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Dear Mr. Brietzman,

We have reviewed the RRVWSP Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement and have the following comments.

After review of the new document we appreciate the fact that you accepted our comments on the DEIS and incorporated them into this new draft. We are especially appreciative of your commitment to the aquatic flow recommendations of the North Dakota Game and Fish Department. This could have a profound effect on the fishery in the Sheyenne and Red Rivers.

As to the potential transfer of invasive species issue we concur with your process of involving the U.S. State Department and Environmental Protection agency in the discussions with Canada. We understand that all of the alternative treatments discussed are supportive but that Manitoba wants you to go another step. We believe their alternative may be excessive but will support the selection of the biota treatment alternative which Manitoba proposed so long as they continue to support it. If Canada does not formally accept that high level of treatment we would support either of the other identified treatment options.

The impact discussion on federally listed species is confusing. On one hand your model identifies impacts to "plovers and terns" but your table states that the impacts could be either beneficial or adverse. We fail to understand how withdrawal of only 120 cfs from the Missouri River could cause such large impacts as compared to the Corps daily withdrawal of 15-23,000 cfs as a norm. The corps operation is a much more significant impact than your plan.

We thank you for this opportunity to review and provide comments and would ask you to consider our input when you prepare the Final Impact Statement.

Thank you

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