

Upper St. Anthony Falls, Lower St. Anthony Falls and Lock and Dam 1 Disposition study - Summary of comments

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The following is a summary of comments the St. Paul District Corps of Engineers has received regarding the subject study. The comments are sorted by the date they were received. In the comment number "aa_bbb_cc", "cc" refers to the initials of the person submitting the comment. You can verify that your comment has been logged if you know the approximate date it was submitted and your initials. The full comments will be included in the correspondence section of the draft report (available in 2019). Personally-identifiable information has been redacted.

Comment No.	Date	Theme	Subtheme	Summary of Comment
6_PUB_jh	4/12/2018	Dam removal	Concerns about unearthing pollutants in sediments	Removing the dams would increase the flow of the river and will unearth the raw sewage that communities dumped into the river for three decades.
65_NGO_rl	4/14/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Advocates no change	MRC and UMN have large active memberships and programs. Both have fairly recent and large capital investments in new boathouse facilities that would need to be relocated. Consequences of the release of silt is unknown and possibly significantly adverse. Cost of removal of the abandoned Meeker Island lock would also have to be considered.
67_NGO_sm	4/15/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	While removal of a dam is a great headline. The truth is there are many unintended consequences that are simply not being talked about. Total destruction of many of the joys of the river that much of the community has come to treasure, invest in and rely on.
68_NGO_sf	4/15/2018	Dam removal	Concerns about declining real property values resulting from dam removal	MRC is known around the globe for their facility below the Lake Street bridge and the history of the club. It can be stated that without the influence of members of MRC, high school students would not have access to rowing, inner-city children would not have access to rowing and be given the chance to develop their character in a supportive environment and those with disabilities would have no exposure to rowing.
70_NGO_tm	4/15/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Beyond rowers, we regularly share the water with kayakers, canoers, swimmers, pleasure boaters, fishermen and pet owners who troll the shores with their dogs. All of these community members would be driven from the river if it were to be restored to its 'wild' status.
112_NGO_jr	4/15/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Let this opinion be counted towards keeping the Mississippi manageable and accessible to most. Having outside, large lobbying groups act in the name of ecological betterment needs a closer review from the Corps. Minneapolis citizens, particularly, respectful users of the river, want our voices heard, NO dam removal.
115_NGO_ep	4/15/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The river and its shorelines are now utilized by hundreds of residents and their families in a way that is accessible and safe. It allows access to a unique natural landscape. Will not the removal of the dams result in a river that is LESS accessible to the leisure and casual boater, and make the shorelines less safe for hikers and families?
126_NGO_dm	4/15/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates expansion of use of hydropower	In short, I'd like to see the controlled waters remain to promote the high level of multi-purpose recreational use enjoyed today. I'd also like to see increased hydropower production.
97_NGO_kl	4/16/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	It is my understanding that you have been tasked with studying the social impact of removing the Ford Dam. Losing access to the Mississippi River through the gorge and the Minneapolis Rowing club in turn will have far reaching effects in our local community, competitive rowing at the National Level, and a huge impact on my family. Removing the Ford dam would mean an end to the Minneapolis Rowing Club, and this community I am grateful to be a part of.
69_NGO_ss	4/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Do we want to spend money to develop the river so that it attracts competitive events for a relative few, or do we want to create a riverside and river that promote enjoyment for citizens of a wide range of ages?
77_NGO_ns	4/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I've valued the opportunity to be on the Mississippi in this unique way, Rowing. I'm highly involved with the river as it is today and hope that you might consider the special opportunity the Dam offers our club.
81_NGO_mm	4/17/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	I would argue, simply put, why mess with something so wonderful? I understand that the USACE must consider all environmental, economic and social pros and cons in the disposition study. I am sure you will take into account the input of those of us, who are on the river daily.
110_NGO_jh	4/17/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	I wanted to provide a brief letter as part of the disposition study to outline my position against the removal of the Upper and Lower St. Anthony locks and the Ford Lock and Dam. As I hope this letter to be brief, I would like to focus on the social effects related to the dam removal.
116_NGO_en	4/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to you today to express my opposition to the removal of the Ford Dam. I know that other wildlife would grow over time, but the life that's there now on so many interesting and wonderful levels would cease to exist. Please don't let that happen.
121_NGO_eh	4/17/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	The very many of us using the river and the river gorge in these different ways develop social networks that have significant meaning for us, whether we are above the gorge as walkers, runners, bikers, or simply sitting and contemplating or whether we are in the gorge itself, or on the water.
125_NGO_dc	4/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community and physical/mental health.	Count my voice as one who is fervently against the removal of the dams in the Mississippi River gorge though Minneapolis. I urge you to reject American Rivers' notion that our stretch of the Mississippi is "unhealthy" and can only be "restored" to health by removing locks and dams.
63_PUB_rs	4/18/2018	Dam removal	Advocates protection of use of hydropower	I would like to voice my concern regarding the demolition of the Ford Dam. With all the effort to build more wind generation and install more solar panels in pursuit of a lofty goal to have 100% clean energy, how can something like this happen that would set back any aspirations of attaining a reachable goal sooner by removing a resource that does exactly what we are trying to achieve.
79_NGO_mh	4/18/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	There is no need to drive hours up north. Anybody in the Twin Cities can easily access all this beauty and many do on a regular basis. If the Ford Dam is removed, many individuals that currently use the river would forever lose the opportunity to enjoy it as we do now.

95_NGO_kc	4/18/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am writing this email in regards to the Ford Dam Removal project in hopes the Army Corp of Engineers will consider the repercussions if this project comes to fruition. Last but not least my home runs on energy that most likely comes from the energy provided by that dam. All these things will be dramatically shifted in my life if the dam is removed and I want to express my concern to you and the Army Corp of Engineers how this will affect our beautiful body of water.
