

Friiends of Lake Hiawatha (Sean Connaughty)

I support enforcing limits on Keetac that will help protect water, wild rice, and public health. Polluting our wetlands and waterways is unacceptable. The water quality standards protecting wild rice are there for good reason and should not be put aside to benefit or profit any entity. We at Friends of Lake Hiawatha know what its like to have water too polluted to support wild rice and the rice at LakeHiawatha (Bde Psin) was once known as Rice Lake. But now rice has not been seen at our lake and wetlands for over ninety years where it once thrived in abundance and fed local Dakota Peoples over millennia until dredging, pollution and excessive groundwater pumping made it impossible for the rice to grow.

Enforce limits on Keetac and protect wild rice for generations to come because once it's gone it may never come back.

Thanks for your consideration,

Sean Connaughty and Friends of Lake Hiawatha