STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 38

ESTABLISHING THE WYKOFF BALSAM FIR SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN FILLMORE COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS: The West Twelve (12) acres of the South Twenty-four (24) acres and the South Ten (10) acres of the East One-Half (E 1/2) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4), Section Seventeen (17), and the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4), Section Twenty (20), all in Township One Hundred Three (103), Range Twelve (12) West, are under the control and possession of the Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain undisturbed state endangered Algific talus slope plant community maintaining itself under prevailing natural conditions typical of Minnesota and the habitat supporting the following rare plants and animals; Adoxa moschatellina (Moschatel), Chrysosplenium ioense (Golden saxifrage), and the snail species, Vertigo hubrichti, Discus catskillensis, and Hendersonia occulta; 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, Joseph N. Alexander, Commissioner of Natural Resources, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, do hereby

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designate the above-described area as the Wykoff Balsam Fir Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Wykoff Balsam Fir Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use Unit, limited to 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 provision of Minn. Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000, inclusive, shall apply to the above-designated area, and entry into established sanctuary areas as posted shall be restricted to those issued a written permit in advance from the Department of Natural Resources.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 13 day of 1987.

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JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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