103_NGO_ks	4/19/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	I am a founder of the St. Croix Rowing Club and feel being a part of the rowing community contributed greatly to my mental and physical health. I started rowing on the Mississippi in April of 2017 and was pleasantly surprised to see just as much wildlife and beauty in that stretch of urban river as I saw on the scenic Saint Croix. I am writing to you today to make a plea to retain the Ford Dam.
138_NGO_ag	4/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	I understand that the US Army core of engineers is conducting a disposition study on the Ford Dam removal. While I understand that some people think removing the dam would make the river better, I urge you to consider those of us who have spent the better part of our lives in communities around the river in general and this very stretch of river specifically.
99_NGO_kn	4/21/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	There is nothing quite so magical as being on the water in the early morning as the mist comes off the river and the sun rises over the St. Paul gorge wall. Please help keep the Mississippi open for the hundreds of people whose lives are better because of this sport.
73_NGO_vl	4/22/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I coach a high school rowing team. The kids have the unique opportunity to be on an amazing stretch of water. We can see the Minneapolis skyline along with cranes, bald eagles, ducks, and other wildlife. Is there a stretch of river like this one, where you can be away from the city while still in it, within biking/walking/bus distance for many of our high school athletes, especially Minneapolis kids? Not really.
91_NGO_ls	4/22/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	When I hear that dam removal will bring recreation to the area, I wonder who these people are when they say this, and where they are when the boathouse is a flurry of activity...when masters rowers mingle with juniors, when the University of Minnesota men or women pass by and the coxswain's voices carry up the hill. We are not a smattering of people.
100_NGO_kd	4/22/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am writing to you to express support to keep the dams in the Upper Mississippi. Although organizations from outside the state feel that recreational use would increase, this assumption may not actually be true.
149_NGO_ag	4/22/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	Being a part of this team has introduced me to people I would have never met before, and has opened me up to new opportunities and experiences. To put it this way, if the Ford Dam is removed, the Juniors team will be ripped apart. Taking out the dam will restore the past while destroying the possible futures of the youth on the team.
59_NGO_pb	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Removing the dam would make rowing on the stretch of water upstream of the dam impossible for the hundreds of other MRC members like myself as well as rowers at the UMN. We would not be able to relocate to any similar place, nor would it be economically feasible to do so.
61_NGO_pm	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The current plans to restructure the flow of the river would have a devastating impact on our club. We would be forced to abandon our premises including our award-winning boathouse and search elsewhere for a home.
72_NGO_vc	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Many nearby residents (including me) enjoy watching the rowing crews from the cliffs and bridges next to and over the river. It would be a loss to the community to remove the dam and lose this wonderful water for rowing.
76_NGO_nm	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Many people in my community use the river itself for recreation that the removal of the dam would impact adversely. There are even Loons that nest on the St. Paul side of the river-that is how calm the revivor can be.
87_NGO_ld	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	At best, removing the dam will result in trading one set of recreational users for another, not necessarily more or better recreational use. And it will severely disrupt the current social, community and recreational benefits that many already enjoy.
93_NGO_lo	4/23/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Concerns for local economy associated with changing the river	Regarding economics, rowers from MRC and other organizations that celebrate and enjoy the river also contribute to the local economy. Many have purchased homes, rented apartments, and gained employment in the Longfellow and surrounding neighborhoods to be close to our boathouse and rowing home base.
105_NGO_jn	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The Minneapolis Rowing Club services middle school age children through adults in a manner which encourages young and old to live a healthy lifestyle. Our young people are being taught discipline as well as healthy lifestyles that carry through their entire life. To remove the dam would eliminate our programs which service so much of the Minneapolis-St. Paul area.
107_NGO_jw	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	As the University of Minnesota men's novice coach I am very concerned about the possibility of dam removal in our section of the river. The U of Mn has two thriving programs, both men's and women's with over 100 students each year, dozens of coaches, boat house employees etc all who would be negatively affected by the removal of the Ford dam and the inability to use the boathouse and river.
108_NGO_jm	4/23/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	As the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers conducts its disposition study of the Ford Dam, I'd like to share my opinion about the future of the Mississippi River Gorge. In short, I'd like to see the controlled waters remain to promote the high level of multi-purpose recreational use enjoyed today. I'd also like to see increased hydropower production.
123_NGO_dh	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am writing to you today to express my concerns about the potential for removing the dams on the Mississippi. When people spend time on a body of water, they appreciate it more and take care of it more, thus advocating for it more. If the dams are removed, I do not believe there will be increased usage, which will translate into less stewardship.
145_NGO_ac	4/23/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Its my understanding that removing the dams will create rapids. I'm concerned because I don't believe fast moving water and rapids have the same amount of recreational use as the river does now. If the Gorge waters turn to rapids, we are taking away daily lifestyle use for 1000s of citizens.

62_NGO_rb	4/24/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I want to offer three reasons why it would be a significant detriment to our city to turn the Mississippi into a rapids and all of the things that would steal from our population: Community- in an age of individualism where loneliness has skyrocketed, losing a community like this is a huge loss; Recreation- It would be grievous to take away any outlet for exercise; Security-Safety- if this mighty river becomes a rapids, this would be significantly more dangerous.
82_NGO_ml	4/24/2018	Dam removal		I would like to add my voice to those who wish to keep the Ford Dam in place.
86_NGO_lc	4/24/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	As you will see from my letter, I strongly oppose the removal of the Ford Dam. The pool between the St. Anthony lock and dam and the Ford dam is some of the best rowing water in North America. To destroy this asset would be a tragedy.
118_NGO_ep	4/24/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 on the Mississippi River. The community of rowers, and the continued opportunity to row on the Mississippi, are enormously important to me. The pool above Lock and Dam 1 provides a peerless setting for rowing, and its elimination would represent an irreplaceable loss to the other 400 members of the Minneapolis Rowing Club.
