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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 3484

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Mining and Outdoor Recreation Policy

03/29/2016 By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Finance

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to natural resources; providing for Klondike comprehensive water  
1.3 management project; authorizing conveyances of certain state land.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **KLONDIKE COMPREHENSIVE WATER MANAGEMENT**  
1.6 **PROJECT.**

1.7 Subdivision 1. School trust land exchange. (a) Notwithstanding the riparian  
1.8 restrictions of Minnesota Statutes, section 94.342, subdivision 3, the commissioner  
1.9 of natural resources shall, with the approval of the Land Exchange Board as required  
1.10 under the Minnesota Constitution, article XI, section 10, and according to the remaining  
1.11 provisions of Minnesota Statutes, sections 94.342 and 94.343, exchange the school trust  
1.12 land described in paragraph (c) for land of at least substantially equal value owned by the  
1.13 Two Rivers Watershed District.

1.14 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general. The  
1.15 attorney general may make necessary changes to the legal description to correct errors  
1.16 and ensure accuracy.

1.17 (c) The land that may be exchanged is located in Kittson County and is described as:  
1.18 the South Half, Section 12, Township 161 North, Range 45 West.

1.19 (d) The commissioner has determined that the state's land management interests  
1.20 would best be served if the land was exchanged to facilitate the Klondike comprehensive  
1.21 water management project.

1.22 Subd. 2. Surplus land conveyance. (a) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes,  
1.23 sections 94.09 to 94.16, the commissioner of natural resources shall convey to the Two

2.1 Rivers Watershed District for no consideration the surplus land that is described in  
2.2 paragraph (c).

2.3 (b) The conveyance must be in a form approved by the attorney general and provide  
2.4 that the land reverts to the state if the Two Rivers Watershed District stops using the land  
2.5 for the public purpose described in paragraph (d). The attorney general may make changes  
2.6 to the land descriptions to correct errors and ensure accuracy.

2.7 (c) The land to be conveyed is located in Kittson County and is described as:

2.8 (1) the North Half, Section 13, Township 161 North, Range 45 West; and

2.9 (2) the North Half of the South Half, Section 13, Township 161 North, Range 45 West.

2.10 (d) The commissioner has determined that the state's land management interests  
2.11 would best be served if the land was conveyed to the Two Rivers Watershed District for  
2.12 mitigating flood damage and for attaining natural resource enhancement goals for the  
2.13 Red River of the North.

2.14 Subd. 3. **Rich fen enhancement.** The commissioner of natural resources and  
2.15 the Two Rivers Watershed District shall, as part of the Klondike comprehensive water  
2.16 management project, implement a cooperative rich fen management plan that provides for  
2.17 the long-term enhancement and protection of the rich fen.

2.18 Subd. 4. **Completion.** The requirements under subdivisions 1 to 3 must be  
2.19 completed by December 31, 2017, or as provided in the Klondike preliminary project plan  
2.20 approved by the Two Rivers Watershed District, whichever occurs later.

2.21 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.