

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 20

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN POLK COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:

The West Half of the Northwest Quarter (W ½ NW ¼) of Section Sixteen (16), Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North, Range Forty-eight (48) West.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands contain an undisturbed wet-mesic prairie community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and habitat supporting the following rare, endangered or restricted animals; Ammospiza caudacuta sharp-tailed sparrow and Microtus ochrogaster prairie vole.

AND, WHEREAS, such lands also contain a significant geological feature known as the Glacial Lake Agassiz floor within the Red River Valley 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 Malmberg Prairie Scientific and Natural Area, so long as such lands or any part thereof remain under lease by the Department of Natural Resources. Furthermore, Malmberg Prairie 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 4 day of May, 1981.

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION
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