144_NGO_ak	4/24/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Rowers come in diverse shapes, sizes, ages, genders, backgrounds, and athletic abilities. Together, balanced in a narrow boat, we will pause to marvel at the eagles, admire the new ducklings each spring, and wave at the families enjoying the beaches on a summer day. Please carefully consider
64_NGO_ra	4/25/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	A disabled Vietnam veteran struggling with mental health issues since returning from service who experiences a sense of peacefulness and calm unparalleled by any of the therapies and medication. This long sought after relief comes with accessibility of this unique stretch of water and the connection to nature.
111_NGO_jg	4/25/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Kenneth Graham knew the simple pleasure of punting down the Thames in a rowing skiff. Imagine the pleasure and beauty experienced by literally hundreds of "oarspeople" and (paddle people) as we have the pleasure of rowing on one of the finest bodies of rowing in the upper Midwest. Please hear the pleas of us rowers and literary types that this is one dam that should remain for the benefit of wildlife and oarsman and canoers alike.
129_NGO_cb	4/25/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am writing about my concerns that the Ford Dam may be taken down. From a recreational standpoint, I believe recreational opportunities are better now than they would be without the dam. However, I could not blame you for closing the locks.
143_NGO_an	4/25/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams		Is it possible to close and remove the locks while allowing the powerhouse and dam to remain in place and operational? It would be a shame to lose renewable energy source. Habitat for fauna would not necessarily "improve" if the dam disappeared. It would simply change.
78_NGO_mc	4/27/2018			(no comment attached)
119_NGO_eh	4/30/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am writing regarding the ongoing study for the Mississippi River and the possible dam removal. Environmentally, I want to see what's best for the river. If the dams were removed and the current stretch of river by MRC becomes unrowable that it would be the end of my recreational use of the river.
89_NGO_lw	5/1/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	I am writing today in regards to the current disposition study focusing on the Ford Dam in Minneapolis, Minnesota. I understand that one potential result of this study could be the destruction of the dam, and I would like to voice my strong opposition to this outcome.
85_NGO_mr	5/2/2018	Expand scope of study	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal	I am writing to voice my concern and sincere opposition to the proposal by American Rivers to remove the dams. This proposal will have significant consequences and negative impacts on my community and I urge you to include this in the disposition study.
148_NGO_aw	5/2/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community and physical/mental health.	As someone who spends a lot of time thinking, sport was the one way I could clear my head. I couldn't play those sports because of my knee injury and I couldn't lift weights or bicycle and I couldn't focus enough to make those activities safe. It was a very difficult time. Rowing changed all that. Please don't remove the dam and destroy all this good.
74_NGO_ws	5/6/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I am 67 years old and moved to the Twin Cities in 1987. When I moved here I was worried about how I would find community and nature in a large urban area. Enter Minneapolis Rowing Club. Returning to a wild river would make the river less accessible for hundreds while making it enjoyable to just a few brave souls.
127_NGO_ds	5/6/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The two dams on the Mississippi River near the University of Minnesota campus create a beautiful and safe setting for urban rowing, fishing, canoeing, and dog walking /swimming that enhances the quality of life, mental health, and physical fitness of the large community that regularly plays and exercises on the river. Removing the dams would be an enormous loss to the greater Twin Cities community.
137_NGO_bw	5/6/2018	Dam removal	Concerns about impacts to local ecology	Those of us out on the river in its current configuration immensely enjoy seeing these creatures in their natural habitat and are grateful that they have found a home in this ecosystem. I hope that whoever is responsible for deciding whether or not to remove these dams will carefully weigh what we would definitely lose against what we might potentially gain and find a solution that will be fair to the citizens of this community.
106_NGO_jm	5/8/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	I understand that you are leading an effort to study the effects of removing the Ford Dam. I would like to speak on behalf of leaving it be. Rowing is part of the urban fabric of this metropolitan region: we are part of the scenery, and we add to the wonderful mix of activities in, on, and around the river. We bring joy to passersby. And we entice people to join and try rowing for themselves.
114_NGO_jm	5/9/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	There are very few things I enjoy more than walking along the trails in the woods on the river. The fact that this area exists just a short bike ride from my neighborhood and minutes from downtown never ceases to astound me. I worry that the removal of the dam and redevelopment of the gorge would ruin this serene and accessible treasure.

104_NGO_kk	5/10/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	I had a photo of the University of Minnesota's NCAA women's rowing team juxtaposed against the autumnal majesty of our river gorge as my computer background before I'd personally dipped my own oar blade into the Mississippi. I think the question is not whether the Army Corps can afford to continue supporting the dam's existence; it's whether we can afford not to.
96_NGO_km	5/11/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	This beautiful stretch of the river is loved by the groups that are currently using it, and also loved by groups who feel that changing it is best, but please consider the communities and friendships forged on the Mississippi and in the Minneapolis Rowing Club when you consider the impact of removing the dam.
133_NGO_bb	5/25/2018	Maintain L & D facilities		I urge you to maintain the Mississippi River Gorge in its current condition by keeping Lock & Dam # 1 as an essential element of the infrastructure on the Upper Mississippi.
92_NGO_lr	6/9/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	The impact of removing these dams is detrimental to those of us who treat the Mississippi as a second home.
146_NGO_ak	6/9/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Removal of the dams would transform the flow of the Mississippi through the gorge, making the river either impractical or simply impossible to use - not just for rowers, but also for canoeists, kayakers, and other pleasure boaters who enjoy the river as it currently flows.
101_NGO_kk	6/15/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam Removal	The impact of removing these dams is detrimental to those of us who treat the Mississippi as a second home. From our boathouse in the gorge, we are stewards of the river. We monitor river quality and safety, and we work to mitigate unsafe or hazardous situations immediately. We know the River better than most, and we love the Gorge as it is right now.
