



Travel Update

- Minot's Amtrak depot is back to the condition it was in prior to historic Souris River flooding in 2011. The main waiting room and ticket office are back in business.
- Road construction on the scenic drive in Theodore Roosevelt National Park's South Unit has resumed – on East River Road from Wind Canyon to Beef Corral Bottom. Visitors will encounter single-lane traffic and delays of up to 30 minutes. Work scheduled to be completed by mid-July.
- North Dakota Highway 22 northbound (MP: 141 to MP: 156) is closed to through traffic with a detour in place. For more up-to-date road conditions visit www.dot.nd.gov/travel-info-v2/.

Hotels Opened in April

Wingate Hotel, Bismarck
Cobblestone Inn, Bottineau
Sleep Inn & Suites, Fargo
Roosevelt Inn & Suites (addition),
Watford City
Roosevelt Hotel, Williston

The Friends of Fort Union and Fort Buford Receive Partnership Award

Fort Union Trading Post NHS is proud to announce that the Friends of Fort Union and Fort Buford received the 2013 National Park Service Midwest Region Partnership Award for its long-term support of Fort Union Trading Post.

Legislature approves funds

Legislators approved an additional \$1.5 million in base funding to the tourism division for marketing, as recommended by Governor Dalrymple. Additionally, the conference committee restored tourism infrastructure funding to \$750,000 in one-time funds to assist large tourism project development. See Page 7 for details on other tourism-related legislation.



Legislative Update

‘Travel Effects’ theme of N.D. Tourism Week

May 4-12 is the 30th annual National Travel and Tourism Week and this year's theme, “Travel Effects,” showcases the powerful benefits travel has on our lives, businesses and economy.

To kick off travel season in North Dakota, Gov. Jack Dalrymple has declared this week “North Dakota Tourism Week.”

“Tourism is one of North Dakota's leading industries and an important part of our robust economy,” Dalrymple said. “Tourism Week is a great opportunity to recognize the state's travel and tourism industry for its important contributions and to showcase North Dakota's legendary attractions, destinations and events for visitors and residents alike.”

“Travel is good for the economy and the soul,” said North Dakota Department of Commerce Tourism Division Director Sara Otte Coleman. “All North Dakota communities – large and small – benefit from tourism. It supports businesses and puts people to work. Specifically, one out of 12 jobs in the state is tied to tourism. Furthermore, travel is a time when people break away from the stress of their daily lives and reconnect with their families and create life-long memories.”

According to recent research conducted by Longwoods International, each dollar spent by ND Tourism in paid media in 2012 brought in \$119 in visitor spending.



Video kicks off during N.D. Tourism Week

North Dakota Tourism Week is the launching point for an ongoing video series by North Dakota Tourism that will promote the state's legendary things to see and do. Gov. Jack and First Lady Betsy Dalrymple set the series in motion by appearing in the first video, debuting Saturday, May 4, on the Travel North Dakota Facebook page.

In the video, the First Couple challenges Facebook fans to test their knowledge of North Dakota's great places featured in the video. Participants are asked to post their answers on the Travel North Dakota Facebook page for a chance to win Legendary gear. Winners will be revealed Friday, May 10.

www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v=595294544419



NEW NDtourism.com!

North Dakota Tourism has a new website with the key goal to drive more traffic to partner sites. Visitors to the site will find North Dakota's stunning landscapes on display. Prominent photography is a hallmark of the site, which is responsively-designed, allowing for seamless viewing of the site on all desktop and mobile and tablet devices.

Business listings (showcasing attractions, accommodations, events and organizations) can be more robust on the new NDtourism.com, allowing partners to feature more amenities, unlimited photos and videos, deals and packages and much more. Training sessions to learn more about optimizing listings will be held around the state.

