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February 22, 2008

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Northwest Area Water Supply EIS
Bureau of Reclamation
PO Box 1017
Bismarck, ND 58502-1017

RE: Northwest Area Water Supply (NAWS) Project Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) on Water Treatment

To Whom It May Concern:

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe (SRST) relies exclusively on the Missouri River for its water. Any depletion or diversion of water upstream is of concern to us.

Due to historically low water levels, our Fort Yates water intake failed and we were without water for 10 days in November 2003. This was very expensive for the tribe and caused a lot of hardship for our members.

We are concerned that Bureau of Reclamation projects will receive priority and take resources and funding away from our water projects which have been authorized under the 1986 Garrison Diversion Unit Reformulation Act and the 2000 Dakota Water Resources Act.

The Standing Rock Sioux Tribe does not oppose the Northwest Area Water Supply Project as long as we receive the funds necessary to complete our MR & I system in a timely manner and a permanent solution for the Fort Yates intake is found.

Sincerely,
STANDING ROCK SIOUX TRIBE


Ron His Horse Is Thunder
Chairman