STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 14

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN MORRISON COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS: The Southwest Quarter (SW $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Eighteen (18), and the North Half of the Northwest Quarter (N $\frac{1}{2}$ NW $\frac{1}{2}$) of Section Nineteen (19) LESS the Westerly 20 acres thereof, all in Township Forty-two (42) North, Range Thirty-one (31) West.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain a significant geological feature known as an esker which illustrates the glacial activity that occurred. in Minnesota within the Mississippi River Sand Plains Landscape Region.

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 Ripley Esker Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Ripley Esker 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.

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 $\underline{4}$ day of \underline{Mug} , 1981.

STATE OF MINNESOTA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Commissioner *10*SEPH ALEXANDER.

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