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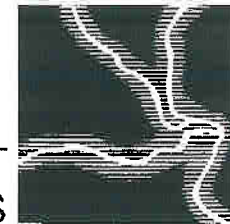
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Re: Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement for Red
 River Valley Water Supply Project

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Dear Ms. Snortland:

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center (Great Rivers) is a nonprofit, public interest environmental organization located in St. Louis, Missouri. As part of its mission Great Rivers works to preserve rivers, floodplains and wetlands, including the Missouri River and its floodplains and wetlands, for recreational, aesthetic and agricultural benefits. Of concern to Great Rivers is the preservation of rivers, floodplains, and wetlands as habitat for migratory birds and other species. We are writing to you about the Supplemental Draft Environmental Impact Statement (SDEIS) for the Red River Valley Water Supply Project.

The SDEIS sets out significant new information not contained in previous drafts. Of particular concern is new information about potential impacts to the piping plover and least tern in the Missouri River basin. On account of the new information, Great Rivers requests a 180 day extension to comment on the SDEIS. Further, in light of the potential impacts within Missouri, we also request that the Bureau of Land Reclamation schedule public hearings on this matter in St. Louis and Kansas City, Missouri.

Sincerely,

Great Rivers Environmental Law Center

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