



Friends of Minnesota Scientific & Natural Areas

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Commissioner Sarah Strommen
Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

VIA U.S. Mail

Re: Pending Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) Acquisitions
Recommendations from Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas

Dear Commissioner Strommen,

It has come to our attention that there are number of pending acquisitions to the Scientific and Natural Areas program.

Accordingly, on behalf of Friends of Minnesota Scientific and Natural Areas, I have attached a 7-page document (along with an attachment) entitled, "Recommendations for Pending Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) Acquisitions."

Our recommendations, pertaining to uses on the SNAs, conform to the legislature's intent and a land ethic necessary to help address the Earth's increasing ecological crisis.

We would like to avoid a continuing Government Data Practices Act request by asking the DNR to send us notice of other pending SNA acquisitions, in time to allow us the opportunity to provide meaningful comment prior to the time a decision is made on the kind of uses allowed.

On behalf of FMSNA I **thank you** in advance for your reply. Please contact me any time if you have questions or comments.

Very truly yours,

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“Recommendations for Pending Scientific and Natural Area (SNA) Acquisitions”