

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 4

WHEREAS THE LANDS DESCRIBED AS: The Northwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 135 North, Range 46 West; the Southwest Quarter of Section 12, Township 135 North, Range 46 West; the West Three-fourths of the Northeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 136 North, Range 45 West; and the Southeast Quarter of Section 17, Township 136 North, Range 45 West, all in Wilkin County, Minnesota, consisting of 600 acres, contain inherent, unique natural values constituting a living museum and a site for scientific study, including relatively undisturbed tall grass prairie on level upland areas, and a swale type vegetation composed of various sedges and Juncus balticus in lower areas, with the presence of a threatened species, the Greater Prairie Chicken (Tympanuchus cupido pinnatus);

AND WHEREAS the most effective means by which such lands can be used and protected for educational and research purposes in such manner and by such means as will leave them conserved for future generations is by designation as a Scientific and Natural Area.


NOW, THEREFORE, I, Robert L. Herbst, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as the Western Prairie Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources.

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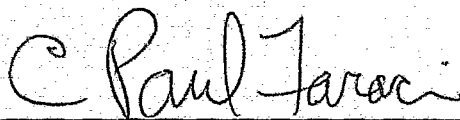
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of NR 300 through and including NR 303 shall apply to the use of the above designated area, except that the harvesting of hay, and the use of the land for pasturage and the related use of equipment and domesticated animals, is allowed by lease with the Nature Conservancy pursuant to the management plan relative to such area adopted by the Nature Conservancy and the Department of Natural Resources, and the terms of NR 301(a).

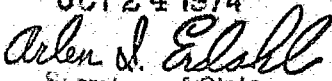
Dated this 23rd day of October, 1974.

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ROBERT L. HERBST
Commissioner

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION
WARREN SPANNAUS
Attorney General


C. PAUL FARACI
Deputy Attorney General
Department of Natural Resources

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