122_NGO_ec	6/20/2018	Dam removal	Concerns about unearthing pollutants in sediments	Hydroelectric Plant, built by Ford in 1917. My concerns about the removal, coming from my background as a chemical engineer, stem from the sediment at the bottom of the river, which
83_NGO_mc	6/21/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	The impact of removing these dams is detrimental to those of us who treat the Mississippi as a second home.
102_NGO_kc	6/21/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
136_NGO_bg	6/21/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Demolition of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would eliminate all competitive and recreational rowing in this area.
60_NGO_pg	6/22/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The club offers programs for high school and university students, master rowers, and neighbors from surrounding communities who want to give rowing a try. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
66_NGO_sj	6/22/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The rowing club is currently over 200 members strong and every year introduces scores of new rowers to a graceful, lifelong sport — a sport that relies upon calm waters like those created by Lock and Dam 1 and the Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock.
113_NGO_jr	6/22/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
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80_NGO_mm	6/24/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	The impact of removing these dams is detrimental to those of us who treat the Mississippi as a second home.
94_NGO_kl	6/25/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam Removal	The impact of removing these dams is detrimental to those of us who treat the Mississippi as a second home.
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142_NGO_ad	6/26/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
141_NGO_ac	6/27/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
139_NGO_aj	6/28/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
71_NGO_th	6/29/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I have just moved to the Minneapolis area for a new job, and one reason I selected this region was the availability of rowing on the river here. However, removal of any of the dams under consideration would likely render this section of the river unusable for rowing, and potentially devastate the rowing club of which I am a member.
98_NGO_kc	6/29/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Without one or more of the dams, our stretch of the river would become either rapids or swamp; no one knows which. In either case, many of these current recreational uses would cease and an urban oasis utilized by many would be lost.

140_GGO_ab	6/29/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
147_GGO_ar	6/29/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The proposal to remove Lock and Dam #1 cannot be justified by the claim that doing so would restore nature. For me the beauty is at water level, where I can enjoy the water texture, along with the birds and animals along the shore. I'm not embarrassed that this comes at a cost.
132_GGO_br	6/30/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	When I moved back to Minneapolis I found myself enjoying the gorge area on an almost daily basis and would marvel at the abundance of nature Minneapolis is so very fortunate to have in the middle of its city. Please help preserve the community of rowers and of Minneapolis on Mississippi by recommending to Congress that Lock and Dam 1 and the Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock remain in place.
131_GGO_bc	7/9/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	With the elimination of the lock and dam, and the vagaries of Mother Nature, I am very concerned that there will be continual and longstanding periods of foul smelling air that will emanate throughout the river gorge.
3_PUB_re	7/10/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for flow and sediment, and navigation	With the possible removal of dams at Lower SAF and the Ford, is data available for the initial volume of water flowing downstream and the amount of sediment that will be transported? What volumes will flow annually after the initial surge? Where will the commercial 9' channel in the St. Paul District start and will it be dependable?
8_PUB_as	7/10/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	This action could end up being one of the most positive environmental actions taken in our lifetime for the Mississippi river in Minnesota. Restoring critical habitat not only for fish and aquatic life, but all things higher on the food chain as well, including Bald Eagles.
88_GGO_lw	7/10/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
109_GGO_jm	7/11/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for loss of community associated with changing the river	Please note that the dams are currently owned and well maintained, and are serving their original purpose of generating power. Please also be aware that proponents of removing the dams are part of an orchestrated campaign to do so. Rowers are true grassroots members of the local community advocating for keeping the dams in place.
4_GGO_km	7/12/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Hundreds of people row on the river multiple times per week during April–October. We appreciate and want to preserve and protect the natural beauty and tranquility of our river and its parks and paths as it is.
130_GGO_cl	7/12/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm a 9-year member of the Minneapolis Rowing Club (MRC) writing in support of keeping Lock and Dam 1 and the Saint Anthony Falls lock intact. I'm writing with sincere sadness at the possibility of losing this part of my life and the ability to enjoy rowing into my old age.
124_GGO_dw	7/13/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers disposition study of the three dams on the Mississippi River Gorge: the Upper and Lower St. Anthony dams and the Ford dam. Removing the locks and dams would eliminate access for many people and impact the safety of our community.
7_PUB_eo	7/14/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns about cost and disruption to current recreational use of the pool	How much will it cost to buy out the leases of the power plant, rowing clubs, and cruise berth? How much public financing will be used to relocate these organizations? It would be better to close Lower St. Anthony Lock altogether.
117_GGO_eo	7/14/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Advocates no change	To me this gorge and the river in it are altogether beautiful and perfect just as they are. I object to the language "restoring the gorge". No one alive remembers it any other way.
5_GGO_jh	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Risks, impacts, and costs of dam removal include pollution, cost of dam removal, cleanup and debris, lowering of the pool, downstream flooding and erosion, disruption of current recreational use, increase in accidents/fatalities due to rougher conditions, and loss of possible future commercial traffic.
39_PUB_bj	7/16/2018	Stewardship of public lands	Concerns about transparency	This 'plan' feels as if the decision has already been made and we're getting "eye wash". Looks like we have input but don't. Rush to sell off federal lands and interests to private enterprise. How many jobs will be lost.
40_PUB_gk	7/16/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	Remove the dams/locks and return the river to a more natural state.
41_PUB_rc	7/16/2018	Information request	Advocates transparency	Put posters on website.
42_PUB_cm	7/16/2018	Expand scope of study	Dam removal	Please study the option of dam removal, and what impact removing dam, lock and dam (incomplete)
43_PUB_wb	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	Federal govt should maintain ownership. Transfer to NPS. Remove dams and hydroplants. Develop natural park. Safest and least overall cost benefit long term.
44_PUB_rl	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Advocates no change	Retain dams for the foreseeable future. A persuasive case has not been made as to why the removal would justify the expense. The gorge is beautiful, well-used and well cared for in its present state.
