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USDA OFFICIALS MAKE STOP AT PLEASANT LAKE

All Seasons Water Users receive USDA funds for water system.

Pleasant Lake, September 21, 2004. . . Shane Goettle, chief of staff for the Office of the Under Secretary for USDA Rural Development, today joined USDA Rural Development State Director, for North Dakota, Clare Carlson, in a check presentation to All Seasons Water Users, located in Bottineau, North Dakota.

The check for \$2,495,300 represents a water loan administered through USDA Rural Development's Utilities Program.

"USDA Rural Development is proud to be here today to make this check presentation to All Seasons Water Users for System V," Goettle said. "This is another example of the commitment that President George Bush and the Bush Administration have to the future of rural America."

Currently under construction, System V distribution system consists of 400 miles of piping, a booster station, and an above ground silo water storage tank. Water supply will be made available to more than 400 rural users in the communities of Balta, Wolford, Barton and York, with bulk water provided to Willow City. The new water source will be purchased from the city of Rugby.

The overall project is estimated to cost \$9,551,000. Additional funds will come from a Municipal Rural and Industrial Grant for \$6,685,700, a subsequent Rural Utilities Program Loan of \$252,000, and applicant contribution of \$118,000.

USDA Rural Development serves as the lead federal entity for rural economic and community development needs. Its mission is to deliver programs that will support increased economic opportunity and improve the quality of life for rural residents. It administers financial and technical assistance to finance and foster growth in homeownership, business development and critical community and technology infrastructure.

In Fiscal Year 2003, USDA Rural Development provided over \$73.5 million dollars in loan and grant financing to North Dakota citizens. For more information, please visit our web site at <http://www.rurdev.usda.gov>.

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