

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed prairie community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and the habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted plants; Baptisia leucantha wild indigo, Baptisia leucophaea prairie wild indigo, Parthenium integrifolium wild quinine, and Silphium laciniatum compass plant.

WHEREAS, a linear strip of land within said area does not contain an undisturbed prairie community due to a previously constructed railbed, a trail may be operated if trail uses are limited and controlled in a manner that will assure the protection of the scientific and natural area.

AND, WHEREAS, the most effective means by which said 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.

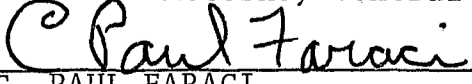
NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph Alexander, Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby designate the above described lands as Wild Indigo Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Wild Indigo Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limiting programs conducted by qualified scientists and graduate and post-graduate students, programs for primary, secondary, and college undergraduate students, and interpretive programs for the benefit of the general public.

Furthermore, the areas within said scientific and natural area which constituted the former railbed of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad only, may be used by the general public as a recreational trail in the event such areas are so designated in the future.


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.

Dated this 7 day of Oct, 1980.

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION
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