45_PUB_bh	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns about transfer of property to a private interest	Keep Corps and NPS on the river. Don't privatize it. Preserve birds, wildlife--love the eagles.
46_PUB_ds	7/16/2018	Expand scope of study	Concerns about transfer of property to a private interest	Where are the recommendations for healthy ecology? The river is a natural treasure and it is for sale? Do not like the scope of this study.
47_PUB_tm	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns about unearthing pollutants in sediments	Have you abandoned a L&D on the Mississippi, or a river the size of the Miss? Are you aware of dams falling into disrepair after being abandoned by the Corps? What is cost to taxpayers to remove contaminated sediments? USACE is most qualified to maintain structures and ensure safety.
48_PUB_dr	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Advocates no change	Leave the Locks and Dams as they are. We are boaters.
49_PUB_dc	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Advocates no change	1.5 million annually seems like a very modest investment to preserve this treasure--given the incredible benefits (ecological, recreational, hydropower, etc.) provided to Minnesotans and visitors from all over. Isn't this why we pay taxes? To fund important resources like these?

50_PUB_ds	7/16/2018	Maintain L & D facilities		An uncontrolled river will flood homes, affect marinas and commerce--barge traffic. Dredge to 6 ft. above lock 1. Get money from hydroelectric plants to maintain locks. Close LSAF lock.
51_PUB_eh	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Mississippi River Gorge is used by a wide variety of people. Pool #1 is used and enjoyed by people of different ages and with a wide range of incomes for different activities, canoers, kayakers, houseboats, rowing shells, motorboats, pontoons.
52_PUB_jj	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	We are saving money by removing the dams. Repurposing the river. Revitalizing the river.
53_PUB_lm	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns about transfer of property to a private interest	If a private party owns the dams how do we as a community be a part of the decisions as to how our river is cared for and how it impacts those who use the river. We lose our voice.
54_PUB_jl	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Concerns about unearthing pollutants in sediments	The dam provides a pool for our rowing club and other recreational activities. It provides a habitat for aquatic and bird life--witness the resurgence of eagles. It protects the upstream from invasive species and downstream from flooding and release of polluted silt.
55_PUB_kl	7/16/2018	Transfer of property	Advocates no change	Have been a rower for 30 years, helped raise money for the boathouse, helped build it. I am on the river every day. It is a wonderful resource for the cities.
56_PUB_bb	7/16/2018			(disjointed notes, rather than a comment)
57_PUB_p	7/16/2018	Information request		List other disposition studies on website.
58_PUB_wd	7/16/2018	Dam removal	Advocates no change	The cost of removing the three locks, dams and spillways would approach 100 million dollars, and would destroy the accessibility of any boat larger than a canoe. Current high water due to rain this season is only 12 feet below the 1965 high water mark, is partially held in check by the existing system of locks and dams.
9_PUB_dz	7/17/2018	Expand scope of study	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal	Strongly urges inclusion of dam removal within the study scope. Disposal will be an alternative if no owner is found. Dam removal may or may not be desirable--that is what the study should evaluate.
10_PUB_lw	7/17/2018	Hydropower	Advocates increased public use of resources	No additional hydropower plants at any sites. Work with NPS, Friends of the Locks and Dams, and Minneapolis Parks Recreation Bd to open the USAF lock to the public. Ask for money up front if approached by Crown Hydro. Do due diligence if dealing with any LLC.
11_PUB_ma	7/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Preserve the river as it is for the important social and cultural aspects of river life. Removal of the dam would be a big loss for people and animals.
12_PUB_ja	7/17/2018	Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	Restore natural flow of the river. Maximize benefit for nature and public. Restore fish spawning habitat. Hydro power is not of large enough benefit compared to the damage to nature and cost to maintain.
13_PUB_db	7/17/2018	Transfer of property	Advocates transfer of property to another Fed agency	Can Corps just give the lock and dam to the NPS? It would sound like a smooth transition. The Fed can still fund it and private sectors can help out.
14_NGO_kp	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	It is very important that the river remains in its current state for my community and our livelihood. The MRC is not as portable as other organizations and are good river stewards and a community asset.
15_PUB_es	7/17/2018	Restoration of the river	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	Restoring the river to its natural state is the right thing to do. Make a recommendation to prioritize environmental, parks, or restoration groups/government for ownership transfer.
16_PUB_sb	7/17/2018	Expand scope of study	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal	Expand the scope to include dam removal.
17_PUB_dc	7/17/2018	Access to river	Advocates increased public use of resources	Increase public use for recreational use. River access. Return to natural beauty.
18_PUB_dv	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for floodcontrol & hydropower	USAF should be incorporated into the Historic Mill District and the future Water Works Park being developed by MPRB. Keep lock operational for emergency use. Do not construct a hydropower facility in, on, or near the Upper Lock and Dam.
19_PUB_nn	7/17/2018	Access to river	Concerns for safe use of the river	Minneapolis and UMN rower here with concerns on the importance of our ability to use the river safely.
20_PUB_ff	7/17/2018	Expand scope of study	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal	Project's scope should be expanded to include possibility of removal of some or all of the dams. All parties agree to lobby MN senators and reps to make the change.
21_PUB_wb	7/17/2018	Dam removal	Advocates restoration of natural and aquatic habitat	Remove dams = no safety concerns. Restore river gorge. Stop wasting money on little used locks. Maintain channel to Watergate Marina. Consider more than money. Hydropower isn't green.
22_PUB_gh	7/17/2018	Locks removal	Advocates expansion of use of hydropower	Remove the operating locks only and continue the dam through where the locks were. Maintain or increase hydropower.
23_PUB_tb	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities		Let the Federal Government run it. Period.
24_PUB_dn	7/17/2018	Recommends deauthorization and disposal		USAF and LSAF and L&D 1 should be disposed. The sites should be conveyed to state, city, or nonprofit entities for public purpose. The navigation mission should be deauthorized.