For more information, contact Tricia Miller at tamiller@nd.gov. Each session will feature a brief demo of the new site and is designed to be an open-house where managers can get hands-on training any time during the scheduled time-frame. Upcoming meetings:

- May 9 – 1:30-4 p.m. – Grand International, Minot
- May 13 – 1-4 p.m. – Dickinson Area Public Library, Dickinson
- May 13 – 1-3 p.m. – Lake Region State College, Devils Lake
- May 15 – 2-5 p.m. – Alerus Center, Grand Forks
- May 21 – 11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Radisson, Fargo
- May 22 – 2-5 p.m. – Jamestown Civic Center, Jamestown
- TBD – Bismarck
- TBD – Valley City

2013 Governor's Photo Contest Launched

The 2013 North Dakota Governor's Photo Contest is kicking off during National Travel and Tourism Week. The contest is open to amateur photographers who are residents of North Dakota. Cash and merchandise prizes are awarded and winners are also displayed in the North Dakota Capitol. Entries are accepted at the Tourism Division's Travel North Dakota Flickr page: <http://www.flickr.com/groups/northdakota/>.

The annual contest is a partnership of the Office of Governor Jack Dalrymple, North Dakota Tourism, AAA of North Dakota and the North Dakota Council on the Arts.

Tourism Quarterly Report

Area of Travel	2013 First Quarter	2012 First Quarter	Percent Change 2013-12
State Park Visitors	63,971	74,833	-15%
National Park Visitors	12,601	14,404	-13%
Website New Visits	92,235	102,368	-10%
Major Attractions	700,796	783,036	-11%
Local Visitor Centers	7,545	7,896	-4%
Cumulative Lodging Tax	\$1,383,914.40	\$1,337,439.58	3%
Canadian Border Crossings	159,919	165,962	-4%
N.D. Airport Passengers	272,499	257,279	6%
Statewide Hotel Occupancy Rate	Jan.: 55.5% Feb.: 61.1% March: 61.4%	Jan.: 64.7% Feb.: 72.1% March: 73.3%	Jan.: -14.2% Feb.: -15.3% March: -16.3%
Statewide Average Room Rate	Jan.: \$98.33 Feb.: \$98.40 March: \$98.51	Jan.: \$94.61 Feb.: \$96.04 March: \$100.72	Jan.: 3.9% Feb.: 2.5% March: -2.2%
RevPar	\$58.26	\$68.49	-14.9%
Taxable Sales and Purchases 2012-11 (Third quarter)	Arts, Entertainment Recreation \$33,561,332 Food Services, Accommodations \$458,030,678	Arts, Entertainment Recreation \$31,114,615 Food Services, Accommodations \$403,616,062	7.86% 13.48%

State Park: Beaver Lake, Cross Ranch, Ft. Ransom, Ft. Stevenson, Grahams Island, Icelandin, Indian Hills, Lake Metigoshe, Lake Sakakawea, Lewis & Clark, Turtle River, Ft. Lincoln.

National Park: Theodore Roosevelt National Park, Knife River Indian Villages, Fort Union.

Major Attractions: Alerus Center, Bismarck Civic Center, Bison Sports Arena, Chahinkapa Zoo, Chateau de Mores, Dakota Gasification, Antelope Valley, Coteau, Fargo Civic Center, Fargodome, Former Governors Mansion, Fort Totten, Gateway To Science, L&C Interpretive Center/Fort Mandan, Missouri Yellowstone Confluence Center/Fort Buford, National Buffalo Museum, ND State Capitol, Pembina State Museum, Prairie Fire Pottery, North Dakota State Fair Center, Ralph Engelstad Arena, Red River Zoo, Ronald Reagan SHS.

Local Visitor Center: Bismarck, Buffalo City Tourism, Devils Lake, Dickinson, Fargo/Moorhead, Grand Forks, McKenzie County, Minot, Rosebud Visitor Center, and Wahpeton. Williston information was unavailable at time of reporting.

The statewide hotel occupancy rate is measured by Smith Travel Research.

If you should have any questions, or would like to be included in the survey, please contact Tricia Miller, Data Specialist, North Dakota Tourism, 1-800-435-5663.

Destination Capitol Hill

A North Dakota delegation participated in the US Travel Association's Destination Capitol Hill April 10-11 in Washington DC.



