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Dear Mayor Davis:

The subject of this letter is concerning the eminent danger of the North Platte River flooding during 2023 spring runoff. I spoke to you briefly a couple weeks ago and you seemed to be out front in planning stages to combat the town flooding—which I truly appreciate your prompt concerns.

I am not an engineer or hydrologist, but just a concerned river front property owner trying to get ahead of rising flooded water that might endanger my home and property.

As you are aware the Saratoga Lake was recently drained for fish control. \_\_\_\_ It will take a large volume of water to fill the Lake to its original capacity. Also the wetland just north of the lake was recently modified by Ducks Unlimited and Wyo Game & Fish( I think these were the agencies involved.) This modification adds an extra large area for dispersing more water from the Lake outlet.

**IDEA:** The ditch that controls river water to the Lake and wetlands comes from the slough drainage on the hill across from the Saratoga Resort & Spa driving range. I think the Wyo Game & Fish controls the amount of water directed to fill the Lake. At the right time, can the maximum draw from this slough be diverted to the Lake, while leaving the outlet to the Lake OPEN allowing the wetlands to receive the maximum volume of water to fill this area while the Lake will release very little and continue filling the Lake to its capacity. This plan could divert a LARGE volume of river water before reaching town and go back into the main river by Little Sheep Rock

A plan like this would need a lot of planning and coordination between multiple agencies, if it would even be feasible as a way to possibly control some of the excess water from flooding. Only an idea, but might be something to consider by just redirecting some flood water away from Town. Someone could determine the volume that could be redirected to the Lake and wetlands.

Sincerely,



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