

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL
AREA ORDER NO. 45

ESTABLISHING THE FELTON PRAIRIE,
CLAY COUNTY BICENTENNIAL UNIT
SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, THE LANDS DESCRIBED IN CLAY COUNTY, MINNESOTA AS:
All of the Southwest Quarter (SW 1/4) of Section Five (5),
Township One Hundred Forty-one North (141N), Range Forty-five
West (45W), are under the control and possession of the
Department of Natural Resources; and

WHEREAS, such lands contain undisturbed examples of Gravel
Prairie and Mesic Blacksoil Prairie Northwest maintaining
themselves under prevailing natural conditions typical of
Minnesota, and the habitat supporting the following rare,
endangered or restricted plants and animals; Prairie White-
fringed Orchid (Platanthera praeclara), Small White Lady's-
slipper (Cypripedium candidum), Baird's Sparrow (Ammodramus
bairdii), Sprague's Pipit (Anthus spragueii), Chestnut-collared
Longspur (Calcarius ornatus), Upland Sandpiper (Bartramia
longicauda), Greater Prairie chicken (Tympanuchus cupido),
Prairie Vole (Microtus ochrogaster), Uhler's Arctic butterfly
(Oeneis uhleri varuna), Assiniboia Skipper butterfly (Hesperia
assiniboia), and the Dakota Skipper butterfly (Hesperia dacotae);
and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be
used and protected for educational and research purposes in such

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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 designate the above-described area as the Felton Prairie, Clay County Bicentennial Unit Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, Felton Prairie, Clay County Bicentennial Unit 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, except that 1) the restriction on motor vehicles shall not apply to local farmers in transporting their farm equipment on the signed cartways existent in the north and east half of this unit insofar as they do not damage the prairie and 2) the SNA shall be open to the hunting of deer during the open season for deer.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota this 19 day of Mar, 1987.

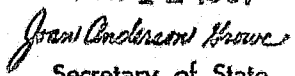

JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, COMMISSIONER
Department of Natural Resources

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APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

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C. PAUL FARACI
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