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Response to submittal of draft Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan 60-day review

Dear Zach,

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments regarding the draft Mississippi River Headwaters Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan under Minnesota Statutes Section 103B.101, Subd. 14. We appreciate the partners' willingness to participate in development of a multi-jurisdiction, watershed-based plan.

This Comprehensive Watershed Management Plan (CWMP) is an all-inclusive plan to address surface and groundwater, water quality and quantity, habitat, and land use as per the 1W1P Plan Content Requirements adopted by the Board of Water and Soil Resources (BWSR) on March 28, 2018. Implementation actions in the plan consider a broad range of tools and programs necessary to achieve the goals of the plan. The partnership has addressed the BWSR comments that were submitted during the previous review and there are no further comments at this time.

We commend the Mississippi River Headwaters Watershed Partnership for your participation in developing a comprehensive watershed management plan through the 1W1P program and for your collaborative effort in bringing this plan together. The local staff effort to assemble the information, do the analysis and write the plan was substantial. The final document reflects that effort and fulfills the stated goal to make the plan accessible and understandable to local decision makers and citizens. The state's main water management agencies have committed to the 1W1P approach and we look forward to continuing to work with you on future implementation. If you have any questions about this letter, please feel free to contact Chad Severts at 218-770-9620 or Jeff Hrubes at 218-203-4478.

Sincerely,

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