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Pursuant to M.S. 97A.056, Subdivision 15, this letter notifies you that the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council has received notice from the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (MN DNR) concerning the requested conveyance of .22 acres of Circle Lake WMA land in Rice County to private ownership via sale to the adjacent landowner. The state interest in the land was originally acquired by The Trust for Public Land with Outdoor Heritage Funds (ML 2013, Ch. 137, Art. 1, Sec. 2, Subd. 2(f) and ML 2014, Chapter 256, Article 1, Section 2, Subd. 2(g)), and subsequently conveyed to the MN DNR for wildlife management purposes.

The attached letter from David Olfelt, MN DNR Director of the Division of Fish and Wildlife, provides background and describes the action.

Pursuant to statute and the council's approved operating procedures, and in the absence of disapproval by leadership by March 24, 2021, I will approve the conveyance and forward notification to Director Olfelt of the MN DNR so the conveyance can take place.

Please contact me if you have questions regarding this matter. I will withhold final notification until March 25, 2021 to hear from you, if you have concerns.

Sincerely,

Mark Wm. Johnson
Executive Director
Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council

cc: Sen. Chris Eaton, Sen. Patricia Torres Ray, Rep. Josh Heintzeman, Rep. Steve Green
Director David Olfelt, Members of the LSOHC

Attachment: Letters and supporting materials from Director David Olfelt