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To whom it may concern: My name is Henry Ludtke I'm a Frazee, Mn. City council person and a member of the Becker County Park Board. Below is my comment on the Red River Valley Water Supply Project after attending local meetings on this controversial issue.

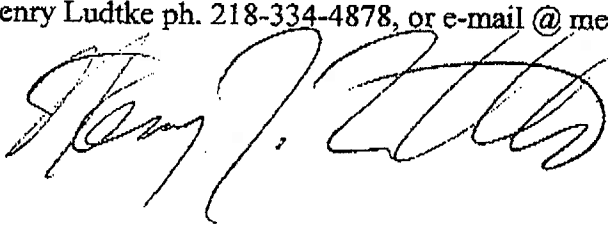
I believe that the Fargo -Moorhead metro-plex has out grown it's resources. Unless the original use for the Garrison Diversion Project is not reauthorized then the Red River Valley is at the mercy of mother nature and since the cities of the valley continue to build in harms way I think maybe they should look at ways to harness the flooding that continues to raise all our insurances and covers the best farm land in this part of North America with concrete and asphalt. I understand that it would take 1/3 of a % of the water that is used for barge traffic on the Missouri to supply eastern North Dakota with the necessary water for Fargo. If so than keep growing but put in the biota filtration system to ensure that nothing comes north to anger our neighbors. The Red River Basin Commission should have some input on this along with the I. J. C.

The well system and pipeline for the Ottertail Systems and Pelican systems would destroy our ecological base if it was implemented. We understand the system would only be used in case of a drought, but once in place it would be far to easy to use the system when the existing water supply needs to be retro fitted, and the political clout that comes with big cities would out way our protests.

I urge you to look at the original promise of the Garrison Project and make the adjustments needed to abide with local and international laws that should protect all concerned on this issue.

Use the water you get from us now wisely. Thank you.

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