Sheri Grossman, President of the Destination Marketing Association of ND and the Bismarck Mandan CVB, Julie Rygg from the Greater Grand

Forks CVB, Charley Johnson from the Fargo-Moorhead CVB and North Dakota Tourism Director Sara Otte Coleman met individually with the North Dakota delegation.

The meetings allowed the group to present travel and tourism issues concerning both North Dakota's industry and the nation. Primary concerns specific to North Dakota addressed with Senators Hoeven and Heitkamp and Congressman Cramer were: available and affordable air service, the potential closing of Painted Canyon Overlook, Canadian border crossing efficiency and access to federal lands for recreation development.

Issues of national concern discussed included sequestration's effect on travel services like national parks and airports, smarter Visa policy, national transportation infrastructure, the importance of meetings and conferences and the reauthorization of the Travel Promotion Act.

The messages were well received and the group was encouraged by the support voiced by our representatives and their staffs. The event also included a meeting with the travel and tourism caucus, a legislative reception at Union Station and educational sessions on outreach.

Cramer urges second look at border crossing study

Congressman Kevin Cramer joined colleagues in sending a letter to Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano, urging her department to reconsider a proposal to study the impact of a border crossing fee on visitors to the United States. The fee would be imposed on all travel at land crossings including those shared with Canada.

"We were shocked to see that the Fiscal Year 2014 budget request proposed a study for a new toll on all passengers and pedestrians crossing the border from Canada into the United States. The imposition of such a toll would act as a barrier to the greater economic integration that we seek, and is the absolute last thing we should be doing to grow our economy. It would be a waste of government resources to even study the flawed idea," the letter reads.

The Fiscal Year 2014 budget request from the Department of Homeland Security contains language supporting a study on fee collection for passenger vehicles and pedestrians. It also advocates a test pilot project on all steps involved in such a process including the "feasibility of collecting from existing operators such as bridge commissions, toll operators, commercial passenger bus, and commercial passenger rail."

"Our federal dollars should not be spent studying a fee which would obstruct the tourism industry. We value our productive relationship with Canada, and our North Dakota businesses gain strength from the resulting commerce. Imposing a toll on visitors would weaken this relationship and possibly trigger a corresponding fee for Americans wishing to visit Canada," Cramer added.

Cramer is Co-Chairman of the Northern Border Caucus and a member of the Travel and Tourism Caucus in the United States House of Representatives. From 1993 to 1997, he served as North Dakota Tourism Director.



SAVE the DATE!

North Dakota Trails Conference

June 18-19, 2013 • Bismarck

Don't miss the 2nd annual conference that brings together trail advocates, managers and users from across the state. The featured speaker will be John McGovern, who will share smart practices for making existing trails accessible and incorporating accessibility into new trails.

Registration information and session topics will be available in February.



North Dakota
Travel Industry
CONFERENCE

A mid-April blizzard complicated travel to this year's North Dakota Travel Industry Conference April 15-17 at the Alerus Center in Grand Forks. But it did not halt the spark of networking, creativity and learning. Attendees to the conference are asked to fill out the evaluation survey: <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/NR3T6X6>. Responses to the survey are instrumental in crafting future conferences.

There is a slight change in the schedule for future conferences. In order to accommodate legislative schedules, the North Dakota Travel Industry Conference will be held in Bismarck or Minot during legislative years. In 2014, the conference will take place April 28-30 in Fargo. More details to follow.



