

6105.1050 LAND ACQUISITION.

Subpart 1. **Scenic areas.** The commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources hereby adopts the scenic areas, as identified in the scenic areas property descriptions, as priority areas for land or land interest acquisition.

A. All lands shown as scenic areas are recommended for scenic easement acquisition. However, in those areas where recreational sites are needed, fee title to the lands may be acquired, when possible.

B. Because acquisition of land, or interests in land, is from willing sellers, at the appraised value, some lands shown as scenic areas and not needed for recreational sites may be purchased in fee title. Purchase of fee title to lands would be based on an agreement between the state of Minnesota and the landowner(s).

C. Other forms of acquisition, such as use easements or leases, may be used to acquire land interests in the scenic areas if considered feasible or necessary by the commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources.

Subp. 2. **Purchase of lands.** Lands, or interests in land, other than those identified as scenic areas, may be purchased in order to further the policies established in the Wild and Scenic Rivers Act and the management plan.

Subp. 3. **Funds.** The lands or interests in land recommended to be acquired in this plan will be acquired where funds are available for such purchases from willing sellers, as provided for in Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.331.

Subp. 4. **Land exchanges.** Land exchange will be expedited, wherever feasible, in order to acquire lands within the land use district boundaries. These exchanges will be expedited in the manner described by state law. However, land exchanges will not be recommended if such exchanges would adversely affect other Department of Natural Resources management programs.

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