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MEMORANDUM FOR COMMANDER, NORTHWESTERN DIVISION

SUBJECT: Implementation Guidance for Section 1179(b) of the Water Resources Development Act of 2016 (WRDA 2016), Missouri River, Snowpack and Drought Monitoring

1. Section 1179(a) of WRDA 2016 amends Section 4003(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Upper Missouri Basin Flood and Drought Monitoring) and establishes the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) as the lead agency for snowpack and drought monitoring in the Upper Missouri Basin.
2. The Corps shall serve as the lead agency for the effort including coordination and implementation of the requirements under Section 4003(1).
3. Questions regarding this implementation guidance should be directed to Steven Kopecky, Deputy Chief, Northwestern Division Regional Integration Team, at (202) 761-4527 or Steven.Kopecky@usace.army.mil.

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(b) SNOWPACK AND DROUGHT MONITORING.—Section 4003(a) of the Water Resources Reform and Development Act of 2014 (Public S. 612—50 Law 113—121; 128 Stat. 1310) is amended by adding at the end the following: “(5) LEAD AGENCY.—The Corps of Engineers shall be the lead agency for carrying out and coordinating the activities described in paragraph (1).”.