Dave Carroll entertains and teaches



Miles' Media's Brooke Adcox presents new website



Heritage tourism expert Jacquie Evans

Governor's Travel and Tourism Awards

- Old Red Old Ten Scenic Byway**, Tourism Organization of the Year
- Troy White, Bonanzaville**, West Fargo, Travel and Tourism Industry Leader
- Jayne Rieth, Fargo-Moorhead Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)**, Front-Line Employee
- Pembina State Museum**, Pembina, International Tourism Award
- Daniel Rodriguez, AALTOS Garden Café, Canad Inn**, Grand Forks, Behind the Scenes Tourism Employee
- The Red River Zoo**, Fargo, Attraction of the Year
- Big Iron Farm Show**, West Fargo, Event of the Year
- Julie Rygg, Greater Grand Forks Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB)**, Wade Westin Award for Marketing
- Medora Package**, in the Best Package category



2012 Travel and Tourism Award winners

In the News

(Go to the links below each item for a complete news release)

North Dakota Tourism in the news in April



April 5: Get your motor running in North Dakota. Car shows, bike shows and auto racing all await you in April. If the rumble of engines isn't what you want, get in the family car and head out to one of the many statewide concerts or arts and craft shows.

<http://www.ndtourism.com/news/news-releases/detail.asp?newsID=546>

April 9: It's spring, so get off the bench and get into the game. Bikers are biking, runners are running and racers are racing. Don't let them leave you behind on the sideline. Get in the game and discover your own legendary way to enjoy the great outdoors. <http://www.ndtourism.com/news/news-releases/detail.asp?newsID=547>

April 18: Gov. Jack Dalrymple and North Dakota Department of Commerce Tourism Division Director Sara Otte Coleman today announced this year's recipients of the Governor's Travel and Tourism Awards. Nine outstanding leaders in North Dakota's tourism industry were recognized at the 2013 North Dakota Travel Conference in Grand Forks.

<http://www.ndtourism.com/news/news-releases/detail.asp?newsID=548>

April 25: Outdoor enthusiasts in the region have a growing interest in North Dakota's bountiful outdoor adventures, specifically hunting and fishing. Mike Jensen, outdoor promotions manager with North Dakota Tourism, recently promoted the state at six travel and sports shows across the Midwest.

<http://www.ndtourism.com/news/news-releases/detail.asp?newsID=549>

TTRA International Conference in Kansas City

In 2013, the CenStates Conference of the Travel and Tourism Research Association will not hold its annual gathering due to the international conference being held in the central-states region. Join CenStates members at the TTRA International, June 20-22 in Kansas City for an in-depth conference on key travel research topics. <http://www.ttra.com/events/international-conferences/>

Congratulations to Dr. Kwangsoo Park, assistant professor at North Dakota State University, Hospitality and Tourism Management, on winning a 25% conference registration discount to the TTRA International Conference.

Community Snapshot

The city of Steele started with a dream of one man and \$2,070. Colonel Wilbur F. Steele purchased a section of land from the Northern Pacific Railroad in 1878 and plotted the course for the community of Steele. It became a city in 1880 and the county seat of Kidder County in 1881. The majority of immigrants settling in the area were of Norwegian decent.

In 1883, a major discussion regarding moving the Dakota Territory capital from Yankton, S.D. to the north territory was taking place. Wilbur wanted the state capitol to be in his community and this gave him the idea of constructing a three-story brick building that would be able to house legislators. Steele also had two water towers and a local bank to entice the commissioners to select the town as the state capitol. However, it lost out to the city of Bismarck.

According to the 2010 census, 715 people claimed Steele as their home.

Some of Steele's leading employers are BEK Communications, USDA, Healthcare, Farmer's Merchant's Elevator and Financial Banking Industry, First Choice Truck and Trailer Repair and Steele Autobody and Lube Center.

• **Hidden Gems:** The original three-story brick Kidder County Courthouse was built by Wilbur Steele and sold to Kidder County in 1885. It continues to serve as the courthouse.

• **Did you know:** On July 6, 1936, the temperature at Steele reached 121 degrees, setting a record that still holds to this day ... The city is known as a hot spot for migrating birds, with three distinctive birding routes anchored by two of the best wildlife refuges in the nation. It is home to "Sandy," the Sandhill Crane that stands 38½ feet tall ... In 1887, Wilbur F. Steele had a patent listed in the Annual Report of the Commission of Patents for a steam generating and heating apparatus for cars and other structures. It was No. 358,824, March 1, Spec. 590, Volume 38, page 1013.

