

Dakotas Area Office **Missouri Basin Region**



*Jamestown Dam, North Dakota
Photo by Reclamation Staff*



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JOE HALL

Dakotas Area Manager



Joe Hall is the Area Manager for the Bureau of Reclamation's Dakotas Area Office. He oversees operations in both North Dakota and South Dakota and operations for the Keyhole Dam and Reservoir located in the easternmost part of Wyoming.

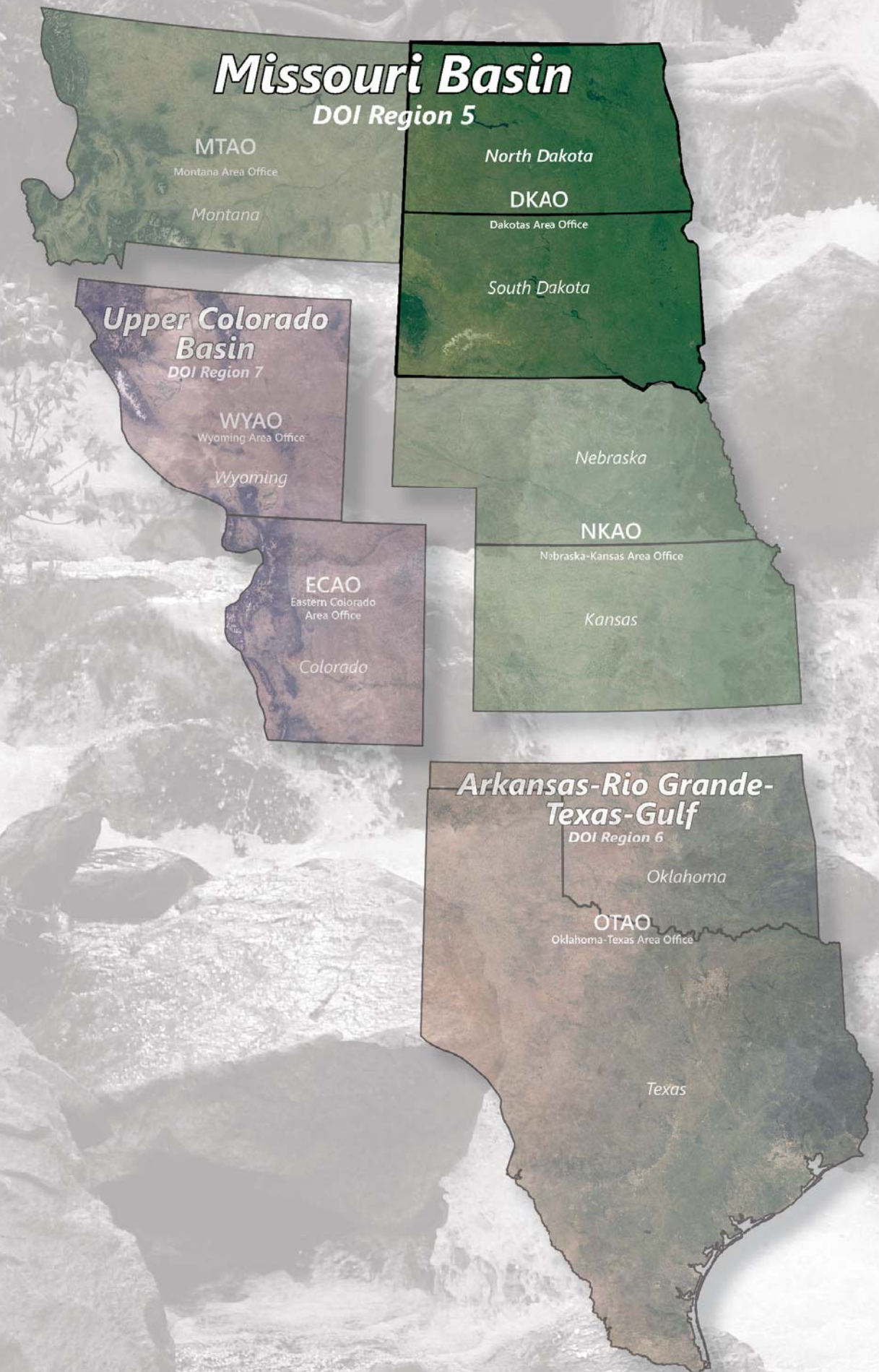
Hall oversees all aspects of planning, construction, operation and maintenance, resource and land management, fish and wildlife, and environmental matters involving the management, development and protection of water and related resources in the Dakotas. Hall's office is also involved with U.S., North Dakota and Canada international transboundary issues.

In 2003, Hall was hired by the Bureau of Reclamation at the Dakotas Area Office as the Resource Management Chief. In 2009, DKAO reorganized and he became the Lands and Recreation Chief. In 2012 after another reorganization which combined divisions, Hall took over as the Manager of the

Environmental and Resources Division. In 2017, Hall was promoted to the Deputy Area Manager for DKAO.

