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CONGRESSWOMAN LYNN JENKINS BRIEFED ON CURRENT AND FUTURE WATER CONDITIONS IN THE NEOSHO RIVER BASIN

Congresswoman Jenkins learned more about the current and future water conditions of the Neosho River basin, by land and by air. On Monday, August 31st, staff of both the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Kansas Water Office presented information on the history, purpose, and current condition of John Redmond Reservoir. The focus of the discussion was the Neosho River logjam and the impacts of sedimentation on the future water supply. Following several presentations, Congresswoman Jenkins viewed the Reservoir and Neosho River by air, thanks to Ft. Riley's provision of two Blackhawk helicopters.

By air, the group was able to clearly see the 2.0-mile logjam along the Neosho River. From 1964 to approximately 1991, boat access to John Redmond Reservoir from the Neosho River was open. In the early 1970's, large woody debris that typically floated into the reservoir began to collect at the mouth of the Neosho River as sedimentation created mudflats at the upper end of John Redmond.

As described by Tracy Streeter, Director of the Kansas Water Office, "The logjam is the symptom of a larger problem, sedimentation in John Redmond." Since construction, more than 39% of the storage capacity of the reservoir has been lost to sedimentation. Kansas Water Office staff provided information to Congresswoman Jenkins on ways Kansas can better address this issue, including streambank restoration and a pool raise.

For more information on the impact of sedimentation on water supply in the Neosho River basin, visit the Kansas Water Office website at www.kwo.org.

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