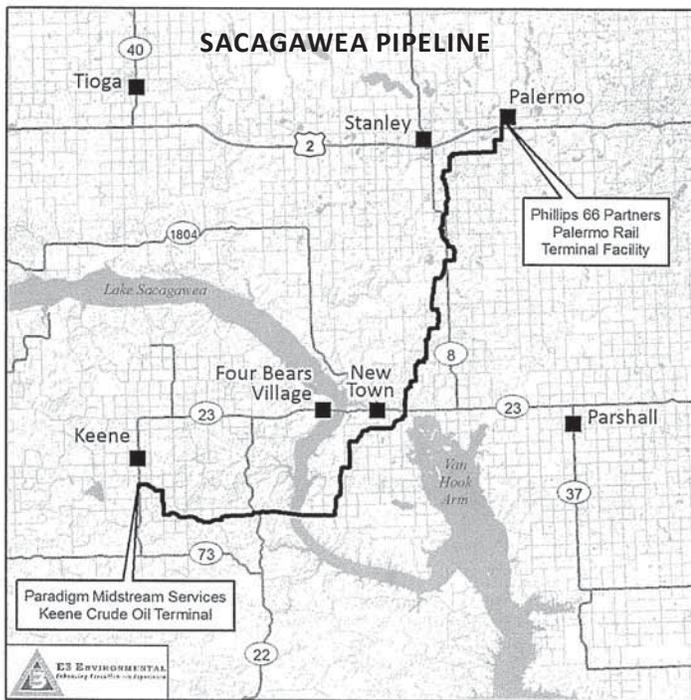
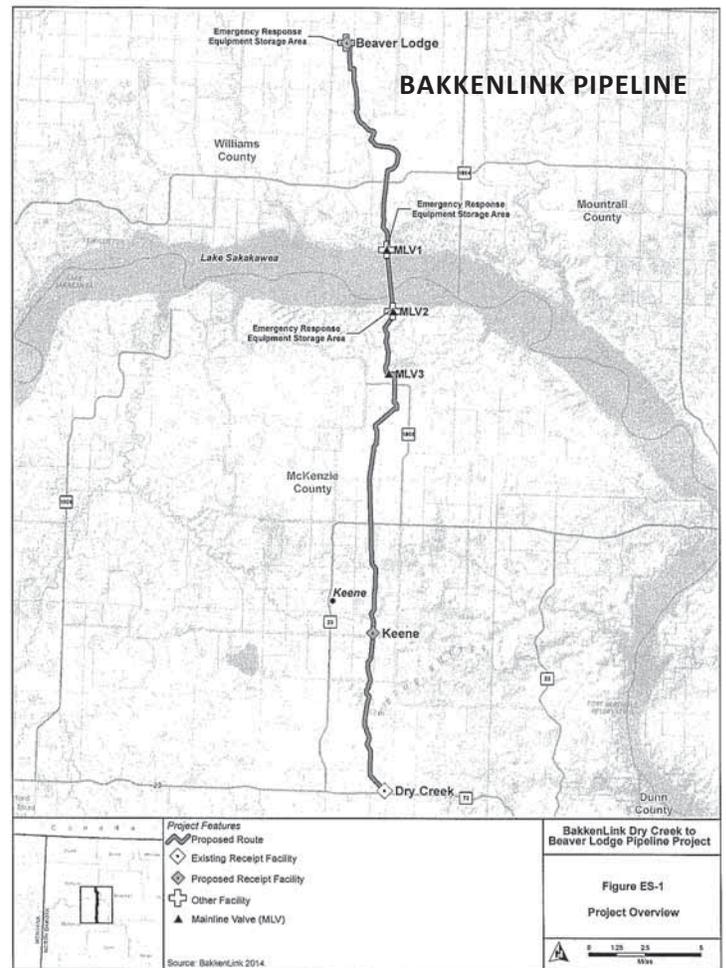
➤ Participated in a strategic planning process to set our course for the next three years with committees and goals.

Friends monitor oil, gas development near lake

Although we are supportive of efforts to move oil safely and efficiently from the Bakken, we had a few comments about recent projects that would impact Lake Sakakawea:

Bakkenlink Pipeline is proposed to run 37 miles transporting crude oil from facilities in McKenzie County and Williams County. About 2.8 miles of the pipeline would be laid and buried a few feet deep on the bed of Lake Sakakawea. The burying would be part of a process called jet sledding, which involves the pipe to be on a custom-made sled that is pulled over the lake bed with a cable that digs the trench and installs the pipeline.

Our position: In a letter to the Corps of Engineers, we expressed concerns about the depth of the pipe, the safety measures to monitor and shut off the pipeline, turbidity during installation and the likelihood of failure.