25_PUB_mr	7/17/2018	Expand scope of study	Consider recreation and hydropower in scope	Second authority is recreation. USACE must include accurate statistics about recreational activities below and above L&D 1. Congress should know full scope of recreation to decide on future disposition of the dam. The study must include current and future energy projects and consider how disposition would impact hydroelectric power.
26_NGO_ge	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Beyond being a beautiful area within the city, rowing has provided me with so much, including recreation, friends, and an opportunity to practice leadership skills as captain. I am in favor of the Corps retaining the dams so that they, and the river's level, are maintained.
27_PUB_rw	7/17/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	Our team, and our sport more generally, is known for producing exceptionally self-disciplined, motivated, confident, and fit young individuals in a warm and supportive environment. Removal of dams from the river would destroy the team as it is today and the opportunity (unreadable) great sport for countless more kids in the future.

28_PUB_nn	7/17/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams		Continued maintenance of the dams are a waste of tax payer money.
29_PUB_dm	7/17/2018	Hydropower	Advocates expansion of use of hydropower	Renewable energy production should be a priority for the dam. Reducing hydropower would be a terrible outcome. Increased production should be a goal.
30_NGO_jg	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I have been rowing since the 1980s and have watched the river recover. We have eagles, beaver. Why mess about this this?
31_PUB_ds	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities		How can you "sell" the apparatus that regulates a natural resource? What is the vision for the river. Private ownership is not in the best interest of the community. Only the Federal government should be in charge of this.
32_PUB_ew	7/17/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns about transfer of property to a private interest	In the event of disposal it's critical that any and all future use of any and all of the USACE property and holdings be dedicated in perpetuity to the public use.
33_PUB_ts	7/17/2018	Maintain L & D facilities	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	The present state of the river allows greatest recreational access for the widest array of citizens. Maintaining the dams should be a priority.
34_PUB_ma	7/17/2018	Transfer of property	Concerns about consultation with MN Tribes	For USAF/LSAF especially, I want to ensure that the MN Tribes are made aware of the disposal and their ability to take over the site immediately.
35_PUB_jc	7/17/2018	Transfer of property		The St. Anthony Falls has become one of the great icons for Minneapolis, drawing 2+ million people to view it. Make sure any buyer has the capacity and resources to maintain appropriate standards (adequate flow).
36_PUB_jh	7/17/2018	Restoration of the river		The whitewater community is heavily invested in protecting the waterways we frequent. If the river is restored we would certainly be able to bring support to the river.
37_PUB_hs	7/17/2018	Restoration of the river	Concerns about consultation with MN Tribes	The four disposal options seem unlikely. Should it not be the responsibility of the Corps to return the river to a stable condition since they built the dams in the first place. How have local Tribes been involved.
38_PUB_la	7/17/2018	Information request	Concerns about transparency	Will the names of the agencies (with contact name) for those attending the agency meeting later in the week be published on the Corps web site, and if not, why not?
134_NGO_bn	7/17/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	I'm writing to express support for preserving Lock and Dam 1 and Lower Saint Anthony Falls Lock on the Mississippi River. Removal of these structures - Lock and Dam 1 in particular - would force the Minneapolis Rowing Club and several university rowing programs to relocate or cease to exist entirely.
1_NGO_ac	7/18/2018	Thank you for public engagement		Thank you and your colleagues for informing and engaging stakeholders as part of the Corps' lock & dam disposition study. You and your colleagues demonstrated good faith and patience.
2_NGO_ro	7/18/2018	Dam removal	Concerns for floodcontrol & hydropower	We are concerned for flood control structures that cannot pass the large flood and depend on the COE's flood gate, and the dam structures that create the reservoir for hydropower production and water supply. No dam equals no hydropower or municipal water.
150_PUB_rs	7/19/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates dam removal and restoration of river gorge	I favor disposition of locks and dams leading to removal of dams and restoration of river gorge to original state.
75_NGO_wt	7/21/2018	Expand scope of study	Concerns about impacts resulting from transfer of property	The narrow scope of an impact study would miss part of what makes the community at Minneapolis Rowing Club an important addition to the Twin Cities. Even as a novice, I know that community-based sports are more than people and equipment on the banks of a river. Club members were hoping for a more responsive process and inclusive study of the potential economic, social and environmental impacts of changing dam ownership.
151_PUB_as	7/24/2018	Information request	Advocates transparency	Could you please correct the cost you are indicating is used to maintain the locks and dams? The channel has no been dredged for at least 3-4 years. And now that the channel markers are gone, it is clear there is no future plan to dredge. The cost should be 1.2 million, not 1.5 million.
152_NGO_do	7/26/2018	Extension of	Change of project's scope	American Rivers requests an extension to submit comments on the scoping for the USAF Lock, LSAF
153_NGO_wc	7/26/2018	Extension of Comment Period	Change of project's scope	We are writing to you at the outset of the disposition study process to request additional information and an extension for submitting comments on scoping for the study. We would like to see minutes, notes and/or a summary of the internal USACOE "Decision Meeting" that occurred last summer. This information is needed to help us understand why the scope is so narrow and to inform our scoping comments. We understand that a FOIA request for this information has been submitted by the National Parks Conservation Association, but we are concerned that this will take longer than 30 days.
154_NGO_cg	7/27/2018	Extension of Comment Period	Change of project's scope	NPCA requests an extension to submit comments on the scoping for the study because congressional actions may significantly alter the scope of the study. We have worked with our Minnesota congressional delegation to get language included in both bills that would direct the Corps' actions with regard to the disposition study. It is in the best interests of the larger community and the Corps to await passage of the final bill before we undertake comment on the study.
155_NGO_kn	7/27/2018	Extension of Comment Period	Change of project's scope	Mississippi Park Connection requests an extension to submit comments on the scoping for the study because congressional actions may significantly alter the scope of the study. We have worked with our Minnesota congressional delegation to get language included in both bills that would direct the Corps' actions with regard to the disposition study. It is in the best interests of the larger community and the Corps to await passage of the final bill before we undertake comment on the study.
