

Red River Valley Water Supply Project
Bureau of Reclamation
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March 24, 2006

RE: Pipeline from Lake of the Woods to the Red River of the North

Dear Sirs:

Were you born, grew up and lived in the Red River Valley of North Dakota or Minnesota to come up with such a nonsense idea as referenced above regarding A drought in the Valley akin to one in 1930's? Probably not! You hardly have the traits of intelligence it has taken the populace to survive in the Valley! If those sturdy northern valley farmers were able to live through the last one why would they need the expense of your far fetched ideas for the next drought?

The Red River Valley of the North is hardly in what is called a Drought Area ! In fact the rain fall and snow fall are more than enough to avoid any drought due to the number of lakes, ditches (not barrow pits as they are called in Colorado), rivers, streams and ponds on the Minnesota side of the Valley!

I remember when I was a child in the 1930's /1940's every home in town had wooden rain barrels to collect rain water around the house. The soft rain water was then used for watering plants in the house and garden .

The dust bowl in the '30's in middle America found the Valley infested with Canadian Thistles and grasshoppers, but a lack of water has never been a topic of conversation by the old time farmers in this area, in fact, if they are talking about anything it's how wet the fields are and how long it will take them to dry out so they can get in and till the soil and plant their crops!

Please, Please put your pipeline plans and ideas in the circular file. The Minnesotans and Canadians who live near care about Lake of the Woods do NOT want you messing with their lake and it's water! ---

Sincerely,



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