

RED RIVER BASIN FLOOD DAMAGE REDUCTION WORK GROUP

March 3, 2010

Mr. Michael Kilgore, Chair
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
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Dear Chair Kilgore;

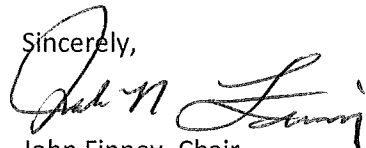
The Red River Watershed Management Board and the Flood Damage Reduction Working Group would like to schedule a meeting and follow up field trip with available Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council members and staff to explain and demonstrate how the work we do in the Red River Basin directly relates to habitat and the quality of life in NW Minnesota. We would also cordially invite you and the members of the L-SOHC to the annual conference of the Red River Mediation Work Group scheduled for June 23rd, 2010.

As we continue to implement multipurpose projects based on comprehensive planning, we would like the opportunity to reinforce how the work we do incorporates elements that restore, protect, and enhance quality habitat for fish, game, and wildlife. We believe our efforts are a direct fit with Council regional initiatives and statewide priorities related to grasslands, forests and habitat restoration.

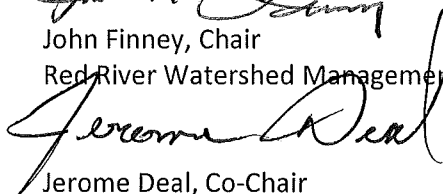
It is our hope and desire to assist in furthering the Councils outcomes by building program capacity through the partnership of watershed districts, soil and water conservation districts, project teams and local sportsman's clubs already engaged in our efforts. We also have direct ties with the agricultural community that is not always brought to the "habitat" table.

We believe face to face discussions will provide a better understanding of our directives and develop ways to improve cooperation. The attached document outlines our history, current goals, and recent attempts to engage the L-SOHC. We look forward to continued discussions regarding these issues and concerns. Ron Harnack, RRWMB Project Coordinator or Paul Wannarka, Mediation Work Group Facilitator will contact you to schedule a follow up to this letter. Thank you for your time and efforts.

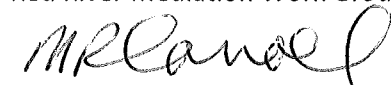
Sincerely,



John Finney, Chair
Red River Watershed Management Board



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