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Michael J. Ryan
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
Red River Valley Water Supply Project
P.O. Box 1017
Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

RE: Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

Dear Mr. Ryan:

We have reviewed the information regarding the draft environmental impact statement (DEIS) on the proposed water supply system for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) addresses impacts to wetlands and farmlands at the field office level. The environmental commitments noted on page 14 of the report will address our concerns.

Thank you for the opportunity to review and comment on this project. Should you require additional information, discussion, or clarification, please contact Donald E. Felch, Biologist, at (701) 530-2023.

Sincerely,

J.R. FLORES
State Conservationist

cc:

Arlen A. Wingenbach, ASTC (FO) NRCS, Devils Lake, ND
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