

DEVILS LAKE OUTLET(S) IMPACT PETITION

Whereas: There is no evidence that erosion at the Tolna Coulee occurred during any of the previous overflows of Devils Lake into the Sheyenne River over the last 10,000 years. Without erosion at the Tolna Coulee, there is no catastrophic uncontrolled discharge from Devils Lake sending a wall of water down the Sheyenne River. Nevertheless, any erosion that might occur as a result of a natural overflow could readily be prevented by armoring the Tolna Coulee at 1458 feet msl.

Whereas: The poor quality of the water from East Devils Lake and Stump Lake will degrade water quality in the Sheyenne and Red Rivers, causing ecological damage and significantly increasing water treatment costs for Fargo, West Fargo and Valley City .

Whereas: Restoration of a portion of the estimated 200,000 to 358,000 acres of wetlands that have been drained in the upper basin of Devil's Lake could prevent hundreds of thousands of acre-feet of water from entering the lake every year.

Whereas: Extra water from Devils Lake pumped into the Sheyenne River and then to the Red River will increase erosion and the risk for flooding, damaging homes, farmlands, bridges, and roads.

I request that:

1. The Tolna Coulee be armored at 1458 feet above msl, with no water-release structure attached;
2. No outlet be built on the east end of Devil's Lake or Stump Lake;
3. A moratorium be placed immediately on future upper basin drainage, existing drainage regulations be enforced, and significant restoration of upper basin wetlands be accomplished;
4. A comprehensive mitigation plan for downstream damages be in place and funded before the first shovel is turned on any new outlet.

_____Signature

_____Printed Name

_____Address

_____Date

Return to: Save the Sheyenne , PO Box 252, Valley City, North Dakota 58072