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## DOLE GIVES SUPPORT TO WACONDA LAKE RESORT COMPLEX

Washington, DC -- A proposal to construct a resort complex at Waconda Lake in Mitchell County has received the support of Senator Bob Dole (R-KS).

Sen. Dole has written Interior Secretary Donald Hodel expressing his support, and to urge the department's Bureau of Reclamation to overcome "bureaucratic barriers" that threaten the project.

"I enthusiastically support the proposed development of Waconda Lake," Sen. Dole said in his letter to Hodel, noting "such a resort complex could provide a needed economic boost" to the Cawker City-Beloit area of north central Kansas.

Sen. Dole wrote, "I realize there are some concerns being expressed by those who oppose using public lands for such a purpose. However, I believe the proposed development will further expand the public's use of Waconda Lake." He also said area residents "overwhelmingly have favored the proposal."

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