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Some pointers for your phone call:

Introduce yourself - your name, where you are from.

1. State why the St. Mary Project and Milk River are important to you.. (how would you be affected if the project failed and the Milk River were to dry up).
2. Ask them to reverse the funding ratio from the current 75/25 (irrigators/bureau Of Rec) to a 25/75 ratio.

Reminders.

- The St. Mary system (diversion & siphons) is over 100 years old, deteriorating by the day, and in need of major repairs.
- This system supplements the Milk River (which is the Life line of the Hi-line). Without it, would go dry 6 out of 10 years.
- This water:
 - Is the primary source of water for the towns of Havre, Chinook, and Harlem
 - Provides crucial wildlife and fisheries habitat all along the river system and Bowdoin Wildlife Management Area.
 - Benefits the 40 plus species in the river below the confluence with the Missouri and also mitigates impacts from Fort Peck Reservoir for these species.
 - Provides irrigation water to over 110,000 acres.

- Irrigators currently shoulder 75% of the diversion's operating costs. This is unsustainable for ag producers.
- If this system fails, it could mean an estimated \$2 billion dollar impact to the Hi-Line.