• **Personalities:** Kari Wigton Clark taught dance and put on recitals. Clark graduated from college and went to Washington, D.C. to work for Senator Quentin Burdick. She stayed for three years before heading to Los Angeles to become a dancer. She met and married Dick Clark on July 7, 1977.

• **Special Events:** Annual Kidder County Veteran's Thank You Picnic May 23 ... Kidder County 4H Fair and Achievement Days July 10-13 ... November Winterfest includes a parade, arts and craft vendors, live nativity scene, horse-drawn wagon rides or sleigh rides, fun for all families.

Take advantage of new cover photo rules

We've all heard that a picture is worth a thousand words and it is even more relevant in social media. Promote your destination or attraction with great images and some of the recent enhancements of the Facebook Fan pages.

Facebook recently relaxed its cover photo guidelines. The only rule left standing is that your text cannot take up more than 20 percent of the cover photo space.

Here are six ways businesses can take advantage of the new cover photo rules:

1. Ask your fans to like you.

It seems simple, but until recently Facebook forbade a call to action like this on cover photos. Take this opportunity to be straightforward with your fans and give them the most direct call to action out there: "Like us!" Package your request around a human face, and use an obvious arrow or line to point to the like button on your page.

2. Use your cover photo to produce leads.

Do you have a special or a new feature to highlight? Try adding a unique link to your cover photo that connects to an offer, such as a new product, coupon or infographic.

3. Direct fans to a specific app.

Businesses and brands use Facebook applications to run contests, sweepstakes and fan-gates, as well as to build email lists, tout landing pages and integrate with other social networks. A business page can have up to 12 custom apps, and three of them can be "favorites."

4. Direct fans to your website.

Chances are your website is the main hub for your company and contains the most information about your business. Now that Facebook allows contact information in the cover photo, you can send existing and potential fans straight to your website.

5. Show off your contact information.

For businesses that have a big in-store presence, the new cover photo is a great way to show off your contact information. If you're a clothing store, show a photo of your shop and say, "Come visit us at [insert address]."

6. Encourage sharing.

The first tip mentioned that sometimes you have to ask for what you want. The new cover photo is the perfect opportunity to encourage fans to share your page and content. By putting a call-to-action to "share this page with your friends," you remind your fans that if they like your page, their friends might, too. It doesn't hurt to ask!

www.prdaily.com/Main/Articles/14413.aspx

Tech Talk

Each month, the Tourism Division newsletter will feature technology tips or best practices for utilizing new tools and Web 2.0. Please share your success stories, or your questions and suggestions via e-mail to hlemoine@nd.gov.



N.D. Tourism launches Scenic ByRider program

North Dakota's natural beauty is everywhere, from the rugged Badlands in the west, to the tree-lined rolling hills along the Canadian border and colorful fields and valleys in the east.

The best way to experience the sights, sounds and smells of this great state is to tour on two (or three) wheels. North Dakota's 10 scenic byways and backways provide sensory overload for bikers looking for a thrilling afternoon run or a relaxing evening ride with friends.

Quaint towns, unique dining spots and great scenery await along these state-designated routes. North Dakota Tourism is proud to launch the North Dakota Scenic ByRider Program as a reward for bikers who take time to tour the state's scenic byways and backways. Riders traveling five of the 10 scenic byways or backways in the state in one calendar year can receive a patch indicating they are a North Dakota Scenic ByRider. To verify you were on the route, have a photo taken of you holding a copy of the current North Dakota Travel Guide in front of your bike and a recognizable scenic area, attraction, accommodation or event on that byway. When you have five photos, e-mail or mail them to Scooter Pursley at North Dakota Tourism.

You will receive a patch for your vest or jacket verifying that you are a North Dakota Scenic ByRider. Those riding two-up will receive patches for each rider. For more information on the North Dakota Scenic ByRider Program, contact: Scooter Pursley, PO Box 2057, Bismarck, N.D. 58502-2057, 701-328-2874 or jpursley@nd.gov.

www.ndtourism.com/articles/north-dakota-scenic-byrider-program



Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park

Theodore Roosevelt National Park and the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association announced their second "Picture Yourself in Theodore Roosevelt National Park" photo contest.

