

From: RRVWSPmail RRVWSPmail
To: Micki Weimerskirch
Date: 4/12/2006 1:44:44 PM
Subject: Fwd: Public Comment for RRVWSP EIS

Micki,

Please log in this comments and distribute to the team.

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>>> "Mike Holper" <mikeholper@barrelofunsnacks.com> 4/12/2006 1:29:26 PM >>>
Ladies and Gentlemen,

Please note the letter and resolution submitted by the Mayor of Perham,
Vince Pankonin.

As one of the largest employers in Perham, and involved in "wet industries" this project is concerning to us. To make decisions on average data from 1931 to 2000 on water usage and regeneration rates, with State of Minnesota projections for growth in Otter Tail County, is very concerning. In case of a drought, water from this area going to the RRV may be a solution for that area, but what are the consequences to this area? We haven't seen any data on actual regeneration rates during or immediately after a drought, and without this information, it is hard for us to imagine that a decision of this magnitude could be made.

Our companies use substantial volumes of water on a daily basis. To proceed on this project without additional study could have substantial adverse long term affects on recreation, agriculture, and industry in this area that are unforeseen today. The data currently available is not sufficient to determine what the long term affects of this alternative would be and to proceed without that data is wrong.

Sincerely,
Mike Holper
Vice President / C.O.O.

KLN Enterprises (Barrel O' Fun Snack Foods Co., Tuffy's Pet Foods, Kenny's Candy Co.)

CC: Elizabeth McPhillips