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Steve Davies

Montana Area Manager



Steve Davies is the Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Montana Area Office (MTAO), providing leadership for the MTAO employees located in Billings, as well as four Field Offices: Canyon Ferry, Yellowtail, Clark Canyon, and Marias/Milk Rivers.

The Montana Area Office manages 13 dams and reservoirs that provide irrigation for nearly 353,000 acres of agricultural land producing principal crops such as sugar beets, hay, alfalfa, corn, wheat and barley. MTAO also manages two hydroelectric power plants that produce about 40 percent of the Region's annual power generation, and in 2019 this resulted in more than \$34 million in revenue. The reservoirs also offer excellent opportunities for recreational activities, and more than 1 million visitor days are spent at Reclamation's MTAO lands and water bodies annually.

Davies began his Reclamation career in 1986 at the Pactola Dam Construction Field Office in South Dakota. In 1987, he joined the Bighorn Basin Projects Office in Cody, Wyoming, as a Civil Engineer, then in 1991 he moved to the Great Plains Regional Office Operations Maintenance Branch. Davies has been with the Montana Area Office since 1995, most recently serving as the Manager of the Facility Operations & Maintenance Division. Davies was appointed as Area Manager of the Montana Area Office in December 2015. Davies' career with Reclamation has included working on large construction and dam modification projects, powerplants, Dam Safety and operation & maintenance programs, reservoir operations, small hydropower development, and collaborating with irrigation districts on O&M contracting activities.

A native of Aberdeen, South Dakota, Davies earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Geological Engineering in 1984 from the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology.

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