



Letter: McFeely widens the F-M Diversion divide

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In a front-page commentary titled "["Diversion task force going back to the future"](http://www.inforum.com/news/4351283-mcfeely-diversion-task-force-going-back-future)" (<http://www.inforum.com/news/4351283-mcfeely-diversion-task-force-going-back-future>) published Oct. 29, Forum columnist Mike McFeely tells us that it is almost impossible at this point to find some sort of compromise between the needs of both North Dakota and Minnesota.

However, McFeely's comments only serve to widen the divide. He states that Gov. Dayton likes to play to "upstream barkers" and refers to the 16-member task force as a "herd of cats" and a "disparate group of hastily assembled partisans."

Instead of recognizing that there are legitimate concerns by upstream opponents (not to mention laws governing the state of Minnesota), McFeely says that they simply want to "rehash grudges they've been griping about since the current iteration of the project gained steam in 2010."

All-in-all, McFeely is the one who appears to simply rehash old issues, never giving Governors Dayton and Burgum and the new task force a chance to create a critical breakthrough.

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