

Appendix E: Contact letter for personal interview survey

[Letters were printed on Bemidji State University letterhead. The following letter was written for the residents of the Chippewa River watershed study area. A similar letter was sent to the residents of the Wells Creek watershed.]

November 8, 2000

«NAME»
«ADDRESS»
«ADDRESS_2»

Researchers from Bemidji State University are helping the State of Minnesota conduct a study about the opinions of Minnesotans on issues facing the state. The State of Minnesota has commissioned this study to obtain the best information possible on what citizens want.

Your household has been selected at random to participate in this study. Special attention is being devoted to what residents of your area want for the Chippewa River Watershed. The Chippewa River Watershed Project is collaborating with us on this study. Your cooperation with this study is important to insure that the views included are representative of all citizens.

The person who will contact you is a trained interviewer representing Bemidji State University. I will be conducting some of the interviews, but most of the interviews will be conducted by my assistants, Carole Johnson and Kevin Bellmont. We will be conducting interviews in your area over the next couple of months. Prime times for interviews will be Monday through Friday, afternoons and evenings, and some Saturdays.

It is extremely important that your views be included in this study. Your participation will be greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or have a preferred time to be interviewed, please call me between the hours of 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday at (218) 755-4103. If I am away from my desk you can leave a message with Sharon or Carri. You can also schedule a preferred time for us to interview you by sending me an e-mail message at pwelle@bemidjistate.edu.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

Patrick G. Welle, Ph.D.
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