

<h2 style="margin: 0;">Summary of Member Comments</h2> <p style="margin: 0;">Members not listed did not submit comments</p>

ID#	Program Title	Julie Blackburn	David Hartwell	Jane Kingston	Sue Olson	Sen. Saxhaug	Barry Tilley	Elizabeth Wilkens
General			In general, the use of GMO crops for food plots needs discussion.					
PA 01	DNR WMA and SNA Acquisition - Phase IX		Parking area development should be excluded FOCUS Prairie conservation plan is mentioned as focus but then the project includes Big Woods forests - what is the focus of the project? The Northern Forest description says the SNA acquisition would protect land that is part of a 4600 acres area - which is more than the entire acres proposed in this proposal SE is not prairie but habitat on rivers and forest FOCUS??? - where is the need greatest? The proposal makes clear that the long term maintenance may require legacy funds. Are we okay with this?			4451/acre Leverage: 0%		1
PA 02	Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Program - Phase IX		Why is this not a duplication of PA 01? - should they be merged? Remnant prairies are mentioned but should have a much higher priority and proposal indicates.			5534/acre Leverage: 5%		
PA 03	MN Prairie Recovery Project - Phase VII		Work will require continual funding from OHF. What happens when the fund expires? Why work on others land as part of this proposal? Do CE holders have obligation to keep land in certain conditions? What is more important - acquisition or enhancement? Why would funds be necessary to do enhancement on Federal lands when they have assumed that obligation in past requests? How many parcels would be protected? How many over each year? Need for .66 staff x 3 years?	How does UTV save \$?		4723/acre Leverage: 11%		
PA 04	Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition - Phase VIII		How many parcels would be protected? How many over each year? Need for 1.25 staff x 3 years?	Describe equip/supplies etc.		3431/acre Leverage: 8%	Narative says open to hunting but parcel list says not open to hunting	
PA 05	Cannon River Watershed Habitat Complex - Phase VII		Conversion rate in Cannon River Watershed - Acres or % per year? How many parcels would be protected? How many over each year? Need for .45 staff x 3 years?	High Personnel \$		6421/acre Leverage: 10%		
PA 06	Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection - Phase III		What does DNR Operational Order 128 say about frequency of monitoring for CEs? What are the Professional Services? Why can you do this with so little cost of acquisition personnel?			5996/acre Leverage: 0%		
PA 07	RIM Buffers for Wildlife and Water - Phase VII		16 acres easement average? Total paid for CREP 15 year easement and Rim Buffer easements as % of FMV or appraised value? Buffer size (width)? Don't mallards nest in uplands and not wetlands? Good to note that there will be no GMO crops in food plots. With major funding for staff from LCCMR, why do you need more staff support?		I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal. Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	1254/acre Leverage: 500%		BWSR needs to define best practice for trails, not LSOHC
PA 08	Prairie Chicken Habitat Partnership of the Southern Red River Valley - Phase III		Why would the distance from public hunting lands be an important criteria? Why would grassland type not be of highest priority - native prairie? If this is a Prairie Chicken project, why would wetlands for waterfowl be a criteria?			3255/acre Leverage: 1%		
PA 09	Martin County/Fox Lake DNR WMA Acquisition - Phase II		Why not be part of PA 1 instead of separate proposal?	High \$/acre. Estimated cost = 0 several parcels.		7467/acre Leverage 0%	In kin contribution not listed	
PRE 01	DNR Grasslands - Phase IX		Federal lands included when they have told us they will take responsibility for long term maintenance? What is the cumulative total of crews/contractors acting year by year with OHF and other funding? If this is for grasslands, why outcomes in the northern forest? No real plan for maintenance after OHF funds are available. Does this overlap with the proposal for work on Prairie Bank easements? Federal match is not on leverage and it is confusing.	Describe \$764K equip/materials.		NA Leverage 0%		
PRE 02	Anoka Sand Plain Habitat Conservation - Phase V		Explain cost effective use of local communities (including management costs)? Blaine Wetland - are there known T&E species there?	Exclude private property & parks.		3642/acre Leverage: 11%		
FA 01	Carnelian Creek Conservation Corridor	Cannot evaluate without additional information already requested		Trails map required. High Personnel \$. High \$/acre. Lacks sufficient detail on WNC.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	7164/acre Leverage: 98%	High easement cost	
FA 02	Laurentian Forest - St. Louis County Habitat Project	Who will actually own the land? It only states SLC administrators. How does immediate threat related to habitat quality for ranking priorities? What will happen to any mineral rights acquired?	No new trails or roads unless exclusively for management. Public access for hunting may be a benefit but the primary purpose must be habitat protection for wildlife. Income from the timber sales? This is a one time acquisition. Why would there be a need for 3 years of personnel?	Trails map needed.	Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	1108/acre Leverage 0%	Narative says open to hunting but parcel list says not open to hunting	
FA 03	Camp Ripley ACUB - Phase VII		There is no match although it is stated this is important to Camp Ripley. Why should OHF funds be used to help the military? Why are they not participating? Does the SWDC have a restricted fund to hold the stewardship dollars in? Will they restrict the new roads/trails to maintenance activities only?	No match, no access, expensive.	Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	2273/acre Leverage: 0%		
FA 04	Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration - Phase V		When is TNC ownership "appropriate"? Why not concentrate on goat prairies - the most threatened habitat for this entire proposal?	Avian indicator?		3666/acre Leverage: 8%		
FA 05	Minnesota Forests for the Future - Phase V	Please clarify parcel 4 prioritization regarding proximity to other conservation areas.	Why would public benefit be more important than ecological benefit?		Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	711/acre Leverage: 25%	Very low easement cost. Narative says open to hunting, but parcel list says not open to hunting.	
