Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

MEMO: Agenda Item # 10

DATE: December 11, 2014

SUBJECT: 2015 Legislative Appropriation Recommendation Bill

PRESENTER: Heather Koop, LSOHC staff

Background:

On October 7, 2014, the council made its appropriation recommendations for fiscal year 2016 and directed project managers to draft accomplishment plans that reflected those recommendations. The council reviewed and progressed the draft accomplishment plans at the November 13, 2014 meeting. The appropriations recommendations bill before the council reflects the program accomplishments anticipated with Outdoor Heritage Fund dollars.

Motion:

Motion to approve the recommended appropriation bill as presented/amended and forward to legislative leaders for consideration during the 2015 session.

Suggested Procedure:

Place a motion to approve the recommended appropriation bill language before the Council. Members question project managers as needed; project managers have been requested to attend this meeting. Members offer and vote on any amendments. Council votes on appropriations bill as amended. Nine votes are necessary to forward appropriations recommendations bill to legislative leadership.

Attachment: Draft Bill

Outdoor Heritage Fund - DRAFT

Section 1. Outdoor Heritage Appropriation

The sums shown in the columns marked "Appropriations" are appropriated to the agencies and for the purposes specified in this act. The appropriations are from the outdoor heritage fund for the fiscal year indicated for each purpose. The figures "2016" and "2017" used in this article mean that the appropriations listed under the figure are available for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2016, and June 30, 2017, respectively. The "first year" is fiscal year 2016. The "second year" is fiscal year 2017. The "biennium" is fiscal years 2016 and 2017, respectively. The appropriations in this act are one-time.

Section 2. Outdoor Heritage Fund

Subd. 1. Total Appropriation

\$100,008,000

This appropriation is from the outdoor heritage fund. The amounts that may be spent for each purpose are specified in the following subdivisions.

Subd. 2. Prairies \$40,948,000

(a) DNR Wildlife Management Area and Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition, Ph. VII

\$4,570,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 and to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land and permanent conservation easement acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Accelerating the Wildlife Management Area Acquisition, Ph. VII

\$7,452,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire land in fee for wildlife management area purposes under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Prairie Recovery Project, Ph. VI

\$4,032,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire native prairie, wetland, and savanna and restore and enhance grasslands, wetlands, and savanna. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. Annual income statements and

balance sheets for income and expenses from land acquired with this appropriation must be submitted to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council no later than 180 days following the close of The Nature Conservancy's fiscal year. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(d) Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge Land Acquisition, Ph. VI

\$3,430,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service to acquire land in fee or permanent conservation easements within the Northern Tallgrass Prairie Habitat Preservation Area in western Minnesota for addition to the Northern Tallgrass Prairie National Wildlife Refuge. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan and must be consistent with the priorities in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan.

(e) Accelerated Native Prairie Bank Protection, Ph. IV

\$3,740,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to implement the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan through the acquisition of permanent conservation easements to protect native prairie and grasslands. Up to \$165,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisitions of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(f) Minnesota Buffers for Wildlife and Water, Ph. V

\$4,544,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements to protect and enhance habitat by expanding the clean water fund riparian buffer program for at least equal wildlife benefits from buffers on private land. Up to \$72,500 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(g) Cannon Rivers Headwaters Habitat Complex, Ph. V

\$1,380,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Trust for Public Land to acquire and restore lands in the Cannon River watershed for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8. Subject to evaluation criteria in Minnesota Rules 6136.0900, priority must be given to acquisition of lands that are eligible for the native prairie bank under Minnesota Statutes, section 84.96 or lands adjacent to protected native prairie. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) Prairie Chicken Habitat partnership of the Southern Red River Valley

\$1,800,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever in cooperation with the Prairie Chicken Society to acquire and restore lands in the southern Red River Valley for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8 or to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(i) Protecting and Restoring Minnesota's Important Birds Areas

\$1,730,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire conservation easements within Important Bird Areas in areas identified in the Minnesota Prairie Conservation Plan: \$408,000 is to Audubon Minnesota; \$1,322,000 is to Minnesota Land Trust of which up to \$100,000 is for establishing monitoring and enforcement funds as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(j) Wild Rice River Corridor Habitat Restoration

\$2,270,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Wild Rice River Watershed District to acquire land in fee and permanent conservation easement and restore river and related habitat in the Wild Rice River corridor. A list of proposed acquisitions and restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(k) Accelerated Prairie Restoration and Enhancement on DNR Lands, Ph. VII

\$4,880,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to accelerate the restoration and enhancement of prairie communities on wildlife management areas, scientific and natural areas, aquatic management areas, state forest land, and land under native prairie bank easements. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(I) Enhanced Public Land Grasslands, Ph. II

\$1,120,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to enhance and restore habitat on public lands. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the final report.

