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Myron Jesme, Administrator Red Lake Watershed District 1000 Pennington Ave. Thief River Falls, MN 56701 Peter Nelson, RLR 1W1P Coordinator Pennington County SWCD 201 Sherwood Avenue S. Thief River Falls, MN 56701

Re: Red Lake Watershed District, One Watershed One Plan, Amendment to Plan, Watershed Management Districts (WMD)

Dear Mr. Jesme, Mr. Nelson and the Red Lake River Planning Group,

Thank you for the opportunity to review and provide comments on the proposed draft amendment to the Red Lake River One Watershed One Plan (1W1P).

It would appear that this amendment for the addition of Appendix N of the Red Lake 1W1P is consistent with M.S. 103D.729 Subd. 1.

Area Hydrologist Stephanie Klamm is familiar with the projects seeking the establishment of the WMD status and in the past has reviewed the project proposals and permit requirements for the projects with DNR rules and Statutes, and continues to work with the Watershed District on the projects.

The DNR looks forward to working with the Watershed District and the local Soil and Water Conservation Districts on future projects in the Red Lake River 1W1P planning area.

Any questions please feel free to contact Stephanie Klamm at 218-681-0947 or stephanie.klamm@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

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