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Dear Fellow LCCMR Members,

We write in regards to the 2012-13 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund appropriation recommendations put forth by the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR).

Over the years, the commission has recommended funding worthy projects that have enhanced and preserved the natural resources of Minnesota for its citizens – the current list of recommendations has many such projects. However, with 8 new legislators on the commission, and new majorities in both the House and Senate, we believe some of the recommendations are not aligned with their priorities. Instead of reexamining the recommendations in our respective legislative committees, we think it is best to review them before the commission, giving members the opportunity to participate in the process. Following is a list of the projects we would like to discuss:

Consider removing from list of recommended projects

Line #	Project Title
3e1/3e2	Minnesota Breeding Bird Atlas Phase III
3f	Golden Eagle Survey
5a	Groundwater Sustainability Assessment in the I94 Growth Corridor
5i	Determination of Phosphorus Reduction from Perpetual Easements
4q	Understanding Threats, Genetic Diversity and Conservation options for Wild Rice
3j	Prairie Management for Wildlife and Bioenergy Phase II.
3i	Conserving Prairie Plant Diversity & Evaluating Local Adaptation
4p	Controlling Encroachment of Woody Vegetation in Grasslands
3r	St. Croix Basin Conservation Planning and Protection
4v	Assessment of Tree Retention Forestry Harvest Guidelines
3l	Change and Resilience in Boreal Forests in Northern Minnesota
7a	Peatland Carbon Sequestration
5c	Assessment of Changes in Minnesota's Wilderness Lakes
7b	Addressing Ozone Pollution in Minnesota
7e	Low Environmental Impact Sustainable Neighborhoods
7c	Optimizing Biogas' Role in Meeting Minnesota's Energy Goals
8d	Experiential environmental Education for Urban Youth
8a	Minnesota Schools Conserving Energy and Water

8f Cross cultural Cooperation in Fish and Wildlife Conservation
8c Minnesota Junior Master Naturalist Program
8e Eagles linking Students to Science and Nature
5k Community-Based Reduction of Water Contaminants
7f Conservation Corps Training and Low-Income Solar Home Heating Installation
3h Canada Lynx Recovery Options
4n Gulf Oil Spill Impacts on Minnesota's Migratory Bird Species

More background information needed

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3g	Determining Causes of Mortality in Moose Populations
5b	Lake Superior Water Quality Monitoring
5g	Zumbro Watershed Restoration Prioritization
5j	Wastewater Phosphorus Filtration Using Recycled By-products
4o	Recovery of At-Risk Native Prairie Species
4u	Restoring North Shore Forest
3s	Brainerd Lakes Community-Based Conservation and Recreation Planning
4g	Minnesota River Valley Green Corridor Scientific and Natural Area Acquisition
6c	Emerald Ash Borer Landscape Management Impacts
6d	Evaluation of Switchgrass as Biofuel Crop
7d	Supporting Community-Driven Sustainable Bioenergy Projects
4a	Lake Vermillion State Park Development

Consider funding/fund at a higher level

Line #	Project Title
4l	Minnesota Conservation Apprentice Academy Acceleration of Minnesota Conservation Assistance

Consider funding at lower level

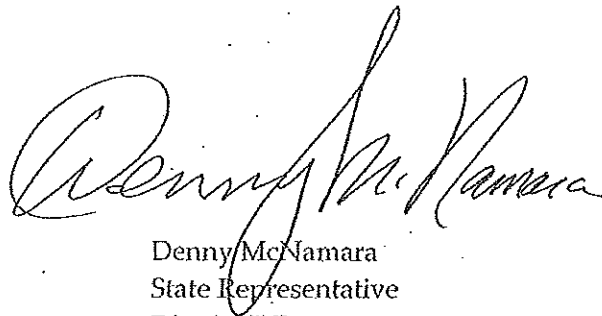
9a LCCMR Administration (20% reduction)

We recognize and appreciate the hard work and time former and current commission members have put into these projects and recommendations – their efforts are truly appreciated. We look forward to working with the commission to advance projects that will fulfill the goals of the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund.

Sincerely,



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