Subd. 3. Forests \$14,822,000

(a) Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed

\$2,188,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the White Earth Nation to acquire lands in fee to be managed for wildlife habitat purposes. A list of prosed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Camp Ripley Partnership, Ph. V

\$1,500,000 in the first year is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources in cooperation with the Morrison County Soil and Water Conservation District to acquire permanent conservation easements within the boundaries of the Minnesota National Guard Compatible Use Buffer to protect forest wildlife habitat. Up to \$55,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report.

(c) Southeast Minnesota Protection and Restoration, Ph. III

\$2,910,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with The Nature Conservancy to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; to acquire land in fee for scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 5; and for state forest purposes under 86A.05, subdivision 7; and to enhance grasslands, forest, and savanna. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Protecting Pinelands Sands Aquifer Forestlands, Ph. II

\$2,180,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire forest lands in Cass and Wadena counties for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8; and to acquire land in fee for state forests under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 7. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Protect Key Forest Lands in Cass County, Ph. VI

\$442,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Cass County to acquire land in fee in Cass County for forest wildlife habitat or to prevent forest fragmentation. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Critical Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. III

\$1,690,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Minnesota Land Trust to acquire permanent conservation easements along rivers and lakes in the northern forest region. Up to \$220,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund, as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) Mississippi Headwaters Habitat Partnership

\$961,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire lands in fee and for permanent conservation easements in the Mississippi Headwaters and for agreements as follows: \$1,217,000 to the Trust for Public Land; and \$824,000 Minnesota Land Trust, of which up to \$80,000 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and

subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed acquisitions must be included as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) Southeast Forest Habitat Enhancement

\$910,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance forests in southeastern Minnesota. A list of proposed land enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 4. Wetlands \$20,390,000

(a) Accelerating the Waterfowl Production Area Acquisition, Ph. VII

\$7,620,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Pheasants Forever to acquire land in fee to be designated and managed as waterfowl production areas in Minnesota, in cooperation with the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A list of proposed land acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Living Shallow Lakes and Wetland Initiative, Ph. V

\$9,040,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Ducks Unlimited to acquire land in fee for wildlife management purposes under Minnesota Statutes 86A.05, subdivision 8. A list of proposed acquisitions must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Wild Rice Shoreland Protection Program, Ph. IV

\$131,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for the acquisition of land in fee and \$1,469,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources to acquire permanent conservation easements on wild rice lake shoreland habitat for native wild rice bed protection. Of this amount, up to \$90,000 is to the Board of Water and Soil Resources for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed fee land acquisitions must be included as part of the required accomplishment plan by the Department of Natural Resources and a list of permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the final report by Board of Water and Soil Resources.

(d) Accelerated Shallow Lakes and Wetlands Enhancement, Ph. VII

\$2,130,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to enhance and restore shallow lakes statewide. A list of proposed land restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Subd. 5. Habitats \$22,368,000

(a) DNR Aquatic Habitat, Ph. VII

\$4,540,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire interests in land in fee and permanent conservation easement for aquatic management purposes under Minnesota Statutes sections 86A.05, subdivision 14 and 97C.02, and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat. Up to \$130,000

is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(b) Metro Big Rivers, Ph. VI

\$2,000,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for agreements to acquire land in fee and in permanent conservation easement and to restore and enhance natural systems associated with the Mississippi, Minnesota, and St. Croix Rivers as follows: \$475,000 to the Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc.; \$275,000 to the Friends of the Mississippi River; \$400,000 to the Great River Greening; \$375,000 to the Minnesota Land Trust; and \$475,000 to the Trust for Public Land. Up to \$60,000 is to the Minnesota Land Trust for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and permanent conservation easements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(c) Minnesota Trout Unlimited Coldwater Fish Habitat Enhancement and Restoration, Ph. VII \$1,890,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with Minnesota Trout Unlimited to restore and enhance habitat for trout and other species in and along coldwater rivers and streams in Minnesota. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(d) Lake Bemidji South Shore Restoration and Enhancement

