

## **Garrison Diversion Conservancy District Continues to Assist with Flood Fight at Jamestown Dam**

CARRINGTON (May 12, 2009) – Garrison Diversion Operations and Maintenance employees from Carrington and McClusky continue to assist with the flood fighting efforts at Jamestown Dam. The Jamestown Dam is at record levels and is expected to stay at record elevations for several weeks.

The Bureau of Reclamation, who owns and operates the Jamestown Dam, called on Garrison Diversion for 24-hour assistance on April 17. Garrison Diversion dispatched employees and equipment, such as dump trucks, payloaders, a long-reach excavator, a dozer, pumps, and other equipment to Jamestown Dam, and will keep them on the scene until the dam returns to normal operating levels.

On average, 4-5 Garrison Diversion employees are stationed in Jamestown. Their main priority is to provide surveillance, and equipment for special projects. Employees take turns monitoring the dam, which is under a 24-hour watch, and provide construction services. With record releases out of Jamestown Dam, erosion control and bank stabilization below the dam are a large part of the work Garrison Diversion performs. Rip rap was laid along the spillway channel, the over-flow channel and the riverbanks to protect the banks from eroding. Two roads below the dam, which provide access to dam's structures and controls, were raised up to keep the roads accessible.

Garrison Diversion operations and maintenance employees are experienced in road building and other construction activities.