STATE OF MINNESOTA

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

COMMISSIONER'S SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA ORDER NO. 60; AMENDING ORDER NO. 22

TWIN VALLEY PRAIRIE SCIENTIFIC AND NATURAL AREA

WHEREAS, certain lands in Norman County, Minnesota,

described as:

That part of the Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) of Section Twentythree (23), Township One Hundred Forty-three North (143N), Range Forty-five West (45W) described as follows: Beginning at the Northwest corner of said Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4); thence South 00°37'30" West along the West line of said Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4) 2641.93 feet, more or less, to the Southwest corner thereof; thence North 13°54'24" East 2720.35 feet, more or less, to the North line of said Northeast Quarter (NE 1/4); thence North 89°53'35" West along the North line thereof 625 feet, more or less, to the place of beginning.

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

WHEREAS, such lands contain a wet-mesic prairie community as well as the following rare, endangered or restricted plant and animal species: small white lady's-slipper (<u>Cypripedium candidum</u>), greater prairie chicken (<u>Tympanuchus cupido</u>), Wilson's phalarope (<u>Phalaropus tricolor</u>), upland sandpiper (<u>Bartramia longicauda</u>), sandhill crane (<u>Grus canadensis</u>), marbled godwit (<u>Limosa fedoa</u>), prairie vole, (<u>Microtus ochrogaster</u>), and Dakota skipper (<u>Hesperia</u> <u>dacotae</u>); and

WHEREAS, the most effective means by which such lands can be protected and perpetuated in their natural state and used for educational and research purposes in such a manner as will

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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 Minn. Stat. §§ 84.033, 86A.05, subd. 5, and other applicable law, do hereby designate the above-described lands as an addition to Twin Valley Prairie Scientific and Natural Area. Furthermore, the Twin Valley Prairie Scientific and Natural Area is designated as a Public Use unit, open to the public for nature observation and general educational and research activities.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the provisions of Minn. Rules pts. 6135.4500 through 6135.5000 shall apply to the above-designated area.

Dated at Saint Paul, Minnesota, this <u>22</u> day of <u>Mut</u>, 1989.

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JOSEPH N. ALEXANDER, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND EXECUTION

HUBERT H. HUMPHREY, III Attorney General

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