Entries for the contest will be accepted beginning Friday through Sept. 1. The winning photo will be featured on the 2014 annual park pass and will appear, along with the other 11 finalist photos, in a 2014 Theodore Roosevelt National Park calendar.

Prizes will be awarded to the grand prize winner and to three others that best represent the park.

Photos must be taken in Theodore Roosevelt National Park between Sept. 30, 2012, and Aug. 31, 2013, to be eligible.

For official rules, entry forms, and other information visit www.nps.gov/thro and follow the link for the 2013 Park Photo Contest.

For further information, call the park at 701-623-4466 or the Theodore Roosevelt Nature and History Association at 701-623-4884.

Legislature concludes session

The 63rd Legislative Assembly completed its work early Saturday morning. Although working with legislators and communicating the results and ROI can be frustrating, the efforts paid off this session with strong increases in infrastructure that will benefit tourism.

Additional marketing dollars and policy changes will also assist tourism industry development. Thanks to all tourism advocates who attended Tourism Day at the Legislature and hearings and met with or sent notes to the representatives in their district and leadership. A special thanks to Dana Bohn and Bill Shallhoob with the Tourism Alliance Partnership who lobbied for tourism and commerce issues. Their understanding of the process and ability to educate lawmakers was a huge contributor to the support of tourism initiatives.

Following is a summary of the bills the passed that will have an impact on commerce and tourism:

SB 2018 – Commerce Appropriations

Provides a total of \$127,320,082 to Commerce, of which \$53,957,060 is from the general fund. Compared to the Governor’s budget, the legislature reduced the amount of general funds available to Commerce in SB 2018 by \$2.4 million. However, if you include funding from other bills, it is actually an increase of \$9.7 million for a total of \$66,057,060:

- A total of \$12 million for Research North Dakota, broken down into three areas:
 - o \$6 million for a general Research North Dakota program
 - o \$4 million for biotechnology-focused Research North Dakota grants
 - o \$2 million for Research North Dakota Venture Grants
- \$400,000 and 1.0 FTE for the Census Office.
- \$5 million in general funds for the UAS Test Site, including \$4 million contingent upon the FAA designated North Dakota as a test site.
- \$1.5 million for Base Retention Grants to Minot, Grand Forks, and Fargo.
- \$2.5 million in SIIF funds for a grant related to the Enhanced Use Lease at the Grand Forks Air Force Base.
- \$750,000 for Tourism Large Infrastructure Grants.
- \$1.5 million increase for Tourism marketing dollars.
- \$250,000 for Visual North Dakota, which was originally part of the \$1 million in the North Dakota Planning Initiative that was removed.
- \$100,000 in designated carry-over for promotion of the USS North Dakota.
- \$300,000 in designated carry-over for the IDEA Center.
- \$300,000 in additional grants funding for grants to the UND Center for Innovation and the NDSU Research & Technology Park.
- \$450,000 for Innovate ND.
- \$1.5 million for Operation Intern.
- \$2 million for Workforce Enhancement Grants.

- \$18,358,877 in federal spending authority for Flood Impact Grants
- Research North Dakota language that gives private companies a larger role in the application process and determining how the awarded grants are spent.
- Statutory authority and continuing appropriation regarding the UAS Test Site.
- Amendment to remove tribal unemployment restrictions from Senate Bill No. 2218.
- SB 2018, also contains the following items, not directly related to Commerce:
 - o \$400,000 is appropriated to the Department of Human Services for child care inclusion grants under NDCC §50-11.1-18(1)
 - o \$6 million is appropriated to Dickinson State University for the Theodore Roosevelt Presidential Library. SB 2003 now contains an additional \$6 million in contingent appropriations for this project.
 - o Legislative Management study of child care services.
 - o Legislative Management study of intellectual property, including best practices related to intellectual property, the federal Bayh-Dole Act, and the federal Patent Reform Act of 2011.
 - o Legislative Management study of a children’s science center.
 - o Legislative Management study of an energy corridor.
 - o Amendment to provide a preference to firms headquartered in North Dakota for state procurement of architect, engineer, construction management, and land surveying services.

