



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

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October 16, 2013

Commissioner Tom Landwehr
Department of Natural Resources
500 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Commissioner Landwehr,

Thank you for your letter of October 11, 2013 requesting that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council appropriation recommendations made to the DNR for the Vermillion River WMA Acquisition (HA-03) and DNR WMA and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition (PA-01) to be combined into one appropriation recommendation and accomplishment plan. While I appreciate the Department's concern for efficiency, I feel this action requires full council consideration. I respectfully request that the department submit draft accomplishment plans for both recommendations so we better understand the impact of a combined appropriation.

I plan to make your request an agenda item, along with a review of the Vermillion River WMA Acquisition process. At that time the department may direct the Council's attention to the request to combine both appropriations under one draft accomplishment plan. Council staff will work with the department to facilitate the intent and purpose of the council's decision.

Thank you for your time and advice.

Sincerely,

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