FA 06	Protect (Acquire) Key Forest Habitats in Cass County - Phase VIII		Not sure why the loss of roads eliminated aerial seeding. Design section says land not being acquired for management but then says the county plan directs acquisition for management access. Seems like a conflict. Not sure what landlocked parcels do to decrease wildlife habitat. The urgency rationale is that center pivot agriculture is creating a need for acquisition but this is not what the rest of the proposal seems to be focused on. What does the forest roads section of the county forest resources management plan say? can new roads/trails be used for recreational purposes?	Why not scalable? Why 7 years?	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal; project is not scalable	1565/acre Leverage: 4%	Will other land be sold? Need to see County Forestry Management Plan for trail usage	
FA 07	State Forest Acquisition - Richard J. Dorer Memorial Forest - Phase IV		Why keep roads now in private use open after acquisition? Would new roads only be used for sustainable forestry?		Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	2535/acre Leverage: 2%	Boot brushes? What is TIS?	
FA 08	Critical Shoreland Habitat Protection Program - Phase IV			Parcels estimated cost = 0?		5227/acre Leverage: 14%		

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FA 09	Bushmen Lake	What will USFWS do with the mineral rights?	Retire mineral rights if acquired so they cannot be sold or leased in the future? Staffing, while small, seems like a bit much for one acquisition. Is there an appraisal to justify price?	Trails map needed.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	2050/acre Leverage: 76%		
WA 01	Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Program - Phase IX		Why not operate as part of PA 02? Is match a fixed amount or likely to be scaled back if the amount requested is not what is requested?			5513/acre Leverage: 27%		
WA 02	Shallow Lake & Wetland Protection Program - Phase VI		Why not combined with PA 01? Total amounts currently available in OHF funding? Does MN DNR have funds to maintain these properties? Match notification in July of 2020? Does not seem like a match. Why not focus on land not in row crops? Little urgency if it is just to purchase farmland.	High \$/acre.		10205/acre Leverage: 3%	High land costs	
WA 03	RIM Wetlands - Phase VIII		Why not combined with PA 07? Total paid for CREP 15 year easement and Rim Buffer easements as % of FMV or appraised value? Good to note that there will be no GMO crops in food plots. With major funding for staff from LCCMR, why do you need more staff support? How does this effect last years CREP grant to BWSR? Who holds the easement stewardship funds? TRails and roads - Utmost flexibility - why not NO. New trails only for maintenance purposes?	Restoration \$/acre?	Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	2500/acre Leverage: 200%		
WA 04	Wild Rice Shoreland Protection - Phase V		Upland easement buffer size? Why 5 years of program management?		I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal. Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	1400/acre Leverage: 0%		
WRE 01	Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetland Enhancement - Phase IX		Why not combine with WA 02? What is plan for maintenance after OHF expires?	Swan population/acre? Outcome parameters?		363/acre Leverage: 0% Left a section blank		
WRE 02	Living Shallow Lake Enhancement & Wetland Restoration Initiative - Phase V		Why not combine with WA 02 and WRE 01? July 2020 notification of match is not really a match. Travel seems very high.	High Personnel \$. Outcome parameters?		2403/acre Leverage: 2%		
WRE 03	Restoration of Non-native Cattail Dominated Wetlands in Rainy Lake		Interesting project but it seems like two proposals - one to do the work and one to reseach the work done. 5 years seems like a long time to do the work. Scaleability concerns. Sustainability - not really an answer to what would keep the cattail from returning.	High Admin, Low On-the-Ground. Proven where? Clean Water Fund appropriate. Temporary, not Permanent. Research. Constitutionality in question.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	1800/acre Leverage: 70%		
HA 01	MN DNR Aquatic Protection and Enhancement - Phase IX		Accelerated habitat assessments - is this "protect, enhance or restore"?	Accelerated habitat ASSESSMENT?		3696/acre Leverage: 0%	Very high land costs.	