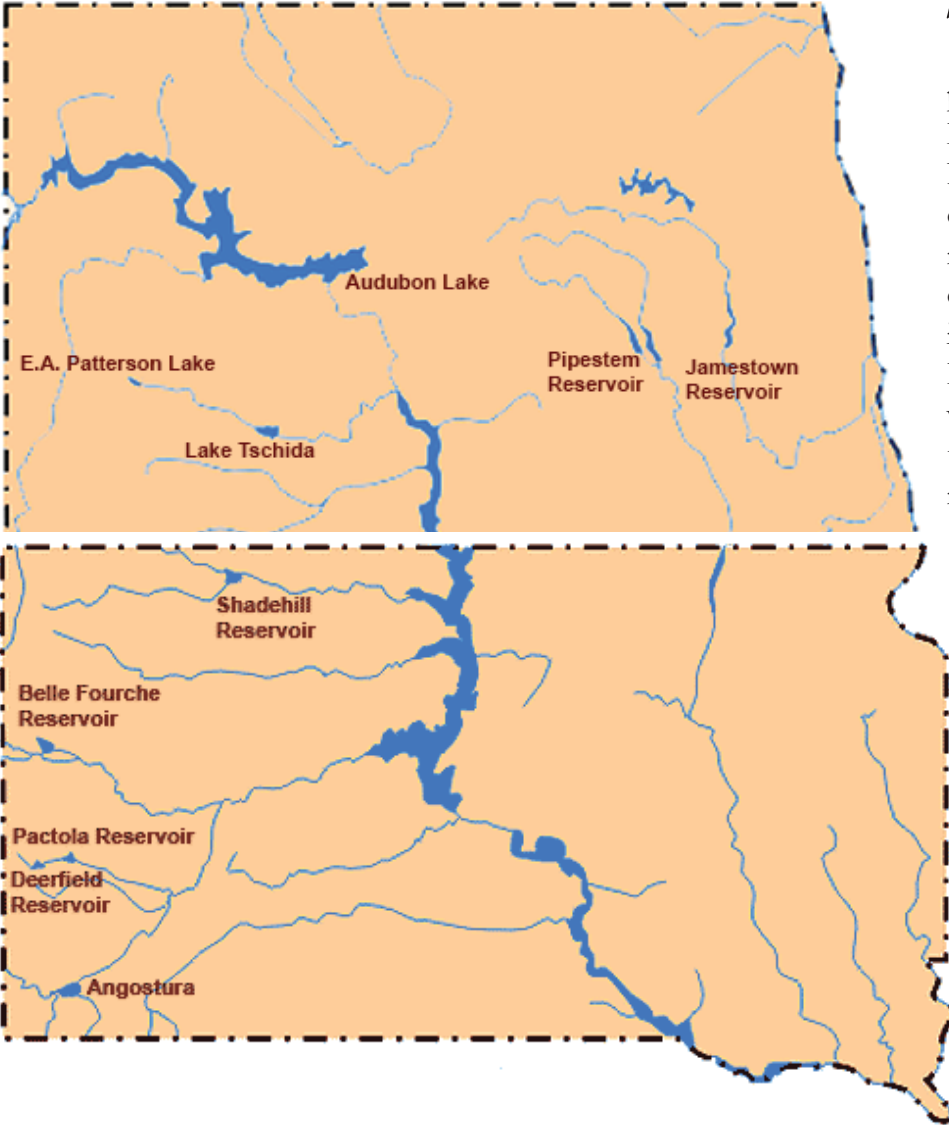
Hall began his federal career in 1984 with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers as a seasonal Park Aid at Rend Lake Project in Benton, Illinois. He received his first full-time appointment as a Park Ranger in 1986 at the Mark Twain Lake Project in Monroe City, Missouri. In 1987 he transferred to Bismarck, North Dakota, field office for the Lake Oahe Project as a Park Ranger. In 1990 Joe transferred to the Pierre, South Dakota, Office of the Lake Oahe Project as the lead Recreation Specialist for the project. In 1991 he took over as the lead Natural Resource Specialist for the Lake Oahe Project and in 1992 transferred back to the Bismarck office and became the Area Manager for the northern portion of the Lake Oahe Project. In 1996 he transferred to the Garrison Project in Riverdale, North Dakota, and assumed the responsibilities of Lake Manager.

Joe graduated from Southern Illinois University in 1986 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Forestry and Outdoor Recreational Resource Management. In 2009 Hall received the Department of the Interior's Partners in Conservation Award and in 2018 Hall was awarded the Department's Superior Service Award.



DAKOTAS AREA OFFICE

*Belle Fourche Dam, South Dakota
Photo by William Domagall*



The Dakotas Area Office is responsible for administering Reclamation programs in North Dakota and South Dakota. The Area Office is located in Bismarck, North Dakota, with two field offices in South Dakota. The Area Office manages nine dam and reservoirs, three of which are in North Dakota. Activities include operation and maintenance of Reclamation facilities; contract renewals; water conservation; and oversight of the construction, and operation and maintenance of rural water systems – including those for tribes in the two states.

