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This is comment on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

I was pleased to attend the informational hearing in Fargo held for legislators.

I support the project to move water from the Missouri River to the Red River with the safeguards noted in the hearing.

As we move forward in this project to deal with issues of drought, I am also concerned that we plan well for the years of flooding. I encourage permanent easements along our water ways in the form of "greenways" so as to minimize damage to people and buildings and to decrease consequence of flooding costs. These greenways are also positive areas for recreation.

Thank you for holding hearings all around the state. Many people have a real opportunity to be heard in the schedule you have made.

Sincerely,

Senator Tim Mathern

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