\$1,650,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the City of Bemidji to restore and enhance fish habitat on Lake Bemidji. A list of proposed restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(e) Sand Hill River Fish Passage

\$990,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Sand Hill River Watershed District to restore fish habitat in the Sand Hill River watershed. A list of proposed restorations must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(f) Shell Rock River Watershed Habitat Restoration Program, Ph. IV

\$2,414,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Shell Rock River Watershed District to protect, restore, and enhance aquatic habitat in the Shell Rock River watershed. A list of proposed acquisitions, restorations, and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(g) Lake Nokomis Integrated Habitat Enhancement

\$444,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for an agreement with the Minneapolis Parks and Recreation Board to enhance aquatic habitat on Lake Nokomis. A list of proposed enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

(h) Conservation Partners Legacy Grant Program: Statewide and Metro Habitat, Ph. VII

\$8,440,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a program to provide competitive, matching grants of up to \$400,000 to local, regional, state, and national organizations for enhancing, restoring, or protecting forests, wetlands, prairies, or habitat for fish, game, or wildlife in Minnesota. Of this amount, \$3,692,000 is for grants in the seven-county metropolitan area and cities with a population of 50,000 or greater. Grants shall not be made for activities required to fulfill the duties of owners of lands subject to conservation easements. Grants shall not be made from the appropriation in this paragraph for projects that have a total project cost exceeding \$575,000. Of this appropriation, \$596,000 may be spent for personnel costs and other direct and necessary administrative costs. Grantees may acquire land or interests in land. Easements must be permanent. Grants may not be used to establish easement stewardship accounts. Land acquired in fee must be open to hunting and fishing during the open season unless otherwise provided by law. The program shall require a match of at least ten percent from nonstate sources for all grants. The match may be cash or in-kind resources. For grant applications of \$25,000 or less, the commissioner shall provide a separate, simplified application process. Subject to Minnesota Statutes, the commissioner of natural resources shall, when evaluating projects of equal value, give priority to organizations that have a history of receiving or charter to receive private contributions for local conservation or habitat projects. If acquiring land or a conservation easement, priority shall be given to projects associated with or within one mile of existing wildlife management areas under Minnesota Statutes, section 86A.05, subdivision 8; scientific and natural areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 84.033 and 86A.05, subdivision 5; or aquatic management areas under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02. All restoration or enhancement projects must be on land permanently protected by a permanent covenant ensuring perpetual maintenance and protection of restored and enhanced habitat, by a conservation easement, or by public ownership or in public waters as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.005, subdivision 15. Priority shall be given to restoration and enhancement projects on public lands. Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 13, applies to grants awarded under this paragraph. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2018. No less than five percent of the amount of each grant must be held back from reimbursement until the grant recipient has completed a grant accomplishment report by the deadline and in the form prescribed by and satisfactory to the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. The commissioner shall provide notice of the grant program in the game and fish law summary prepared under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.051, subdivision 2.

Subd. 6. Administration

\$1,480,000

(a) Contract Management

\$150,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for contract management duties assigned in this section. The commissioner shall provide an accomplishment plan in the form specified by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council on the expenditure of this appropriation. The accomplishment plan must include a copy of the grant contract template and reimbursement manual. No money may be expended prior to Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council approval of the accomplishment plan.

(b) Legislative Coordinating Commission

\$608,000 in the first year and \$607,000 in the second year is to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for administrative expenses of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and for compensation and expense reimbursement of council members. Funds in this appropriation are available until June 30, 2017. Minnesota Statutes 16A.281 applies to this appropriation.

(c) Technical Evaluation Panel

\$100,000 in the first year is to the commissioner of natural resources for a technical evaluation panel to conduct up to ten restoration evaluations under Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 10.

(e) Legacy Web Site

\$15,000 in the first year is to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for the website required in Minnesota Statutes, section 3.303, subdivision 10.

