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“...the truth is we are all in this together – as neighbors and fellow citizens.”

President Barack Obama, March 28, 2009 – Fargo, North Dakota



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Flooding severely impacts the nation's ability to feed itself



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Managing our nation's waterways and floodplains requires a monumental effort in the construction and maintenance of Levees and and Hydropower resources



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Each year, resources of our Armed Forces are repurposed to support flood relief efforts



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When flooding disrupts or damages our transportation infrastructure, critical services throughout the nation are impacted

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The cost of flooding includes the prevention and treatment of flood-borne diseases



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Environmental Recovery Costs are often overlooked following floods



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The cost of Disaster Assistance for uninsured flood losses cost the nation billions each year



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The National Weather Service estimates that in 2008 flooding cost the nation nearly \$7 billion



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The “Human Toll” is the most significant cost of all



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