Reclamation projects in both states provide a water supply to a total irrigated acreage of 97,000 acres producing an average of \$16 million worth of crops annually. Municipal, rural and industrial water supply projects will serve over 700,000 people when completed. Over a million visitors participate in recreation activities in Reclamation reservoirs in the states.



PROJECTS

DAMS

NORTH DAKOTA

- Buford-Trenton Dickinson Unit
- Fort Clark Unit
- Garrison Diversion Unit
- Heart Butte Unit
- Jamestown Dam & Reservoir

SOUTH DAKOTA

- Angostura Division
- Belle Fourche
- James Diversion
- Rapid Valley
- Rapid Valley Unit
- Shadehill Unit

NORTH DAKOTA

- Dickinson
- Heart Butte
- Jamestown

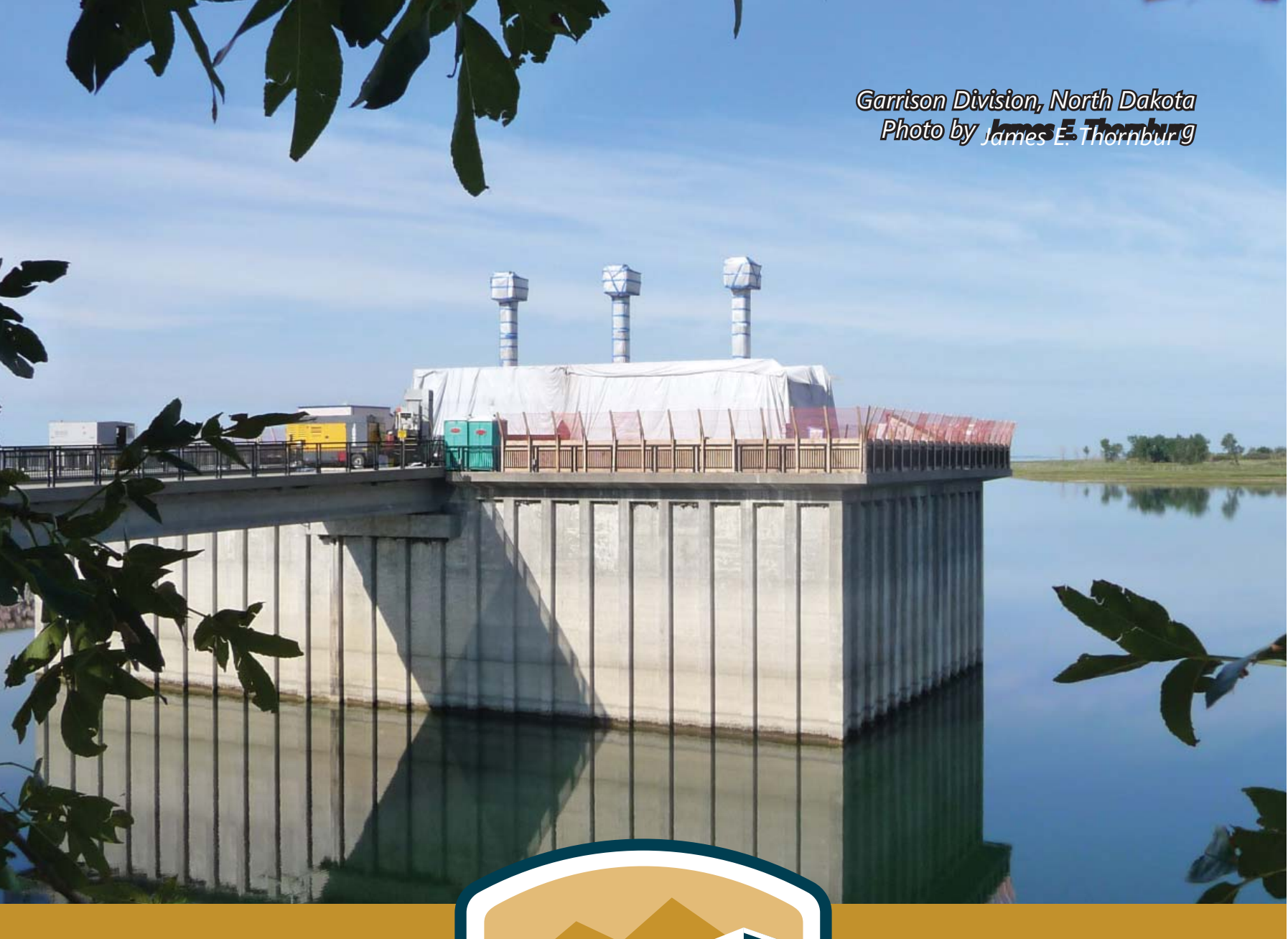
SOUTH DAKOTA

- Angostura
- Belle Fourche
- Deerfield
- James Diversion
- Pactola
- Shadehill



*Heart Butte Dam, North Dakota
Photo by Brian Robin Billman*

*Garrison Division, North Dakota
Photo by James E. Thornburg*



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