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RESOLUTION

To: The Devils Lake Outlets Management Advisory Committee

From: People to Save the Sheyenne, Valley City, North Dakota 58072

1. The Tolna Coulee Control Structure was built by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for the North Dakota Water Commission in 2012, without an Environmental Impact Statement having been done to determine what the downstream effects on the Sheyenne River will be.

2. The Tolna Coulee Control Structure was built to allow water from Devils Lake/Stump Lake to flow into the Sheyenne River when Devils Lake rises to the elevation of 1458 feet above msl, allowing 3,000 cubic feet per second, or more, of Devils Lake water to be added to the Sheyenne River in times of flooding. Thus, the Tolna Coulee Control Structure adds the Devils Lake watershed to that of the Sheyenne River watershed.

3. In the process the Corps of Engineers Operating Plan for the Tolna Coulee Control Structure requires removal of stop logs to encourage water to erode the Tolna Coulee. After removing logs, **the Corps' Operating Plan forbids stop logs from being replaced in the control structure.**

4. The Tolna Coulee Operating plan is based on the false premise that the Tolna Coulee eroded when Devils Lake overflowed into the Sheyenne River several times in the past ten thousand years. The Tolna Coulee never eroded during those flooding events, so the present plan cannot use that misinformation to justify the present operating plan.

5. While the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers' claim that the water situation in the Devils Lake Basin is "natural," it fails to consider the effects Upper Devils Lake Basin drainage has had on raising the level of Devils Lake. There is nothing that is "natural" in the Devils Lake situation any more.

6. For these reasons and more, when Devils Lake rises to an elevation of 1458 feet above mean sea level and water begins to run from Devils Lake into the Sheyenne River, the Control Structure should not be allowed to function, and no stop logs should be removed.

Therefore, before the Tolna Coulee Control Structure is allowed to function, a complete, scientific Environmental Impact Statement must be done to determine the downstream effects of its operation on all who live along the Sheyenne River who will be impacted by its operation.

Respectfully submitted,

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