The Cost of Flooding
Federal Interagency Floodplain Management Task Force - Public Listening Session

“…the truth is we are all in this together – as neighbors and fellow citizens.”
President Barack Obama, March 28, 2009 – Fargo, North Dakota
Flooding severely impacts the nation’s ability to feed itself
Managing our nation’s waterways and floodplains requires a monumental effort in the construction and maintenance of Levees and Hydropower resources.
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Each year, resources of our Armed Forces are repurposed to support flood relief efforts.
When flooding disrupts or damages our transportation infrastructure, critical services throughout the nation are impacted.
The cost of flooding includes the prevention and treatment of flood-borne diseases.
Environmental Recovery Costs are often overlooked following floods
The cost of Disaster Assistance for uninsured flood losses cost the nation billions each year.
The National Weather Service estimates that in 2008 flooding cost the nation nearly $7 billion.
The “Human Toll” is the most significant cost of all