





contrast, Osakis, Wadena, and Ashby, all receive between 4 to 8 more inches of snowfall per year.

According to the petitioner, "the drier climate and lighter snow cover makes for lowered water tables, but watershed flowcordfrom areas to the north and east replenish the water and maintain constant lake water levels." In addition, the petitioner states that the petitioned area has temperature averages that are generally warmer in the winter and cooler in the summer than those of adjacent areas.

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