HA 02	Metro Big Rivers - Phase VIII		Should some of the smaller projects be CPL focused?	Exclude GRG Park work.		4124/acre Leverage: 23%		
HA 03	Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Corridor Project - Phase II		is this project really in agriculturally donated landscape and therefore need food plots? Will they commit to new trails only being for maintenance purposed instead of "utmost flexibility" standard?		Any funding awarded should be contingent on "no new recreational trails"	2724/acre Leverage: 3%	Very high land costs.	
HA 04	Fisheries Habitat Protection on Strategic North Central Minnesota Lakes - Phase III		LLAWF hold easements? Why not MLT?	Fee Title to Leech Lake Band. Need Portage Bay map illustrating parcels.		5193/acre Leverage: 18%		
HA 05	Wildlife and Rare Species Habitat	Explain what happens with the building on track 18 - Kandiyohi county	Improve stakeholder communications? How does this not overlap other programs? What is the coordination?	Who is ultimate owner? Building on Kandiyohi Tract 18? Outcome parameters?		1923/acre Leverage: 4%		
HA 06	Goose Prairie	What about providing fish passage, not just barriers? How does the realignment provide better public access?	is this a flood reduction or habitat project? Could excessive vegetation at outlet be removed to increase water flow and accomplish the same objective for less \$? Road heightening does not seem like habitat enhancement. Is new channel mostly about access and not habitat? Could this be part of other shallow lakes proposals? NO scaleability.	Page 2 "CD18"?	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal - project is shovel ready and can be executed immediately.	6741/acre Leverage: 5%	Different cost amounts for enhancement?	
HRE 01	Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration - IX					16219/acre Leverage: 21%	High enhabcement costs	
HRE 02	DNR Stream Habitat - Phase II		is personnel suplanting or excessive?		I recommend full 100% funding of the Mound Creek portion of this proposal, at a minimum.	113519/acre Leverage: 3%	Very high restoration and enhancement costs	
HRE 03	St. Louis River Restoration Initiative - Phase IV		Long term control of cattail and phragmites?	Dredged materials to Interstate Island?	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	36657/acre Leverage: 56%	High restoration costs	
HRE 04	Knife River Habitat Rehabilitation - Phase III		Seems like part of the work (shocking, tracking, identifying, monitoring are not habitat restoration but research. Lack of a barrier provides 70 miles of habitat but lower and middle stretches are not suitable habitat? Is not lethal zones a barrier like a waterfall? DNR has funds for beaver monitoring and removal but applicant has had to use their funds for this activity? 6 years of funding for personnel seems like a great amount. Also should this really take 1.25 people per year to oversee the contracts?	Evaluation criteria and priorities should be done first, & by LSSA volunteers - this is research & survey work. No in kind match as in past.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal - project is shovel ready and can be executed immediately.	NA Leverage 0%		
HRE 05	Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program - Phase VI		Rotone treatment but how to avoid new rough fish infestations?	Is this project ongoing 2 more years?		7145/acre Leverage: 5%	High restoration costs	
HRE 06	Lake Wakanda Enhancement Project		if the source problem is agricultural and municipal runoff, water control and fish barriers would not seem to be the solution. How would rough fish be removed one they are isolated?	High Personnel 4. Why not scalable?	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	525/acre Leverage: 12%	Very low enhancement costs	
HRE 07	Wolverton Creek Habitat Restoration			Civil Engineering does not equate to Scientific Targeting for Habitat.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	4074/acre Leverage: 124%	Parcels purchased in fee are not listed	
HRE 08	Fairmont Lakes Foundation Dutch Creek Habitat Restoration		Is work being proposed on private property without permanent protection?	Private property? Who is financial agent? Why not scalable? High \$/acre. Can't claim leverage from several years ago.	I recommend full 100% funding of this proposal.	45143/acre Leverage: 7%	Very high restoration costs	
CPL	Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program - Phase IX: Statewide and Metro Habitat		Proposal covers staff for 2 years. Are they not covered with prior appropriations or is this not some type of overlap?		Recommend funding at \$10,000,000	Leverage 9%	Staff FTE's don't make sense.	Hearing requested
O1	Contract Management 2017				Recommend full 100% funding of this proposal			Report?
O2	Restoration Evaluations				Recommend full 100% funding of this proposal			Report?