

AGENDA

Forest Management Subcommittee Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee

- ❖ Review of Charge
 - The goal of this subcommittee is to review the policies of the DNR and statutes related to the school trust fund lands and recommend, to the PSFAC, necessary changes that could be made.
- ❖ Background Information and Presentation by DNR Staff
 - Forest Management processes and procedures
 - Current Forest Management issues
- ❖ Discussion/Questions
- ❖ Next Steps for this Subcommittee
 - Future Subcommittee meetings?
 - Meet with Climate and Energy Subcommittee to discuss Biomass issue?

Possible issues for consideration by the Forest Management Subcommittee - Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee:

Biomass production and sales:

- Conventional timber sales do provide for modest additional biomass sales – should DNR expend resources to develop markets to enhance the demand for and price of biomass?
- Should the DNR make it a priority to market round wood to the existing forest products industries – in order to keep the existing mills competitive and sustain the demand for timber in the long run?

Forest Management:

- What factors should be included in certification of costs for forest management?
- Should the forest suspense account be paying fire protection costs? If so, how much? If the forest suspense account does not pay for fire protection costs, where do funds come from to make up for the lost payments for the school trust fund?
- Should the DNR actively pursue revenue enhancement options on school trust lands such as wetlands credits, leases of hunting rights, dispersed camping, and commercial uses of school trust land?
- Should the DNR pursue additional intermediate forest stand thinnings on school trust land as a way to enhance short-term revenue and long-term value?
- Should the DNR pursue charging a per-cord fee for access across state trust land for timber harvest on other ownerships at the risk of paying more for similar access to state land?
- Should the DNR invest in legal summer access and temporary water crossings to trust land timber to increase the value of the timber?
- Should the DNR invest additional resources to increase enforcement efforts on timber sales to reduce theft, thereby increasing timber revenue on trust lands?
- Should the DNR provide an explanation why certification costs have increased?



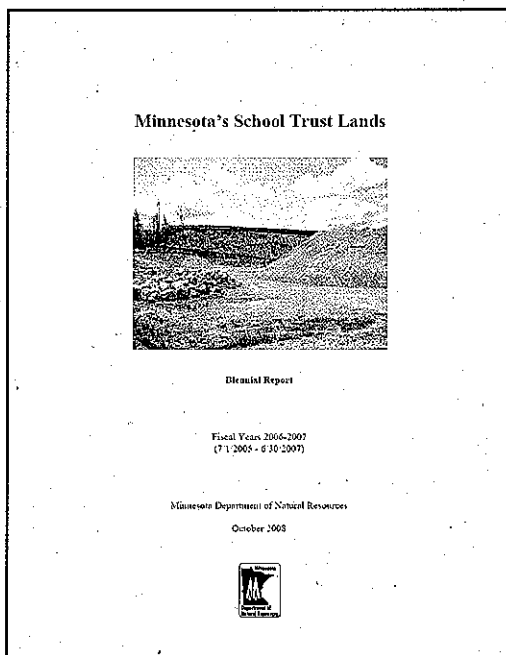
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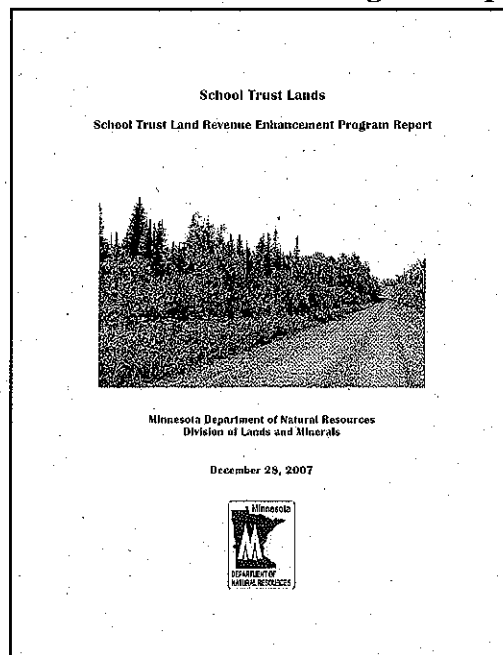
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The following two MN DNR, Division of Lands and Minerals' reports can be viewed and downloaded online at the web addresses seen below.

**"School Trust Lands: Biennial Report,
Fiscal Years 2006-2007"**



**"School Trust Lands: School Trust Land
Revenue Enhancement Program Report"**



VIEW OR DOWNLOAD "SCHOOL TRUST LANDS: "BIENNIAL REPORT, FISCAL YEARS 2006-2007" AT THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS:

http://files.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/school_trust_report_FY0607_as_of_110608.pdf

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