HB 1018 – State Historical Society of North Dakota

HB 1018 is the State Historical Society of North Dakota appropriation and includes funding for additional staff to operate the expanded North Dakota Heritage Center. It also includes funding to support temporary staff positions, capital improvement projects, operating costs, marketing efforts, web content management, eighth-grade curriculum development, historic sites exhibits, traveling exhibits and the celebration of North Dakota’s 125th anniversary. The bill also includes a \$950,000 project pool with \$450,000 designated for various projects and \$500,000 for temporary staff or an FTE position. Projects that may be considered by the State Historical Society include the Stutsman County Courthouse repair, Lawrence Welk homestead purchase and repair, Fort Totten infirmary, and the state’s 125th anniversary celebration.

HB 1019 – North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department/ International Peace Garden

HB 1019 maintains existing funding levels for the North Dakota Parks and Recreation Department operations and programs, while providing additional funding for seasonal staffing needs and one-time projects. The bill provides \$350,000 for one-time

equipment purchases and \$500,000 for the community grant program. It also includes \$775,000 for the purchase of the docks at Lake Sakakawea State Park, dependent on a new appraisal. In addition, the bill provides \$1.35 million for capital projects at the Lewis & Clark Interpretive Center, \$10,000 for the purchase of cabinets related to an archaeological collection from Fort Abraham Lincoln and \$300,000 for a Pembina Gorge area project (office space and planning funds). The appropriation for the International Peace Garden includes \$1.25 million for the repair of the Peace Tower to be matched with non-state funds.

SB 2009 – North Dakota State Fair

SB 2009 provides a \$3.4 million enhancement to the North Dakota State Fair Association appropriation, bringing the total appropriation to \$4.046 million for the 2013-2015 biennium. The bill provides \$2.75 million for flood damage repair and more than \$674,000 to pay expenses not covered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency for the flood fight and recovery.

HB 1066 – Yellowstone Trail Designation

HB 1066 directs the North Dakota Department of Transportation to designate United States Highway 12 from the South Dakota border to the Montana border as the Yellowstone Trail and, at a minimum, place signs along the highway designating the new name and using appropriate signs donated to the department.

HCR 3010 – Access Issues on Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe

This concurrent resolution urges Congress and the United States Army Corps of Engineers to ensure that access to Lake Sakakawea and Lake Oahe for agriculture, commerce, energy and water development and recreation is not inhibited by

unreasonable regulations. It also establishes a timeline for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to hold a public hearing in North Dakota in 2013 to discuss lake management issues.

HB 1130 – Computerized Issuance of Hunting and Fishing Licenses

HB 1130 requires each county auditor to implement a computerized online hunting and fishing licensing system by March 1, 2015, and each agent appointed by a county auditor by March 1, 2016.

HB 1278 – Outdoor Heritage Fund

HB 1278 creates up to a \$30 million North Dakota Outdoor Heritage Fund, which would provide funding to improve access to private and public lands to develop fish and wildlife habitats and parks and recreation areas.

HB 1077 – Direct Sales by Licensed Wineries

HB 1077 allows licensed wineries that produce no more than 50,000 gallons of wine per year to sell and deliver wine directly to a licensed retailer. The legislation states that shipments delivered may not exceed 4,500 cases, and individual shipments by carriers may not exceed three cases a day for each licensed retailer.

HB 1368 – Travel Expenses for State Employees

HB 1368 increases the reimbursement amount state employees are allowed to claim for in-state meals in quarter one (6 a.m.-noon) to \$7, quarter two (Noon-6 p.m.) to \$10.50 and quarter three (6 p.m.-midnight) to \$17.50 for a total of \$35 per day. Reimbursements for lodging remain the same at 90 percent of the federal allowance.

