STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 34

AMENDING COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 21 ESTABLISHING PEMBINA TRAIL SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, additional lands in Polk County described as:

Government Lots 3 and 4, Section Eighteen (18); and Government Lots 1, 2, 3, and 4, and the East Half of the West Half (E 1/2 W 1/2), Section Nineteen (19); all in Township One Hundred Forty-nine (149) North, Range Forty-four (44) West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, EXCEPT those parts of the above described land conveyed for railroad right-of-way,

are under the ownership and control of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, said lands contain an undisturbed example of wet-mesic prairie and calcareous fen plant communities maintaining themselves under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota, and habitat containing the following rare, threatened, endangered or special concern plant and animal species: prairie white fringed orchid (Platanthera leucophaea); sticky false asphodel (Tofieldia glutinosa); marsh arrow grass (Triglochin palustris); Carex scirpiformis; Carex hallii; Carex sterilis; Scleria verticillata; Rhynhospora capillacea; yellow rail (Coturnicops noveboracensis); upland sandpiper (Bartramia longicauda); and greater prairie chicken (Tympanuchus cupido); and

WHEREAS, said lands have the same qualities and are contiguous with those lands already designated as the Pembina Trail Scientific and Natural Area by Commissioner's Scientific and Natural Area Order No. 21; and

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

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, hereby designate the above-described lands as the Crookston Prairie Addition to the Pembina Trail Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, said Crookston Prairie Addition is designated a Public Use Unit, limited to programs conducted by qualified scientists, 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 provisions of Minn. Rules Parts 6135.4500 through 6135.5000, inclusive, shall apply to the above-designated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this _25 day of

ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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