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Ms. Kimberly D. Bose, Secretary
The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission
888 First Street NE
Washington, DC 20426

Dear Secretary Bose:

Although a bit odd given the abundance of water in the Hoist Storage Basin and directly related to Silver Lake Basin, we are writing you today regarding preserving the entire quantity of water retained in the Silver Lake Basin. In the past, holding the total to-spill amount at Silver Lake has worked perfectly as a supplement to the Hoist Storage Basin for use in late July and August. Following the License could mean discharging Silver Lake prematurely when there is already abundant water in the Hoist Storage Basin and possibly even continuing the spilling atmosphere we are currently experiencing. Spilling over the Dam is an ineffective use of the water compared to passing it through each Dam's generation capacity through the sequence of hydroelectric dams as the water flows to Lake Superior.

Saving the water at Silver Lake to be discharged later in the summer could provide cooler water temperatures in the Dead River below Silver Lake that might make the fish residing in that area "happier."

We appreciate the opportunity to provide input from Dead River Campers, Inc as we look at the weather in the United States this past winter and spring. Everyone is experiencing some of the oddest weather in many years. Sixty feet of snow in California and additional western states, flooding in the country's heartland, and of late terrific thunderstorms, hail, and tornadoes in the South. We feel blessed that of all the choices, the most recent arrival in Upper Michigan last week of thirty inches of snow with extremely

high snow water equivalent seems to be at least manageable without significant devastation.

We thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Jim Grundstrom
President

Cc:

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