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One year after the intentional breach of the Birds Point levee flooded thousands of prime Missouri farm land, Sen. Roy Blunt is criticizing the Army Corps of Engineers for the slow pace of efforts to rebuild the levee.

On Tuesday Blunt sent a letter to the acting commander of the Corps of Engineers, urging fast restoration of the levee to, its original height. Blunt calls the pace of the rebuilding effort “unacceptable.”

“As communities across Missouri attempt to rebuild after a year of unprecedented flooding, it’s critical that the Corps prioritizes its limited resources to protect local farmers, families, and job creators that have been impacted by disaster,” Blunt said today.

“One year after the Birds Point Levee breach, it is simply unacceptable that full restoration still remains months away. Flood protection for people and property should always be the primary goal in river policy. Our communities cannot return to normal until we fully restore what was lost and rebuild stronger,” he said.

Blunt introduced an amendment to the FY2013 Energy and Water Development Appropriations Bill that would move \$40 million from the Missouri River Fish and Wildlife Recovery Program (MRRP) to emergency streambank and flood control projects. Unfortunately, the amendment failed by a vote of 14-15 in last week’s Senate Appropriations Committee markup of the bill.

The corps has temporarily rebuilt the levee to 55 feet and plans to get it back to 62.5 feet by the end of the year. Spokesman Bob Anderson says the corps is also rebuilding many other levees at the same time.

Maj. Gen. Michael Walsh of the Corps of Engineers announced on May 1, 2011 that the Corps would “activate the project” and would begin on May 2 to blow three holes in more than 30 miles of levee system near Birds Point. The actions flooded more than 130,000 acres of land, mostly in Mississippi and New Madrid counties.

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