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Amy Mossett, Executive Director
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Dear Ms. Mossett:

Thank you for your presentation January 18, 2006 to the Mercer County Commission regarding the proposal to establish a National Heritage Area that consists of an 80 mile stretch of the Missouri River from the Huff National Landmark south of Mandan to the Knife River Indian Villages north of Stanton.

On behalf of the Board of Mercer County Commissioners please accept this letter of support for the completion of a feasibility study of the proposed five (5) county areas which includes Burleigh, Morton, Oliver, Mercer and McLean counties that would designate the Northern Plains National Heritage Area in North Dakota.

Sincerely,



Monte J. Erhardt
Mercer County Auditor

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