

DEPARTMENT Natural Resources
Division of Lands and Minerals

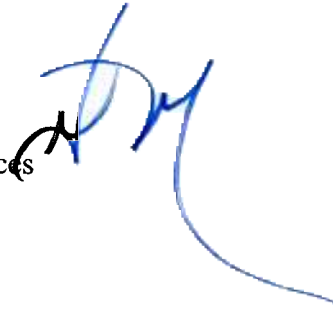
STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office Memorandum

DATE February 25, 2003

TO Commissioner of Administration
c/o Bev Koiss, Director
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Department of Administration
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FROM Gene Merriam, Commissioner
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SUBJECT Declaration of Public Purpose

Please find attached a copy of the inventory of state lands managed and administered by the Department of Natural Resources. We have not yet determined whether each parcel is used for a public purpose. On an annual basis however, we identify lands for sale or exchange. This year we are planning to sell 17 parcels. Over the last nine years we have sold 583 parcels for \$16,827,457 (these are total land sale numbers and include trust fund parcels that were no longer needed for a public purpose). We will begin a process immediately to review all our lands with respect to Minnesota Statutes 16B.245 and I expect this review will take a considerable length of time. We plan to forward this review to you as soon as it is completed.

cc: w/o attachments
Rep. Jim Knoblach
Mark Holsten
Brad Moore
Bill Brice