



Department of Natural Resources Fact Sheet



2013 POLICY FACT SHEET DNR LANDS BILL

It is needed because

This bill authorizes the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to sell, exchange, and acquire certain lands to meet its conservation mission and provides for technical changes. This bill also serves as a vehicle for tax forfeited land sales requiring legislative approval.

Overview

Section 1. Land Acquisition. A technical change to the landowner's bill of rights to provide that DNR staff negotiating for the purchase of a property may also value that property and discuss the price with the landowner when the price is determined by a statutory formula. This provision would apply to trout stream easements, native prairie bank easements, and Camp Ripley ACUB easements.

Sec. 2. Land acquisition account. Provides that proceeds from the sale of DNR acquired lands may also be used to pay for expenses incurred by DNR in selling or exchanging state-owned lands administered by DNR.

Sec. 3. Additions to state parks. DNR proposes to expand the boundaries of three state parks in order to better protect natural resources:

- Flandrau State Park, Brown County
- Lake Vermilion State Park, St. Louis County
- Sibley State Park, Kandiyohi County

Sec. 4. Deletions from state parks. DNR proposes to delete land from the boundaries of two state parks as the land is not needed for park purposes:

- Lake Vermilion State Park, St. Louis County
- Whitewater State Park, Winona County

Sec. 5. Addition to state forest. DNR proposes to expand the boundaries of the Snake River Forest, Kanabec County, by 640 acres.

Sec. 6. Public or private sale of surplus state land; Crow Wing County. Authorizes DNR to sell by public

or private sale 24.7 acres of land. While the parcel borders public waters, the strip of land east of Highway 169 and bordering Mille Lacs Lake will be retained for natural resources purposes. The land is no longer needed for fisheries production.

Sec. 7. Private sale of surplus state land; Dakota County. Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale 11.21 acres of land bordering Marion Lake to a local unit of government for use as a city park. The conveyance may be for less than the value of the land, subject to reversion if the local unit of government abandons public use.

Sec. 8. Private sale of surplus state land; Dakota County. Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale 4.4 acres of land to a local unit of government. The conveyance may be for less than the value of the land, subject to reversion if the local unit of government abandons public use.

Sec. 9. Exchange of state land; Fillmore County. Authorizes DNR to exchange land in Fillmore County that borders the Root River for land that is non-riparian. The exchange will improve access to adjacent state forest lands.

Sec. 10. Private sale of surplus state land; Lac Qui Parle County. Authorizes DNR to sell by private sale 15.66 acres of land bordering the Lac Qui Parle River to a local unit of government for use as a county park. The conveyance may be for less than the value of the land, subject to reversion if the local unit of government abandons public use.

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