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Roadside Management

The Minnesota Division Izaak Walton League of America in convention April 10, 2011 at Sandstone, MN urges the appointment of an ad hoc committee to work with the Issues Committee to work toward adoption of a statewide cooperative roadside management program using the Minnesota Department of Natural Resource's Roadside for Wildlife and the Iowa Integrated Roadside Vegetation Management (IRVM) models.

Further, this program, in cooperation with the Minnesota DNR and the Department of Transportation (DOT), would regularly review policies to ascertain the needs of the Roadsides for Wildlife program and, if needed, modify policies regarding such things as the use of pesticides, herbicides, burning, mowing, creating shelter belts or other plantings, and hay harvesting and would be monitored by this office. An annual report - including recommendations - would be delivered to the governor and state legislature. Costs for this program would be shared equally among the involved entities.

Finally, the Minnesota Division, Izaak Walton League of America, would offer support, encouragement and limited manpower.

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