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The Fargo ND, Moorhead MN, Diversion channel for flood control

I am not in favor of this project as it has been written about to date; my reasons are listed below.

- A. I do not like the plan of flooding our northern neighbors with an extreme amount of water.
- B. The damage to cities, farms, roads etc due to such a large wide project.
- C. The problem that the present Sheyenne River Diversion ditch and your interchanges on the Interstate System have with the soil not saying in place.
- D. The cost of this project when the federal government is worse than broke. I have no idea on how you expect to find the funds to pay for such a large project.
- E. The time frame of getting it accomplished this is a long way into the future.

I have another idea, which I have written about previously.

Use concrete culverts, such as were used in Arizona to move water to the Phoenix area. Two side by side concrete culverts about 6' high by 8' wide, built locally to save freight costs. It would not move as much water but it would certainly help the problem and would help the items I have written about above.

The problem with the soil not staying in place would be solved. By using the concrete culverts it would look better, be safer and hopefully be more cost effective.

By using the concrete culverts the farm soil would be over them and the farmers could again use the land. The land however would not bring the production prior to the project but they would be reimbursed for their troubles. If there is any excess soil it could be used on the adjacent townships roads.

The concrete culverts should be easier to construct under the highways and the railroads.

Thank you for asking for suggestions and I would hope you would consider my ideas.

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A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Wallace", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.