Subd. 7 Availability of Appropriation

Money appropriated in this section may not be spent on activities unless they are directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation and are specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Money appropriated in this section must not be spent on indirect costs or other institutional overhead charges that are not directly related to and necessary for a specific appropriation. Unless otherwise provided, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2018. For acquisition of real property, the amounts in this section are available until June 30, 2019, if a binding agreement with a landowner or purchase agreement is entered into by June 30, 2018, and closed no later than June 30, 2019. Funds for restoration or enhancement are available until June 30, 2020, or five years after acquisition, whichever is later, in order to complete initial restoration or enhancement work. If a project receives at least XXX of its funding from federal funds, the time period of the appropriation is extended to equal the availability of federal funding provided the federal funding was confirmed and included within the first draft accomplishment plan. Funds appropriated for fee title acquisition of land may be used to restore, enhance, and provide for public use of the land acquired with the appropriation. Public use facilities must have a minimal impact on habitat in acquired lands.

Subd. 8. Payment Conditions and Capital Equipment Expenditures

All agreements referred to in this section must be administered on a reimbursement basis unless otherwise provided in this section. Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 16A.41, expenditures directly related to each appropriation's purpose made on or after July 1, 2015, or the date of accomplishment plan approval, whichever is later, are eligible for reimbursement unless otherwise provided in this section. For the purposes of administering appropriations and legislatively authorized agreements paid out of the outdoor heritage fund an expense must be considered reimbursable by the administering agency when the recipient presents the agency with an invoice, or binding agreement, with the landowner and the recipient attests that the goods have been received or the landowner agreement is binding. Periodic reimbursement must be made upon receiving documentation that the items articulated in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

have been achieved, including partial achievements as evidenced by progress reports approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council. Reasonable amounts may be advanced to projects to accommodate cash flow needs, support future management of acquired lands, or match a federal share. The advances must be approved as part of the accomplishment plan. Capital equipment expenditures for specific items in excess of \$10,000 must be itemized in and approved as part of the accomplishment plan.

Subd. 9. Mapping

Each direct recipient of money appropriated in this section, as well as each recipient of a grant awarded pursuant to this section, must provide geographic information to the <u>Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council</u> for mapping of any lands acquired in fee with funds appropriated in this section and open to the public taking of fish and game. The commissioner of natural resources shall include the lands acquired in fee with money appropriated in this section on maps showing public recreation opportunities. Maps shall include information on and acknowledgement of the outdoor heritage fund, including a notation of any restrictions.

Subd. 10. Appropriations

The purpose of the appropriation for the following program is expanded: Laws 2014, chapter 256, article 1, section 2, subdivision 5, paragraph (a) \$2,560,000 in the second year is to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire interests in land in fee and permanent conservation easements for aquatic management purposes under Minnesota Statutes, sections 86A.05, subdivision 14, and 97C.02and to restore and enhance aquatic habitat. Up to \$32,500 is for establishing a monitoring and enforcement fund as approved in the accomplishment plan and subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 97A.056, subdivision 17. A list of proposed land acquisitions and restorations and enhancements must be provided as part of the required accomplishment plan.

Changes to Minnesota Statutes 97A.056

Subd. 8. Revenues.

Amend as follows:

Subd. 8. Revenues.

- (a) When a parcel of land that was previously purchased with money from the outdoor heritage funds fund is transferred to the state, the owner of the land shall disclose to the council and commissioner of natural resources:
- (1) all revenues generated from activities on the land from the time the land was purchased with <u>money from the outdoor heritage funds fund until the land was transferred to the state;</u>
- (2) all holding costs associated with managing the land between the time of purchase with <u>money from</u> the outdoor heritage <u>funds</u> and the time the land was transferred to the state; and

- (3) the total net revenues as determined by subtracting the costs described in clause (2) from the revenues described in clause (1).
- (b) The owner of the land shall submit the total net revenues determined under paragraph (a), clause (3) to the state no later than XX days after the land is transferred to the state.

Subd. 20. Donations

A recipient shall not accept a monetary donation or payment from an owner of land that is acquired in fee wholly or partially with an appropriation from the outdoor heritage fund that exceeds the documented expenses that are directly related to and necessary for activities specified in the accomplishment plan approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council, unless expressly approved by the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council in the accomplishment plan. This prohibition shall not apply to donations that are not connected with the acquisition transaction or bargain sales, as defined by 26 CFR 1.1011-2, provided that the purchase price reimbursed by the State does not exceed the purchase price paid by the recipient.

Effective Date: This section is effective July 1, 2016 and applies to money appropriated on or after that date.

Subd. 21. Haying and Grazing

Lands acquired with money appropriated from the outdoor heritage fund may not be used for emergency having and grazing in response to federal or state disaster declarations. Conservation grazing under a management plan that already is being implemented may continue.