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TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETINGS:

I, Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources and custodian of the official records of said Department, do hereby certify that the annexed copy of Natural Resources Board Order No. SA-30-81 was duly approved and adopted by this Department on February 25, 1982. I further certify that said copy has been compared by me with the original on file in this Department and that the same is a true copy thereof, and of the whole of such original.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the Department at General Executive Facility #2 in the City of Madison, this 2nd day of April, 1982.

(SEAL)

Carroll D. Besadny
Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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ORDER OF THE STATE OF WISCONSIN NATURAL RESOURCES BOARD

CREATING RULES

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IN THE MATTER of creating s. NR 1.32 of the
Wisconsin Administrative Code pertaining to SA-30-81
the natural areas and scientific areas policy
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Analysis Prepared by Department of Natural Resources

The Department and the Scientific Areas Preservation Council have established an extensive state scientific areas system using procedures which have proved effective. Section NR 1.32, Wis. Adm. Code, establishes the procedures and policy concerning identification, acquisition, designation, protection and use of natural areas and scientific areas. The rule also establishes the procedure to change the use of a designated scientific area on lands owned or controlled by the Department. It emphasizes the need for long term protection of scientific areas by stating that use of areas should not be changed, except for unavoidable public necessity.

Pursuant to the authority vested in the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board by ss. 23.092, 23.11(1), 23.27(3), 227.014 and 227.02(1)(e), Stats., the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board hereby creates rules interpreting ss. 23.092 and 23.27(3), Stats., as follows:

SECTION 1 - NR 1.32 is created to read:

NR 1.32 NATURAL AREAS AND SCIENTIFIC AREAS. (1) The legislature has indicated its intent to acquire, establish and preserve natural areas and scientific areas by creating ss. 15.347(4), 23.27 and 23.092, Stats. The natural resources board agrees that such areas, by their preservation, protect the state's natural diversity, provide sites for research and environmental education, and serve as benchmarks for assessing and guiding use of other lands in the state.

Note: Section 23.092(1), Stats., defines "natural areas" and "scientific areas" to include tracts of land or water which have native biotic communities,

unique natural features or significant geological or archeological sites. Generally, natural areas are remnant areas which largely have escaped disturbance since settlement or which exhibit little recent disturbance so that recovery has occurred and presettlement conditions are approached. Generally, scientific areas are natural areas of at least statewide significance and useful for education or research.

(2) The department, with the advice and assistance of the scientific areas preservation council, shall;

(a) Conduct inventories of natural areas statewide including department controlled properties.

(b) Recommend for natural resources board approval sites on department properties as scientific areas.

(c) Recommend for natural resources board approval the acquisition of natural areas and designation of appropriate tracts as additions to the scientific areas system.

(d) Manage natural areas and scientific areas to perpetuate the native biotic communities, unique natural features and geological or archaeological sites.

(e) Encourage research and educational use by groups and persons on department controlled scientific areas, consistent with the individual site management guidelines.

(3) Prior to any change in status of a scientific area located on lands owned or controlled by the department, the natural resources board, with the advice of the scientific areas preservation council, shall determine in each instance that:

(a) The site is no longer suitable and no longer needed for the scientific area use for which it was established; or

(b) Other public uses are required due to unavoidable public necessity, but then only after notice to concerned groups and individuals and opportunity for public comment.

The foregoing rules were approved and adopted by the State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board on February 25, 1982.

The rules contained herein shall take effect as provided in s. 227.026 (1)(intro.), Stats.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin

April 2, 1982

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

By

Carroll D. Besadny

Carroll D. Besadny, Secretary

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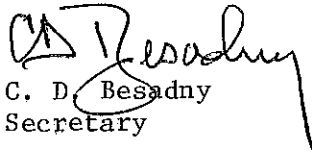
Mr. Orlan L. Prestegard
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Dear Mr. Prestegard:

Enclosed are two copies, including one certified copy, of State of Wisconsin Natural Resources Board Order No. SA-30-81. These rules were reviewed by the Assembly Committee on Environmental Resources and the Senate Committee on Agriculture & Natural Resources pursuant to s. 227.018, Stats. There were no objections.

You will note that this order takes effect following publication. Kindly publish it in the Administrative Code accordingly.

Sincerely,


C. D. Besadny
Secretary

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