



Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
The State of Minnesota

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March 19, 2013

The Honorable Thomas M. Bakk
Majority Leader, Minnesota Senate
226 State Capitol
75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Paul Thissen
Speaker, House of Representatives
463 State Office Building
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Dear Senator Bakk and Speaker Thissen:

On March 18, 2013 Minnesota Management and Budget presented the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council with a revised estimate of resources available in the Outdoor Heritage Fund for appropriation in fiscal year 2014. The revised estimate of total resources available to appropriate is \$4.4 million greater than the amount in the November forecast and our recommendation of January 14, 2013.

In light of this new information, the Council voted to make a supplemental recommendation adding \$4.4 million to HF207/ SF 56, Subd. 4(a) Reinvest in Minnesota Wetlands Reserve Program Partnership – Phase V. This is the highest rated program in our recommendations and is matched by the federal government at a rate of \$1.6 federal dollars to \$1 state dollar.

The Council also recommends the state retain a five-percent balance in the fund (\$4.66 million dollars). This is approximately the balance left in our earlier recommendation.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Hartwell', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

David Hartwell
Chair, Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

C: Governor Mark Dayton
Senate Environment Finance Chair, Senator David Tomassoni
Senate Environment Policy Chair, Senator John Marty
Senate Legacy Committee Chair, Senator Richard Cohen
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House Legacy Committee Chair, Representative Phyllis Kahn
Representative Leon Lillie, HF 207 Bill Author
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