156_PUB_eo	7/29/2018	Lock and Dam removal	Concerns for changing the recreational use of the river and surrounding banks	My club was started in 1870, Duluth 1885, and Minneapolis 1895, so the Minneapolis club is sort of the new kid on the block. Minneapolis may not be the oldest, and they often aren't the fastest, but they are the largest and most important club in the state. And importantly they have the best place to row in the whole state. That seems odd to say in the land of 10,000 lakes but it is so. You see the gunnels on a rowing shell may be a little as two inches off the water. It is not easy to find a place to row not constantly effected by weather and boat wakes.

176_NGO_pb	8/1/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates no action alternative	I urge the Corps to take "No Action," the alternative to disposal in the scope of the Study. At the meetings held in the two cities in June, little was said about no action. Too many questions about possible dam disposal remain unanswered, including but not limited to the advance of Asian carp up the Mississippi, continued dredging and disposal of dredged material, projected sediment movement into Pool 2, and the effects of all this on the three hydroelectric plants.
157_NGO_cp	8/3/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates no action alternative	I urge the Corps to take "No Action," the alternative to disposal in the scope of the Study. At the meetings held in the two cities in June, little was said about no action. Too many questions about possible dam disposal remain unanswered, including but not limited to the advance of Asian carp up the Mississippi, continued dredging and disposal of dredged material, projected sediment movement into Pool 2, and the effects of all this on the three hydroelectric plants.
159_NGO_tm	8/6/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates no action alternative	At the meetings held in the two cities in June, little was said about no action. Too many questions about possible dam disposal remain unanswered, including but not limited to the advance of Asian carp up the Mississippi, continued dredging and disposal of dredged material, projected sediment movement into Pool 2, and the effects of all this on the three hydroelectric plants. Therefore, again I say No Action.
165_NGO_mb	8/9/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	As a major institutional landowner in the study area, the University of Minnesota supports and encourages policies and practices that propel economic growth and promote the environmental well-being of the state. The intent of this letter is to present you with the University's concerns regarding the potential impacts of disposition on its mission, activities, and infrastructure (Elmer L. Andersen Library Caverns, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, storm sewer outfalls, and district energy and steam heat production and distribution).
166_NGO_mk	8/9/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	As a major institutional landowner in the study area, the University of Minnesota supports and encourages policies and practices that propel economic growth and promote the environmental well-being of the state. The intent of this letter is to present you with the University's concerns regarding the potential impacts of disposition on its mission, activities, and infrastructure (Elmer L. Andersen Library Caverns, St. Anthony Falls Laboratory, storm sewer outfalls, and district energy and steam heat production and distribution).
158_PUB_mo	8/13/2018	Expand scope of study		I attended one of the public meetings. Thank you, Corps, for allowing the public input. I was disappointed to hear the obvious cracks in the scope of the project. Not enough attention to the environmental impact is being listened to especially when the potential impact is too severe. Corps, please expand your scope of investigation in this disposition study.
160_NGO_lm	8/14/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	As these studies are prepared, keep in mind that the recommendations and actions that stem from the Disposition Study and EA will directly impact the water quality, ecology, hydrology, wildlife habitat, recreational usage, and commercial navigation of downstream sections of the Mississippi River. (The 10 page letter discusses implications of disposal including, concerns for cost to the State if USACE no longer maintains the locks and dams, concerns for release of toxic sediments and requests sediment transport modeling, recommends resumption of dredging of the channel, questions implications for public safety and accessibility, questions migration of Asian carp species, questions effects to hydropower and what a restored river would look like.)
161_NGO_kc	8/14/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	As these studies are prepared, keep in mind that the recommendations and actions that stem from the Disposition Study and EA will directly impact the water quality, ecology, hydrology, wildlife habitat, recreational usage, and commercial navigation of downstream sections of the Mississippi River. (The 10 page letter discusses implications of disposal including, concerns for cost to the State if USACE no longer maintains the locks and dams, concerns for release of toxic sediments and requests sediment transport modeling, recommends resumption of dredging of the channel, questions implications for public safety and accessibility, questions migration of Asian carp species, questions effects to hydropower and what a restored river would look like.)
162_NGO_gg	8/14/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	As these studies are prepared, keep in mind that the recommendations and actions that stem from the Disposition Study and EA will directly impact the water quality, ecology, hydrology, wildlife habitat, recreational usage, and commercial navigation of downstream sections of the Mississippi River. (The 10 page letter discusses implications of disposal including, concerns for cost to the State if USACE no longer maintains the locks and dams, concerns for release of toxic sediments and requests sediment transport modeling, recommends resumption of dredging of the channel, questions implications for public safety and accessibility, questions migration of Asian carp species, questions effects to hydropower and what a restored river would look like.)
163_NGO_js	8/14/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	As these studies are prepared, keep in mind that the recommendations and actions that stem from the Disposition Study and EA will directly impact the water quality, ecology, hydrology, wildlife habitat, recreational usage, and commercial navigation of downstream sections of the Mississippi River. (The 10 page letter discusses implications of disposal including, concerns for cost to the State if USACE no longer maintains the locks and dams, concerns for release of toxic sediments and requests sediment transport modeling, recommends resumption of dredging of the channel, questions implications for public safety and accessibility, questions migration of Asian carp species, questions effects to hydropower and what a restored river would look like.)
164_NGO_cw	8/14/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	As these studies are prepared, keep in mind that the recommendations and actions that stem from the Disposition Study and EA will directly impact the water quality, ecology, hydrology, wildlife habitat, recreational usage, and commercial navigation of downstream sections of the Mississippi River. (The 10 page letter discusses implications of disposal including, concerns for cost to the State if USACE no longer maintains the locks and dams, concerns for release of toxic sediments and requests sediment transport modeling, recommends resumption of dredging of the channel, questions implications for public safety and accessibility, questions migration of Asian carp species, questions effects to hydropower and what a restored river would look like.)

