



STATE PRESERVES ADVISORY BOARD

July 27, 2010 – 9:30 AM

Fourth Floor Conference Room
Wallace State Office Building
Des Moines, Iowa

---Agenda Topics---

1	Introduction of New Board Member	
2	Approve Agenda	Decision
3	Approve Minutes of April 2010 Meeting	Decision
4	Five Ridge Prairie – The Plymouth County Conservation Board requests that hunting hours for spring turkey be changed from the current ½ hour before sunrise until noon to ½ hour before sunrise until sunset. The proposed change will make hunting hours on the preserve consistent with those for the rest of the state. The current hunting hours require additional enforcement effort by the conservation board and could lead to inadvertent violations by hunters. The Nature Conservancy, a partner in the original purchase of the preserve, supports the proposed change.	Decision (Daryl Howell)
5	Sheeder Prairie – Despite repeated efforts by DNR staff and volunteer to reduce and control encroachment of woody vegetation into the prairie, the problem persists. Browsing by goats as a management prescription could aid in solving this problem, but is a novel application to preserves requiring Board discussion and approval.	Decision (John Pearson)
6	Sylvan Runkel Preserve Management – This year's prescribed burn of the Sylvan Runkel prairie was conducted on May 26 and raised attention to the need to revise the preserve management plan. Staff will be working to identify opportunities for subdivision of burn units.	Information (John Pearson)
7	Malchow Mounds – Archaeological mapping of the mounds at the preserve identified one that was eroding from a old cattle trail. Following a recommendation by the Office of the State Archaeologist, DNR staff will repair the mound this summer by filling and stabilizing the problem spot.	Information (John Pearson)
8	General Discussion	
9	Next Meeting	Information