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BISMARCK, ND – Director of the ND Department of Emergency Services and Adjutant General of the ND National Guard Major General Alan Dohrmann is quoted speaking about the protest camps and the urgency for protesters to vacate the area in order to avoid risks from flooding and end the environmental disaster.

The Adjutant General Major General Alan Dohrmann

“Looking at the camp from above, You see a road network that was pristine prairie before. You see dead grass everywhere. I have heard Chairman Archambault talk about the impact these people being there has had on this very pristine land, that is a concern for all of us. The question is how do we get that land cleared so we can reclaim it and get it back to its natural state? Whether you are an environmentalist or a North Dakotan who loves the prairie landscape, You want to see that land return to its original form.”

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“We have started doing some modeling of typical flood years down there (at the camp) and that entire camp, depending on the melt could be underwater by the first week in March. We don’t know exactly what is in the camp, and it is hard to speculate. We do have photos where you see kitchen waste being thrown into a pit, and we don’t know where their human waste is going. If those flood waters water come in, all that waste, whatever is there, will go into the Missouri river.”

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“In order to get that road [HWY 1806] reopened and back to some level of normalcy in Southern Morton County, there needs to be rule of law in that camp; and for public safety and environmental impact concern, that camp needs to be cleared.”

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“We still have over 200 on State Active Duty. From the beginning we tried to do everything we could, from the Guard perspective, to free up law enforcement to do law enforcement missions. Anything that we can do to free up law enforcement officers to deal with protestors, is our part of helping out.”