

Bob Dole



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DOLE REQUEST FOR GRAND/NEOSHO RIVER BASIN STUDY
WINS SENATE APPROVAL

WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Senate late Tuesday approved legislation including Kansas Senator Bob Dole's request for \$500,000 for the Grand/Neosho River basin study to improve flood control.

"Last year, the Army Corps of Engineers concluded that the Grand River Dam Authority flood control projects were causing flooding along the Grand, Neosho, Spring and Elk rivers," Dole said. "These funds will allow a much needed follow-up study of the backwater effects in northern Oklahoma and southern Kansas."

"Previous studies have shown that backwater effects worsen the duration and extent of flooding," Dole added. "This study will lay the groundwork for more effective flood control projects in the future. That's good news for Kansas residents and Kansas farmers whose homes and farms are at risk."

The project was included in the 1996 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill, which now goes to a joint House/Senate committee to work out differences with legislation passed by the House.

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