



James Brower

Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project

James Brower serves as Manager of the four irrigation districts that comprise the Lower Yellowstone Irrigation Project: Intake Irrigation District, Savage Irrigation District, Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District No. 1 (Montana), and Lower Yellowstone Irrigation District No. 2 (North Dakota). Together, these districts deliver irrigation water to approximately 59,000 irrigated acres of agricultural land in eastern Montana and western North Dakota, supporting family farms, regional food production, and rural economies.

James brings more than 30 years of irrigation and water management experience across four states—Washington, Oregon, Montana, and North Dakota—with extensive hands-on involvement in irrigation facility design, operations, infrastructure maintenance, water delivery, and regulatory compliance.

He previously served as President of the Montana Water Resources Association and currently serves as a Board Member of the Upper Missouri Water Association, where he has been actively engaged in basin-wide water policy, interstate coordination, and federal water issues.

James has lobbied the U.S. Congress and worked directly with the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation on numerous occasions on a wide range of water and infrastructure matters affecting the Lower Yellowstone Project, including the ongoing fish bypass and fish passage issues at Intake Diversion Dam. His advocacy has focused on balancing reliable agricultural water delivery with environmental and regulatory requirements.

James is also a combat veteran of the United States Army, having served as a Specialist (E-4) in an Air Cavalry unit, where he gained leadership experience, operational discipline, and a strong appreciation for public service—values that continue to inform his professional work in water management and infrastructure stewardship.