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- Unknown groundwater impacts: The DNR hasn't begun the hydrologic survey or completed the County Geologic Atlas for Stevens County, so aquifers and groundwater resources aren't mapped—making it risky to permit large withdrawals now.
- Sensitive, already-impaired waters: The expansion sits in the Pomme de Terre watershed, designated sensitive; the nearest waters—the Pomme de Terre River and a nearby unnamed creek—are already listed as impaired. The project would likely worsen these impairments.

Advancing permits without a full understanding of groundwater and water-quality risks is irresponsible. It is critical that the MPCA require a full Environmental Impact Statement