

## Decree

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said the reduction is necessary because low water in the upper Missouri River basin is affecting recreation, exposing Native American artifacts that are normally covered by water, and may eventually impact hydropower. They say they are bound by the Missouri River Master Manual to act in the best interest of the Missouri River, and what happens on the Mississippi is incidental.

In a teleconference with reporters on Tuesday, Republican Sen. Roy Blunt, R-Mo., said the corps move was another example of "friction" between the upper basin of the Missouri River and the lower Missouri and Mississippi rivers.

Three trade groups and 15 other national organizations also on Tuesday submitted a letter to Obama and to the Federal Emergency Management Agency requesting a presidential emergency.

This is an economic disaster in the making and the Administration needs to act now to stop it," said Mike Toohey, president and CEO of Waterways Council Inc.

Nearly 80 members of Congress and governors of Missouri, Illinois and Iowa all wrote letters to Army Assistant Secretary Jo-Ellen Darcy in the weeks leading up to the flow reduction, urging that the move be averted or at least delayed. Christina Mulka, a spokeswoman for Sen. Dick Durbin, D-III., said her boss and other federal lawmakers are working to arrange a meeting with Darcy, perhaps as early as this week.

But McCaskill said in a statement that action is needed immediately.

"This issue is impacting jobs and businesses in Missouri as we speak, so we don't have weeks to wait for a response from the Army Corps," McCaskill said. "It's time for the president to take action to protect our jobs and businesses."

At issue is the area of the Mississippi River between where the Missouri and Ohio rivers merge into it roughly the 180 miles between St. Louis and Cairo, Ill. Barge navigation on the middle Mississippi becomes particularly tricky if the channel dips to around 9 feet of depth. Currently it is about 13 feet deep and National Weather Service hydrologists predict it will drop to around the 9-foot mark by around Dec. 10.

The corps has spent months dredging the river to try and keep the channel open. It plans to use explosives to remove rock formations near Thebes, Ill., and Grand Tower, Ill., that can endanger barges in low-water periods. But the bidding process is complicated and the work isn't expected to begin until early February.

The disaster declaration sought by the senators seeks to cut through red tape to expedite that removal. It would also seek to restore the Missouri River flow to around the normal level.

Goods such as grain, corn, coal, petroleum and chemicals are typically shipped along the Mississippi River, in part because the volume is so high that using trucks or trains would be far more costly. Waterway trade groups say that if the river was shut down starting next month and through January, the impact would reach into the billions of dollars.

AP reporter Jim Suhr in St. Louis contributed to this re-



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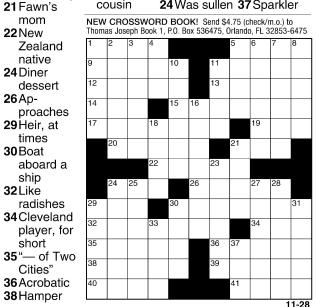
Noah's Ark toy box (wooden) \$30. Very nice neutral diaper bag \$15. Black Jeep diaper bag \$15, stroller bug net \$4. Booster seat with straps \$5. booster seat for car \$5. seat protector \$10, bobby with Call cover \$10. (605)660-1822.

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RDKEWARSG RDSJM QBKSG Yesterday's Cryptoquote: I'M VERY LUCKY, BECAUSE MY BEAT IS CURRENT EVENTS. AND EVENTS ARE CHANGING ALL THE TIME. — RICK MERCER

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could lead to more hiring. V E

"Right now, households don't seem to be letting the fiscal threat control their urge to spend," said Joel Naroff, president of Naroff Economic Advisors. "The first weekend of holiday sales was great, vehicle sales are holding up and housing is strong."

Reports Tuesday showed: - The Conference Board's consumer confidence index rose to 73.7 in November from 73.1 in October. Both are the best readings since February 2008. The index is still below 90, the level that is consistent with a healthy economy. It last reached that point in December 2007. the first month of the Great Recession. But the index has increased from the all-time low of 25.3 touched in February 2009.

 The Standard & Poor's/Case-Shiller 20-city index of home prices rose 3 percent in September compared with the same month last year. Prices also gained 3.6 percent in the July-September quarter compared with the same quarter in 2011. Prices increased in 18 of 20 cities over the 12-month period.

— A third report showed that companies ordered more industrial machinery and other large equipment in October. Orders for core capital goods, considered a proxy for business investment, rose 1.7 percent in October, the Commerce Department said. That's the largest increase since May and it follows sharp declines over the summer.

One reason Americans are more optimistic is because they see the job market improving, the Conference Board survey showed. Employers added 171,000 jobs in October and more jobs were created in August and September than first thought.

The percentage of Americans who say jobs are "plentiful" rose to 11.2 percent from 10.4 percent in the previous month, according to the survey. That's the highest level in four years. Some economists say that's a good sign for hiring.