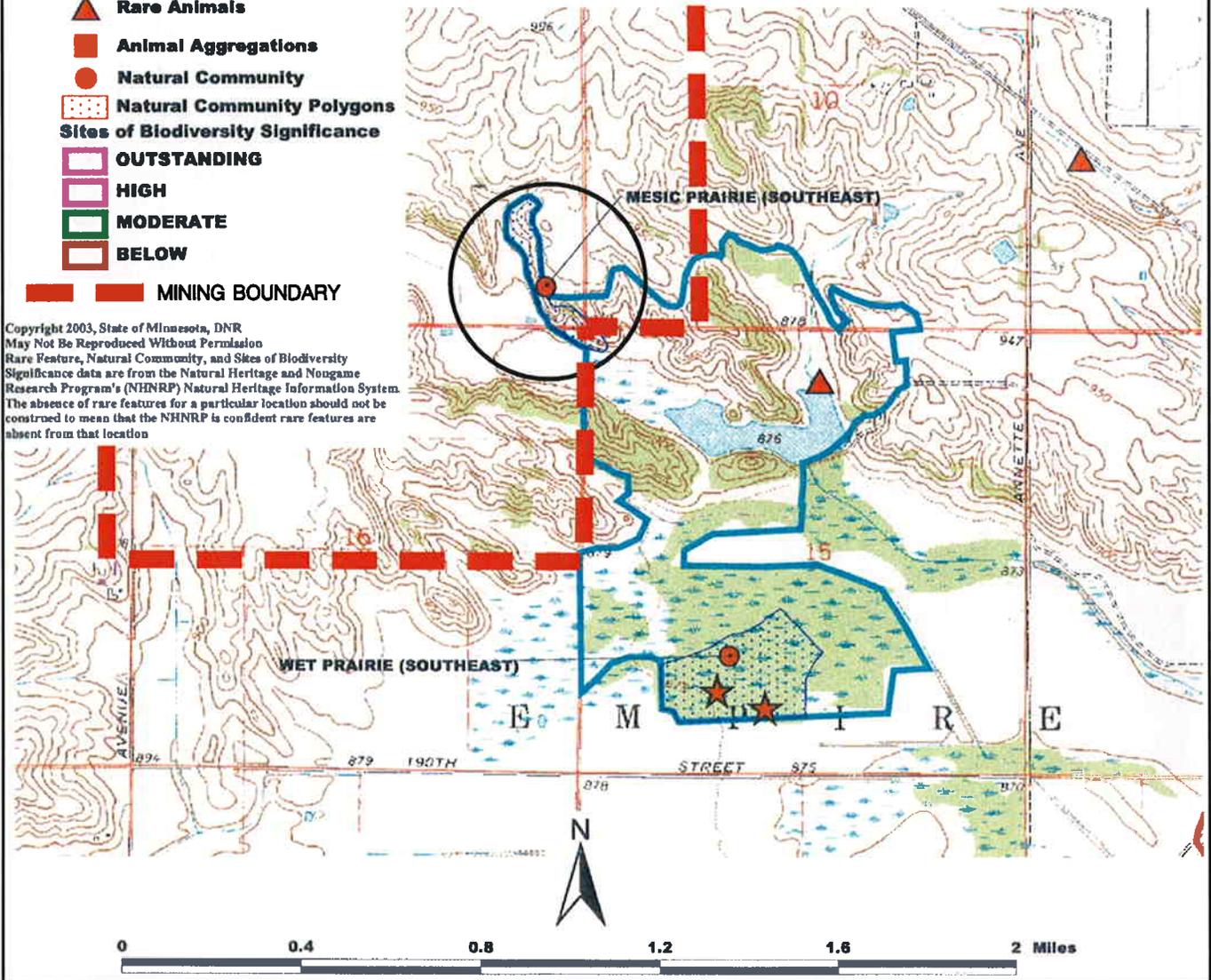


"Site of High Biodiversity Significance" in the Vicinity of the proposed Empire Township Mining Area

Rare Features

- ★ Rare Plants
 - ▲ Rare Animals
 - Animal Aggregations
 - Natural Community
 - ▨ Natural Community Polygons
- ## Sites of Biodiversity Significance
- OUTSTANDING
 - HIGH
 - MODERATE
 - BELOW
- MINING BOUNDARY

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Rare Feature, Natural Community, and Sites of Biodiversity
Significance data are from the Natural Heritage and Nongame
Research Program's (NHNRP) Natural Heritage Information System.
The absence of rare features for a particular location should not be
construed to mean that the NHNRP is confident rare features are
absent from that location



DNR ESTIMATED APPROXIMATELY 12 ACRES OF MESIC PRAIRIE.
DETAILED SURVEY IDENTIFIED APPROXIMATELY 2.5 ACRES.
(SEE APPENDIX, PAGE 42, FOR SURVEY REPORT.)

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