Sacagawea Pipeline is proposed to be a 70-mile oil and gas pipeline system in McKenzie and Mountrail Counties. The pipeline would connect the rail terminal facility near Palermo with a crude oil terminal near Keene, crossing Lake Sakakawea between New Town and Van Hook. This pipeline would be 200 to 250 feet below the lakebed.

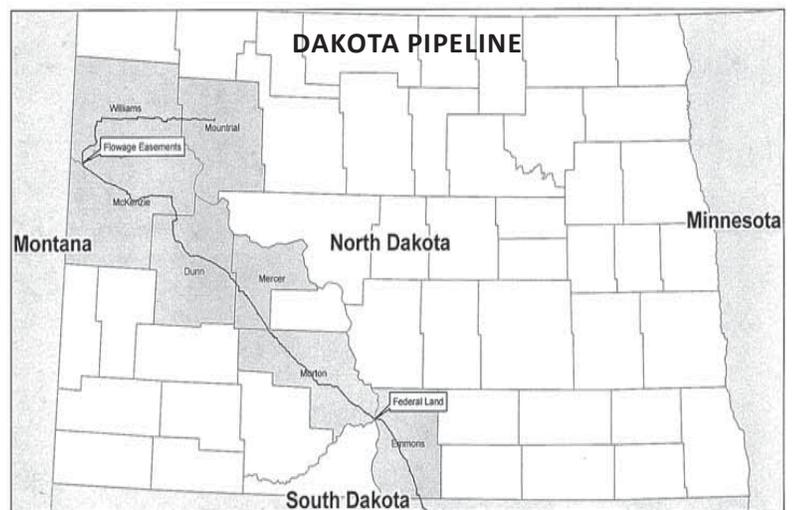
Our position: In a statement at Public Service Commission hearings and in a letter to the Corps of Engineers, we expressed concerns about safety measure to monitor and shut off the pipeline.

Dakota Access Pipeline is proposed to be connect the Bakken, Three Forks and the existing infrastructure in Illinois. It would cross federal flowage easements on the far western edge of Lake Sakakawea.

Our position: In a letter to the Corps of Engineers, we expressed concerns about safety measures to monitor potential spills.

In addition: Plans for other pipelines are also in the works and we will continue to monitor those as information becomes available. We are also tracking and expressing concern to the Bureau of Land Management about a 9.4 acre well pad development to accommodate 13 wells near the Van Hook boat ramp.

We are also learning more about setbacks, which came to light with a request from an oil company before the Industrial Commission to reduce setbacks for a multiple well pad near Deepwater Bay.



THE TOLLY



Tolly Holtan on one of her last fishing expeditions on her beloved, Lake Sakakawea.

Friends to present new award – The Tolly – this fall

Tolly Holtan exemplified the can-do spirit. Tolly and her husband, Byron, developed Indian Hills Resort along with their family before selling it to their daughter, Kelly Jo and Dale Sorge. She was a trailblazer in her spirit and conviction.

Tolly was a strong advocate for lake access and frequently spoke to North Dakota's congressional delegation and even traveled to Washington, D.C. in the 1980s to display pictures of the drought ravaged lake to a federal congressional committee. As an avid outdoors enthusiast, she was inducted into the ND Fishing Hall of Fame in 2015, the first woman to receive that honor.

The Friends of Lake Sakakawea wants to encourage that can-do spirit with a new award, The Tolly, will be presented each fall to an individual who exemplifies the can-do spirit of Tolly Holtan.

Applications are a letter describing the individual's accomplishments and worthiness. Please send to Friends of Lake Sakakawea, P.O. Box 309, Garrison, ND 58540. The deadline is Aug. 1.

GIFTS FOR GREATNESS

Grant campaign available for improvements

Whether it's a campsite improvement, a playground or an AED (for cardiac arrest victims), the Friends are there to help.

A program, Gifts for Greatness, provided more than \$10,000 toward a variety of projects in the past few years. We helped fund playground improvements, a campfire ring at a public campground, several AEDs at concessionaire facilities and even kayaks for public use.

Just send a letter to the Friends with a description of the project, a list of other funding sources, a timetable and location description and details on who will benefit from the improvements.

Grants are awarded in the fall.

Application letters may be sent to Friends of Lake Sakakawea, P.O. Box 309, Garrison, ND 58540.

The deadline is May 1.



Kelly Sorge shows off an Automated External Defibrillator that was funded with the help of Friends of Lake Sakakawea for the Indian Hills Resort. Funding was also provided to McKenzie Bay and White Earth Bay for the purchase of AEDs. Chairman Terry Fleck presented the AED funding to Sorge.