167_PUB_jk	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Dam removal	The Army corp of engineers built the dams .. they need to keep and maintain them. I feel it unbelievably irresponsible and incredibly short sighted to build and own such structures and then talk about discarding them with no clear and funded plan of "what next!" Come up with a viable plan, a funded plan, for after the corp leaves them and then lets have a discussion about disposition.
168_AGY_NPS	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates thorough scope examination to include the implications of both deauthorization and disposal	The following resources and values will provide a framework for review of the Corps' disposition study by the NPS. Cultural and historic sites, economic resources, collaborative relationships, aquatic ecosystems, terrestrial ecosystems, bird habitats, scenic views, recreation, geological environment, and water quality. NPS shares these resources and values from the Foundation Document of the National River Recreation Area.
169_NGO_UMWA	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams		At this time UMWA does not have a position on whether or not the Federal Government should continue to own and operate the listed facilities, however, given the wide range of probable events resulting from the study, we offer comment to be considered for scoping purposes. Budgets should not be redirected elsewhere within the inland waterways navigation system, a sediment trap should be dredged and maintained below LSAF, downstream water quality must be protected, the Inland Waterways Trust Fund should not be compromised, continued navigation needs must be considered. UMWA reserves the right to announce a position as the Corps' process continues, and as our interests may subsequently appear.
170_NGO_ml	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates no action alternative	I urge the Corps to take "No Action," the alternative to disposal in the scope of the Study. At the meetings held in the two cities in June, little was said about no action. Too many questions about possible dam disposal remain unanswered, including but not limited to the advance of Asian carp up the Mississippi, continued dredging and disposal of dredged material, projected sediment movement into Pool 2, and the effects of all this on the three hydroelectric plants.
171_NGO_km	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion	FL&D supports the Corps' statement during the Disposition Study kickoff meeting for non-government entities and local government units on July 18, 2018, that cultural and economic impacts could be studied and reported on in the cumulative effects section of the EA. Recommend these additional matters be discussed in the study: summaries of proposals and recommendations submitted by interested parties; make public a detailed breakdown of operational, maintenance, and deferred capital expenditures specific to the facilities; NPS should be a consulting agency during the study; make recommendation that are in the public interest; include a collaborative public safety review.
172_NGO_od	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	Lists 5 considerations for scope. Impacts of dam removal of LSAF and LD1. Environmental benefits of dam removal. Modify USAF to passively convey flood water. Include partial disposition of project elements. Provide more information about historic maintenance and rehabilitation expenses.
173_NGO_wc	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include dam removal and its many implications	We urge the Corps to conduct a thorough investigation of all the potential impacts to these important natural, cultural and recreational resources. Generally speaking, FMR strongly supports the vision for a new visitor center at the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock, put forth by Friends of the Lock Dam and the National Parks Conservation Association. We also support a robust evaluation of the environmental, social and economic impacts of dam removal for Lower St. Anthony Falls L&D and Ford/L&D1.
174_NGO_eb	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates increased recreational use of the facilities	As one of the Corp's key missions at the Upper and Lower St Anthony Falls Locks and Dam is recreation, Friends of the Riverfront urges the Corp to improve and expand recreation opportunities as part of the disposition process. Along with our partner organizations, Friends of the Riverfront supports the repurposing of the Lock into a visitor center.
175_NGO_in	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates deauthorization and disposal	RIAC (River Industry Action Committee), which serves to represent Commercial Navigation operations on the Upper Mississippi River, supports deauthorization and disposal of Lock 1, Lower St. Anthony Falls and Upper St. Anthony Falls Locks and Dams. Since the action taken by Congress in WRDA 2014 closing the Upper St. Anthony Falls lock, these three facilities no longer serve to support commercial navigation. Our hope would be that the 1.5 million dollars currently being spent annually by the Corps to Operate and Maintain these facilities remain with the St. Paul District, where Commercial Navigation continues to exist on the main stem of the Mississippi and Minnesota Rivers.
177_NGO_cg	8/20/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion	We have a one-in-a-lifetime opportunity to shape the future of the riverfront and our national park in Minneapolis. The community wants to see the Upper St. Anthony Falls Lock become a world class destination where national park visitors can experience the power of the falls, learn about the area's history from our nation's greatest storytellers and experience relevant programs that connect them to the river. Partial disposition would make it easier for other entities with a public interest to consider partial ownership of the site. The City passed a Resolution in support of the site's redevelopment and sought state bonds during the legislative session for pre-design of the site. Under a partial disposition alternative, the Corps could retain ownership of the USAF lock structure and continue to maintain and operate the structure for flood control and water supply, while another entity with a public purpose could acquire a portion of the real property in order to facilitate redevelopment of the site pursuant to the community's vision.

176_NGO_wz	8/30/2018	Disposition of Locks and Dams	Advocates scope expansion to include lock removal and its implications for hydropower generation	Xcel Energy has been a neighbor to the USACOE since the mid-1950's at the lower dam and the early-1960's at the upper dam. Both entities have shared responsibilities for maintaining the dam structures, which maintains the pool at the required levels, as well as passing flood flows when the Mississippi River is flowing around 50,000 cfs or higher. The dam structures are not only essential for maintaining the proper elevations for hydro generation, but it also serves upstream customers like the City of Minneapolis Water at the upstream end of the reservoir. Xcel Energy has serious concerns regarding the disposition study and the potential impacts it may have upon the future operation of the project. Xcel Energy has determined that the current discharge capacity of the dam is dependent on the flood control tainter gate in the lock. Without it, the project does not meet federal requirements.
90_NGO_l				(duplicate copy of comment letter-misnamed)