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**From:** Amanda Brazee  
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**Subject:** Letter to the LSOHC from the Prairie Woods (Detroit Lakes) Chapter of the Izaak Walton League  
**Attachments:** Letter of Support - Praire Woods Ikes.pdf

Members:

Attached is a letter to the Council from the Prairie Woods (Detroit Lakes) Chapter of the Izaak Walton League, regarding ML16/FY17 proposal FA 09, Protecting Forest Wildlife Habitat in the Wild Rice River Watershed.

Sincerely,

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Dear Members of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council,

The Prairie Woods (Detroit Lakes) Chapter of the Izaak Walton League is a non-profit, local conservation group that is affiliated with the national Izaak Walton League of America, Inc. Our chapter has long been an advocate for and worked toward improving the water quality, fish and wildlife habitat, and recreational values throughout northwest Minnesota. We are also an advocate for ensuring that northwest Minnesota is a full participant in Legacy funding.

I am writing in support of the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council grant application submitted by White Earth Nation for the acquisition and protection of over 2,000 acres in the Wild Rice River watershed.

White Earth Nation's project has tremendous value for wildlife habitat. The project will create contiguous forestland and wildlife corridors adjacent to an existing state Wildlife Management Area and thousands of acres of other state, county and tribal lands. The land is excellent habitat for the gray wolf, black bear, whitetail deer, ruffed grouse, woodcock, bald eagle, and other species of importance.

The project will also protect 6,500 hundred feet of the Wild Rice River and its tributaries. The nearby Lower Wild Rice Lake is one of the most productive wild rice lakes in the area and this project will provide additional buffer protection for the lake.

The Prairie Woods Chapter of the Izaak Walton League strongly endorses White Earth Nation's grant application, and requests that the LSOHC approve funding for this outstanding project.

Sincerely,

*Matthew R. Davis*

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