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Dear Dan,

On behalf of myself as the water resources director of the Fort Belknap Tribes, I will provide written comments on the International Joint Task Force pertaining to St. Mary-Milk Rivers. I have one main question concerning the Boundary Waters Treaty of 1909 and the 1921 Order.

The Fort Belknap Tribes received an allocation of 125cfs under the court case Winters v. United States, which was handed down by the U.S. Supreme court in 1908. At that time the Treaty of 1909 or more so in the 1921 Order, the Fort Belknap Tribes should have been the included in the allocation of water. I'm sure there was discussion of Fort Belknap tribal reserve water right.

It is very simple I would like to know the involvement of the Winters Doctrine stood in the determination of Boundary Water Treaty of 1909 and the 1921 Order.

Thank you

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Randy Perez". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed text "Thank you".